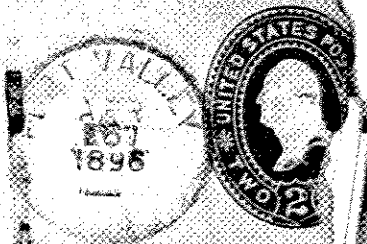


Return in 10 Days to
Rev. S. F. Bassett
Supt. Congregational Home Missionary Society
For Alabama,
Fort Valley, Ga.

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Mr. Arthur H. Bassett
Barre
Mass

Port Valley, Ga.

April 6th 96

Arthur H. Bassett,

Barre Mass.

Dear Sir:

Yours of recent date to hand, and contents noted with pleasure. Father not being at home, I will answer and say, that he will certainly answer the questions you desire answered. He is very well posted in regard to our ancestry. Rest assured that we are genuine Bassetts to the core. Using your own words can truly say that there is some pretty "good blood" in this branch of the family. Father will answer soon as he returns. Hoping to hear from you again soon.

Yours truly
Chas. H. Bassett.

Fort Valley - Ga April 22nd 1876
Mr Arthur H. Bassett:

Dear Sir:

On my return home from western Ala I was handed your interesting letter in which you make diligent inquiry in regard to my ancestors and a chronological history of the family. This, it is out of my power to do, except such information as my father gave me before he died some 20 years ago. I can trace the family back four generations but cannot trace across the ocean.

My father's name was Stephen Bassett, he was born and raised in North Carolina, afterwards came to South Carolina and was married to a Miss Jane Morris. After his marriage moved to Georgia and died in this state. My grand father's name was William Bassett, which has always been a family name. he died and was buried in South Carolina, was of a ruddy complexion with brown hair and deep blue eyes, was about 6 ft 2 inches tall and weighed 190 lbs. My great grand father was named Francis Bassett and was a teacher of ancient

languages. He with two brothers came to Virginia before the revolutionary war, and participated in that war. One of the brothers remained in Virginia and raised a family. I suppose his posterity, several of them, still live in Virginia. I hear of them occasionally.

One of the three brothers moved either to Connecticut or Massachusetts and probably raised a family.

My ancestor came down into the Carolinas as stated above. I think the three brothers came over from England together. I do not know on what ship they came, neither do I know the date of their coming. I truly wish that I did. I am also sorry that I did not get my father to tell more about our ancestry and from whence they came, and all about them it would certainly be a great satisfaction to me to have the chronology of the family as it existed in England. One of the Virginia Bassetts that now lives at Norfolk Va told me last fall that the name was originally a french name, and they came to England in the time of William the Conqueror when the French overran England, I am glad you

have written to me, as you seem to be much
interested in tracing up our genealogy.
Please write me further on the subject. For
I assure you, we have descended from good
stock, and I will further ^{state} it has not degenerated.
If you should ever have occasion to come south
call on me, and we will discuss the Bassetts
and their ancestry at length.
Write to me occasionally, and let me know
all about your relatives, and what business
you are engaged in &c.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen C. Bassett.