

Notes on the BASSETT  
family copied by  
Lady Scott (née Bennett)

Pedigree of the Basset family, from their  
settling in England to the present date.

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Edmund Basset — He came into England  
1066 with William the Conqueror and was Lord of  
Spiden and Stoke Basset in the County of Oxford  
he married Igelina, and had issue
- 2<sup>nd</sup> — John Basset — married Ada, daughter of  
Sir Andrew Ballum, and had issue
- 3<sup>rd</sup> — William Basset — married to Cicely, daughter  
of Sir Alan Biglefield, <sup>1199</sup> time of King John, & had issue
- 4<sup>th</sup> — Alan Basset — married to Lucia, sister to  
Sir Wm. Peverel of Sanford, by which marriage  
he acquired Whitechapel and La Haye, in  
the parish of Bishop's Cleeve, Devonshire  
in the reign of King Henry 3<sup>rd</sup>. had issue
- 5<sup>th</sup> — William Basset — married the daughter of  
Sir Ralph Mallet and had issue
- 6<sup>th</sup> — Lawrence Basset — who married Alice,  
daughter of Sir John Malley - had issue
- 7<sup>th</sup> — William Basset — who married Joan, daughter  
of Sir Wm. Bottrous, & had two sons - William died

\* Surname cannot be made out of  
the ancient documents



died in his fathers life time and his Successor  
8<sup>th</sup> Thomas Basset - married Margery daughter  
of Richard Selligan and had issue two sons  
William and Thomas

9<sup>th</sup> William Basset - who married Margaret  
daughter of Sir Simon Fleming

10<sup>th</sup> Sir John Basset - (his son) married Jane, daughter  
of Sir Thomas Beaumont, and by that marriage  
gained Amberleigh and Stanton Courts. he was  
buried in Allerington Church where there is a monu-  
ment with two recumbent figures to his memory.  
was succeeded by his son - (Temp. Edward 6<sup>th</sup>)

11<sup>th</sup> Sir John Basset - who married Isabel, daughter  
of Sir Thomas Budockside and had issue

12<sup>th</sup> Sir John Basset - who married first Anne  
daughter of John Dennis of Orleigh by whom he  
had issue four daughters. He married secondly  
Donor, daughter of Sir Thomas Grewille by whom  
he had issue John (his successor) James (of the  
Privy Council to Queen Mary) George, & Mary  
who married John Wolacote of Combe -

There is a monument raised with brass to him  
and his two wives in Allerington Church.

*13<sup>th</sup> Sir John Basset - who married thirdly*



<sup>th</sup>  
13 Sir John Bussell — married Frances daughter of  
Sir Arthur Plantagenet (Viscount Lisle) and had  
issue <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> Sir Arthur, <sup>2<sup>d</sup></sup> Honor who married W<sup>m</sup> Whiddell  
<sup>3<sup>rd</sup></sup> Christopher Chichester Esq. of Hatfield  
and <sup>4<sup>th</sup></sup> Catherine who was maid of honor to  
Anne of Cleves. (see Struttland's Inquest) —  
(This Arthur Plantagenet (Viscount Lisle) was  
a natural son of King Edward 4<sup>th</sup> and Eliz<sup>th</sup> Lucy  
(if they were not privately married).

<sup>th</sup>  
14 — Sir Arthur Bussell — married Eleanor,  
daughter of Sir John Chichester of Raleigh  
and had issue <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> Sir Robert, born 1573, <sup>2<sup>d</sup></sup> Arthur  
(Ancestor of the de Dunstanville branch) <sup>3<sup>d</sup></sup> William,  
<sup>4<sup>th</sup></sup> George, <sup>5<sup>th</sup></sup> John, 6 Margaret (who married  
Richard Duke Esq. of Otterton) 7 Anne, who  
married John Chichester Esq. of Hall, O. Francis  
born 14 May 1504, 8 John born 30 June 1505 —  
The above Eleanor died 10<sup>th</sup> July 1505 and  
Sir Arthur on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 1506 — They were  
both buried in Allerington Church where  
there is a monument to their memories.

15 — Sir Robert Bussell (Christened at

See names of names of Devon. 45.



St. Dunstons, London 1573) married Elizabeth<sup>2d</sup>  
daughter of Sir William Bryson Knight / Chief  
Baron of the Exchequer. She died in 1635 aged 64  
and was buried at Beanton Puchardou, where  
there is a monument to her memory.

4 Sir Robert by his extravagance and ambitious  
4 greatly diminished the family property.

4 Being by his grand mother, descended from  
4 the Plantagenets, and of the blood royal, in the  
4 beginning of King James the first's reign, he  
4 made some pretensions to the Crown of England  
4 but not being able to make them good he was  
4 forced to fly into France to save his head - X

4 To compound for which, together with his high  
4 and generous way of living, Sir Rob<sup>t</sup>. Russett  
4 greatly exhau<sup>d</sup>ed his estates - selling off, with  
4 Whitechapel, the ancient house, no less than  
4 thirty manors of land. \* (See Prince Mathias of Decca)

His children were 1<sup>st</sup> Arthur his successor, born  
1597 - 2<sup>nd</sup> William, 3<sup>rd</sup> Francis who died young 1601  
4 Thomas - 5 John, 6 Anne, (married J. Rushleigh  
of Menabilly), 7<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth (married George Yea Esq<sup>r</sup>  
of Quish), 8 Eleanor of Mary, (who died unmarried)

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16" — "Colonel Arthur Bassett — \* married one of the  
" Daughters and coheirs of Leigh of Burrow.  
" Soon after this marriage the Civil Wars broke out  
" The principles of loyalty which this gentleman  
" had imbibed and his relation to the blood  
" royal determined<sup>to</sup> which party he should  
" adhere - accordingly he stuck to the cause of  
" King Charles the Martyr and spent it with  
" the utmost hazard both of life and fortune.  
" He was given the Commission of a Colonel and  
" made Governor of Burnstable for the King - but  
" General Fairfax having taken Exeter, coming  
" before it with his Army it surrendered (1646)  
" upon honourable terms. Not being able to  
" do further service Colonel Bassett retired to his  
" house at Scantow, & was compelled to compound  
" for his own Estate. At the Restoration.  
" Colonel Bassett was restored to his former honours  
" of being Colonel of the County Militia, Deputy Sheriff  
" & Justice of the Peace, which was all the repara-  
" tion he met with for the losses he sustained  
" by his loyalty. he died in the 75<sup>th</sup> year of his age  
" and was buried in the Parish Church of  
\* See Primer Worthies of Devon. 42.



Heanton Punchardon where a noble Monument  
is erected to his Memory 1672. He had issue  
John, who died in his Father's life time, Francis  
Arthur, and Elizabeth who died in 1683.

17 — John, (who died <sup>1660</sup> in his Father's life time aged 36)  
married Susanna, daughter of — Black Esq<sup>r</sup> x  
had issue 1<sup>st</sup> John born 26 February 1653 who  
succeeded his grandfather. 2<sup>nd</sup> Arthur born 16 July  
1655 died October 15<sup>th</sup> 1681. 3<sup>rd</sup> Francis born 13 April 1657  
(succeeded his elder brother) 4<sup>th</sup> Thomas b 1659 died  
an Infant 1660. 5<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth born 1660.  
Susanna, the wife died April 22 1662.

<sup>16</sup>  
18 — John — married Elizabeth, daughter of  
— Ackland Esq<sup>r</sup> of Bittadon 1662. She died the  
following year aged 18. John died 13 May 1686  
aged 33 without issue was succeeded by his brother

19 — Francis — born 13 April 1657 married Elizabeth  
daughter of — Cannon Esq<sup>r</sup> of Trewordy in Cornwall,  
had issue John, and Elizabeth — the latter  
x of Hollombe.



married Thomas Davie Esq<sup>r</sup> of Orleigh & died  
without issue - Francis died February 22 1692  
aged 36 & was succeeded by his son John.

20 - John - married Elizabeth daughter of  
Sir Nicholas Hooper & had issue - 1<sup>st</sup> John 1714  
2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth born 20 Sept<sup>r</sup> 1715 who died in infancy  
3<sup>rd</sup> Elizabeth born October 1716 - 4 Francis born  
29 June 1719 died 2 April 1721 - The above John  
died 9<sup>th</sup> August 1721 and his widow married  
the Rev<sup>d</sup> Thomas Morrison.

21 - John - married at Powderham 10 June 1734  
Eleanora eldest daughter of Sir W<sup>m</sup> Courtenay  
Baronet, and had issue - John Montague <sup>born 10<sup>th</sup> 1738</sup> who  
died 21<sup>st</sup> February 1740 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth Eustacia  
who married John Campbell Esq<sup>r</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup> Eleanora born June 9<sup>th</sup> 1741 married John Davie  
Esq<sup>r</sup> of Orleigh - 4 Francis born 19 April 1740  
The above John Basset died 17 December 1757  
and was buried at Stanton Parochardon.  
His wife Eleanora died 1765 and was buried  
at Abberington (subjugata) 1765.



22 — Francis Basset — his only surviving son  
succeeded him — he died unmarried 16 Oct 1802  
and was buried at Stanton. Peverardon.  
He was succeeded by his nephew Joseph Davie  
eldest son of his sister Eleanor to whom he  
bequeathed the whole of his Property & Estates  
with reversion entailed on the said Joseph  
Arthur Davie Basset Esq.

23 — Joseph Davie Basset. Nephew to the above  
Francis Basset was born 10<sup>th</sup> May 1764 —  
He took the name of Basset in addition  
to his own <sup>in 1784</sup> succeeding to the property.  
He married Miss Mary Davie. Niece and  
Cousin <sup>with 2 sisters</sup> of Lieut Colonel Harris & had issue  
1<sup>st</sup> Arthur — 2<sup>nd</sup> Francis William, 3<sup>rd</sup> Augusta  
4<sup>th</sup> John — 5 Mary (married to L<sup>td</sup> Genl Sir Robert  
Stratford KCB) 6 Joseph & Eleanor —  
The two latter died in Infancy.  
The above Joseph Davie Basset died 10 Dec 1846  
aged 82 and was succeeded by his eldest son

24 — Arthur Davie Basset — born 14 May 1801.



married 4<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1820 Harriet Smith Crawford  
only child of Thomas Smith Crawford Esq<sup>r</sup>  
and has issue Arthur Crawford, Harriet  
Mary, Eleanor Susan -

#### Observations

The name was originally spelt Buffet - but was  
afterwards changed by the addition of another T<sup>r</sup>  
& through many centuries the spelling <sup>of the name</sup> has varied  
or changed from one to the other according to the  
wish or taste of the owner. as may be seen by  
Monuments - Parish Registers &c - The family



at Ipswich & Stoke Newington

of Basset or Bassett had its first Residence  
<sup>which changed, then at</sup>  
at Amberleigh (formerly spelt Amberleigh) in the  
Parish of Atherington (formerly spelt Atherington)  
seven miles to the south of Barnstaple, and  
called Amberleigh from the abundance of woods  
and groves - (It sometime belonged to King Athelstan  
who is said to have had his Palace there.)

From Amberleigh they removed to Scanton Court  
in the Parish of Scanton Panchardon, from its  
being more healthy, <sup>quaintly</sup> described in "Prince's  
Worthies of Devon" as "a sweet & pleasant seat;  
a very handsome Pile, well furnished with  
all variety of entertainment which the earth  
and Sea and Air can afford"

Since the Family removed to Watermouth in  
the Parish of Berry harbor in 1803 where  
they now reside.

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THE LATE JOSEPH DAVIE BASSETT.

The obituary in your paper of December 17th mentions the death of Joseph Davie Bassett, Esq., of Watermouth, of Heinton Court, and of Umlerleigh, near Barnstaple. In addition to your own very concise notice of that event, permit me to observe, that were men to be judged alone by their peers, this descendant of the Plantagenets, the family of Courtenay, and of others among the ancient nobility of England, after having witnessed, during nearly 90 years, the revival and decay of those beauties of nature, which never found a more ardent admirer than himself, would not be consigned to the grave without his memory receiving its adequate tribute. Not many, if any, are there who were capable of forming a correct estimate of this very superior man; for as only a classic can decide on the classical attainments of another, so only a mind clear and comprehensive as his own, endowed like his by ability of the highest order, cultivated as was his by assiduous industry, and adorned by every acquirement that genius and the most refined taste could add to its embellishment, such only, with safety be it asserted, could pronounce any competent eulogy on the merits of the departed.

As a magistrate of this county he was well known; and some years since, when generally taking the chair at its Quarter Sessions, fulfilled the duties of the office with honour to himself, and to the general satisfaction of the court over which he presided. In him the North of Devon has to mourn the enlightened director or protector of its general interests. Few measures conducive to its benefit but were pointed out by himself, or received his furtherance and assistance. But to this gentleman's efforts, in conjunction with those of the late Rev. John Hole, of Wolfardisworthy, Mr. Coham, of Coham, and the only survivor of that gallant little band, the present Rev. Thomas Clark, of Milton-Damrell, was the whole of Devonshire some years since indebted for a measure, as difficult to accomplish as beneficial in its accomplishment; and to the efficient distance on that occasion rendered by Mr. Bassett did Mr. Hole, the original promoter of the proposed alteration in a burdensome impost, attribute much of the success by which his own efforts, and those of his coadjutors, were finally rewarded; and the equalization of a most unequal, in many cases a most oppressive county rate—though for many years virulently opposed by the late Lord Rolle, and by that formidable phalanx under his lordship's dictation, the great body of the magistracy—was eventually secured, and carried into effect. Subsequently to this Mr. Bassett, and the party alluded to, had the pleasure of witnessing the bright example of courage and perseverance which they had afforded in the encounter with, and removal of difficulties, generally followed, and in a similar cause, by other English counties.

Though fitted by nature, and by an unusually expanded and enlightened mind, to take in public life that precedence which was especially assigned to him, it was perhaps in the narrower and quiet circle of private life in which his allowed superiority most conspicuously shone forth. Here the dignity of ancient lineage—the ease of manner attendant on rank and station—a courtly polish—the choicest and most fluent diction—the utmost elegance, when he chose to display it, of manner and address—the accomplishments of the man of taste—the learning of the scholar could combine, or alternate with, the clearly expounded views of the able politician, and the enlarged and time improved views of the statesman. Few who heard those sentiments expressed, however previously inclined to differ from him by whom they were uttered, but retired from his presence more than half persuaded by his eloquent and lucid train of reasoning to adopt inferences, of the justness of which they had alone by him been more than half convinced. In him were to be seen learning without its pedantry, and talent without its pride, and much of genius without its wildness and exuberance. To these qualities of the head were allied a warm and generous heart, and at times that acute sensibility, yet strength and depth of feeling, which is not unfrequently the concomitant of distinguished talent. He was a kind master, liberal landlord, and steady friend.

Soothed and solaced in declining years by the attentions of a wife, dignified by the possession of every sterling virtue which can benefit and adorn the woman, to the great regret of a sorrowing neighbourhood, he finally sunk to rest. His early companions were no more; all, it is believed, had preceded him to the grave; but those who knew him in the more mature and useful portion of his life, will acknowledge that Devonshire in the late Mr. Bassett has lost that which was once her brightest intellectual star. Undimmed to the last by aught but the wintry clouds of age, he has disappeared from the horizon of life, leaving behind none of equal magnitude to replace him. Most sincerely wishing, Sir, that some one whose ability would better support the effort had attempted to do something like justice to the qualities and qualifications of the late Mr. Bassett, I remain very obediently yours,

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The Corn  
Springs from  
Sir Arthur  
at Merton

His family  
love of  
truth in descent



The Councils Branch of His Majesty  
Henry from the Council of His Majesty  
the Honourable Robert, President in Council  
as shown in the following —

danger was observed the evening before the unfortunate  
occurrence, nor was any broken water discovered by  
the watch previous to the vessel striking, and it was  
only upon daylight breaking they were enabled to dis-



