

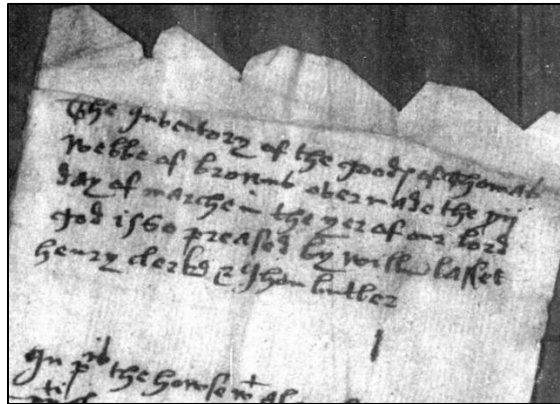
FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF WILLIAM BASSETT

William Bassett was born in about 1535 of Brownsover, Warwickshire, the son of Thomas Bassett, a husbandman of Brownsover. William was a yeoman.



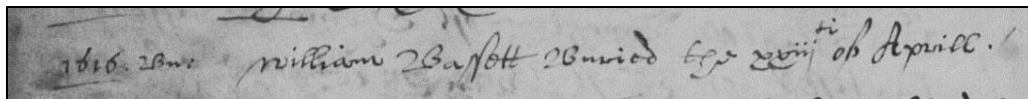
Brownsover

William was called to be an appraiser for the inventory of his neighbor Thomas Webbe in 1560.



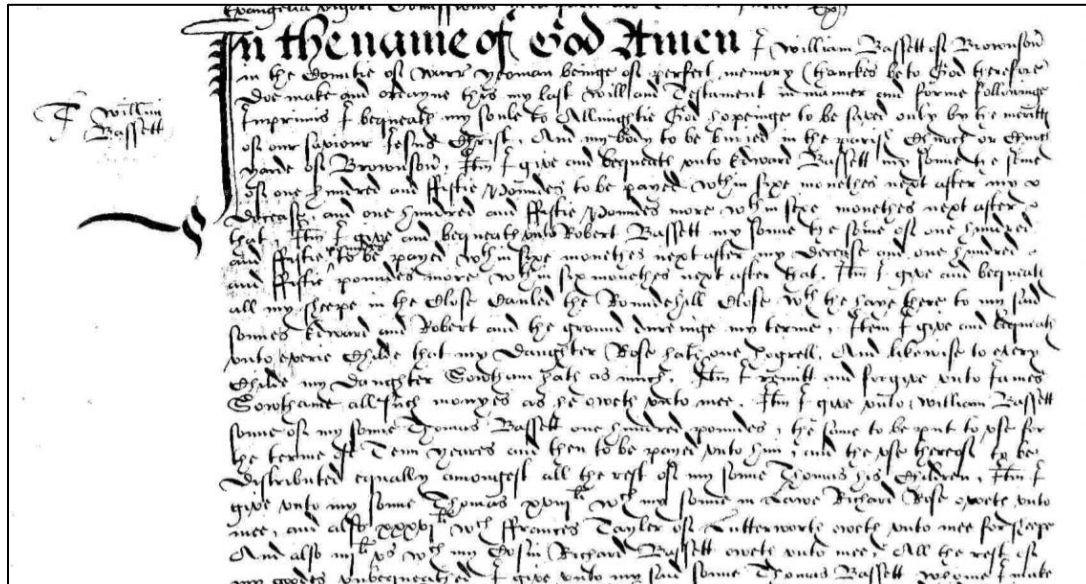
"The inventory of the goodes of Thomas Webbe of Browns over made the vij day of Marche in the yer of our Lord God 1560 preased by Willm Bassett Henry Clerke & Jhon Butler"

William died and was buried 23 April 1616 in Brownsover.



*Burial record for William Bassett in Brownsover:
"1616 Bur William Bassett buried the xxijth of Aprill"*

William left a will dated 1616.



Will of William Bassett, yeoman of Brownsouer, 1616, PCC

William Bassett, yeoman of Brownsouer, 3 June 1616

*In the name of God Amen I **William Bassett of Brownsouer** in the Countie of Warw yeoman beinge of perfect memory thanks be to God therefore doe make and ordayne this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge. Imprimus I bequeath my soule to Allmightie God hopeinge to be saved only by the merittes of our Saviour. Jesus Christ. And my body to be buried in the parish church or church yarde of Brownsouer. Item I give and bequeath unto **Edward Bassett my sonne** the some of one hundred and fiftie poundes to be payed within sixe monethes next after my decease, and one hundred and fiftie poundes more within the monethes next after that. Item I give and bequeath all my sheepe in the close cauled the Roundehill Close with the haye there to **my said sonnes Edward and Robert** and the ground dureinge my terme. Item I give and bequeath unto everie childe that **my daughter Rose** hath one hogrell. And likewise to every childe **my daughter Sowtham** hath as much. Item I remitt and forgive unto **James Sowthame** all such monyes as he oweth unto mee. Item I give unto **William Bassett sonne of my sonne Thomas Bassett** one hundred poundes, the same to be put to use for the terme of ten yeaes and then to be payed unto him, and the use hereof to be distributed equally amongst all **the rest of my sonne Thomas his children**. Item I give unto **my sonne Thomas** xvijli which **my sone in lawe Richard Rose** oweth unto mee, and also xxxvjli which **Frances Tayler of Lutterworth** oweth unto mee for sheepe. And also iiijli vs which **my cosin Richard Bassett** oweth unto mee. All the rest of my goodes unbequeathed I give unto **my said sonne Thomas Bassett** whom I make my sole executor. In wittnes whereof I have heare unto put my hand and seale the xxvijth of November in the eighth yeaer of the raigne of our soveraigne Lorde James by the grace of God of England Franncce and Ireland Kinge defender of the faith and of Scotland the fower and fourtieth Anno 1610. The marke of William Bassett. Sealed and delivered in the presence of us, James Willington Robert Bassett.*

William and his wife had the following children:

*1. **Ann**, born in about 1570 of Brownsover; married James Southam 26 September 1593 in Brownsover.

2. **Edward**

3. **Robert**, buried 23 November 1616 in Brownsover; left a will proven 1617: "*Will of **Robert Bassett of Brownsover**, 24 Feb 1617; In the name of God Amen the twentieth daye of November in the yere of oure Lord God one thowsand six hundred and sixteene I Robert Bassett of Brownsover in the Countie of Warwick yeoman beyng weake and sicke in bodye but of good and perfect memorye (thanks be to Almightye God) do make and ordayne this my last will and testament in manner and forme following that is to saye first I bequeathe jmy soule into the hands of God my maker hoping assuredlie thereonyhe the only merittes of Jesus Christe my Savyoure to be made partaker of life everlasting. And I bequeathe my bodye to the Earthe whereof yt is made. Item I give and bequeathe unto **James Sowtham of Neythropp** and **my sister Anne his wife and the children of my sayed sister** the somme of one hundred and threescore poundes of lawfull English money to be payed unto them threescore poundes thereof within one yere next after my decease and the other hundred poundes within two yeres next after my decease. Allso I give unto hym thirteene sheepe nowe in the custodye of the sayed **James**. Allso I give unto **Anne Bassett my goddaughter daughter of my brother Thomas** tenne poundes to be payed unto her at her age of eighteene yeres or daye of marriage whither shall first happen. Item I give and bequeathe unto the **five other children of my brother Thomas Bassett** every of them fower poundes a peece to be payed unto them within seaven yeres next after my decease. Allso I give and bequeth to **Richard Rose John and Elizabeth children of my sister Rose** every of them five poundes a peece to be paied unto them within seaven yeres next after my decease. Allso I give to the poore of Brownsover Newbold and Rugbye twentie shillinges, to be distributed by my executor hereafter named. All the rest of my goodes debts and legaceys whatsoever bequeathed my funeral expences honestlie discharged I give will and bequeathe unto **Edward Bassett my brother** whom I ordayne and make full and sole executor of this my last will and testament theise beyng witnesses Robert Bassett; Thomas Bassett and Richard Steane Snr"*

4. **Thomas**, married Elizabeth Eales 11 June 1599 in Brownsover; had daughter Anne (who married William Willington), son William, son Richard, son Edward, daughter Sara and daughter Marie. Thomas left a will proven in 1633.

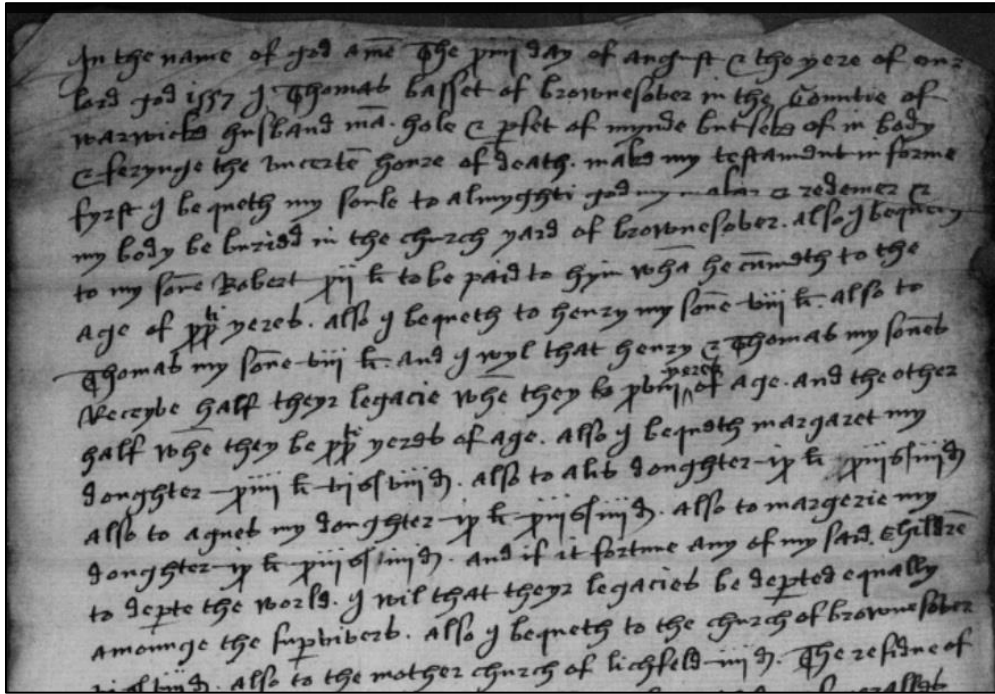
5. **Rose**, married Richard Rose; had children Richard, Rose, John, and Elizabeth.

SOURCES: Brownsover parish register; www.ancestry.co.uk; will of William Bassett of Brownsover, 1616; Prerogative Court of Canterbury; will of Robert Bassett of Brownsover, 1617, Prerogative Court of Canterbury; will of Thomas Bassett of Brownsover, 1633, Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS BASSETT

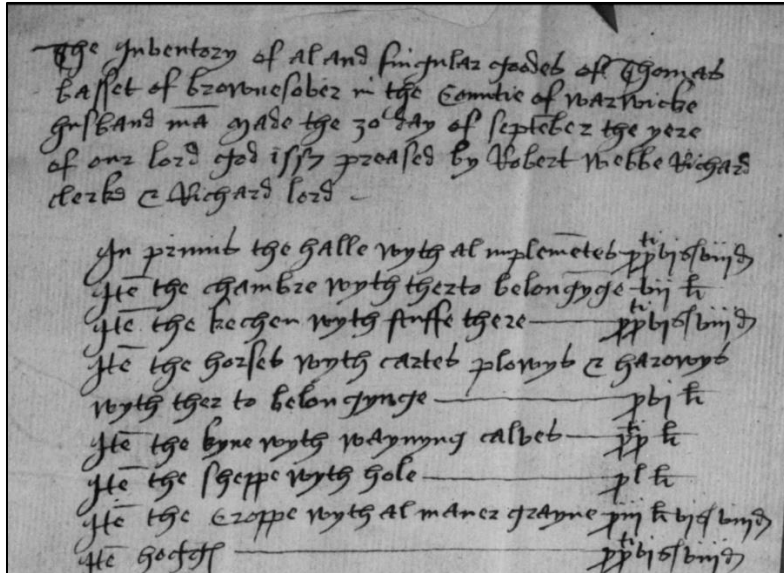
Thomas Bassett was born in about 1510 of Brownsover, the son of Henry Bassett. Thomas was a husbandman in Brownsover.

Thomas died in 1557, leaving a will written 9 August 1557, and proven 16 August 1557:



Will of Thomas Bassett of Brownsover, 1557

*In the name of God amen the xiiij day of August & the yere of our Lord God 1557, I **Thomas Basset of Brownsover** in the Countie of Warwicke, husbandman, hole & pfet of mynde but seke of in body & fezyng the uncerte henze of of death, make my testament in forme, first I bequeath my soule to Almighty God my maker & redeemer & my body be buried in the church yard of Brownsover. Also I bequeath to **my sone Robert** xij to be paid to hym when he cometh to the age of xx yeres. Also I bequeath to **Henry my sone** viij l. Also to **Thomas my sone** viij l. And I wyl that **Henry & Thomas as my sones** receive half theyr legacie when they be xvij yeres of age. And the other half when they be xx yeres of age. Also I bequeath **Margaret my daughter** xiiij l vis viij d. Also to **Alis my daughter** ix l xiijs iiijd. Also to **Agnes my daughter** ix l xij s iiijd. Also to **Margerie my daughter** ixl xiijs iiijd. And if it fortune any of my said children to depte the world, I wil that theyr legacies to depted equally amoung the survivors. Allso I bequeath to the church of Brownsover vil viijd. Also to the mother church of Lichfeld iiijd. The residue of my goodes moveable and unmoveable now bequeathed my funeralles & my bequests pformed I geve to **Willm my sone** whom I make my sole executor. And I make the oversears of this my testament my maistris Elizabeth Longhton and Richard Clarke desiryng theym as my special trust is in theym to take the paynes to se this my wil be pformyd accordyng to my mynde. These beyng witnesses Anthony Walthon preist, Richard Clarke, Richard Lord with others.*



Inventory of Thomas Bassett, 1557

The inventory of al and singular goodes of Thomas Bassett of Brownesover in the Countie of Warwicke husbandman made the 30th day of Septeber the yere of our Lord God 1557 preased by Robert Webbe Richard Clerke & Richard Lord

- Inprimis the hall with al implemtes - xxli vjs viijd
- Item the chambre with therto belongyng - vijli
- Item the kerchen with stuffe there - xxli vjs viijd
- Item the horses with cartes plowys & harowys with ther to belonging - xvili
- Item the kyne with waynyng calves - xxli
- Item they sheppe with hole - xli
- Item the croppe with al maner grayne - xiiijli vijs viijd
- Item hogges - xxli vis viijd
- Item pullyn - ijs
- Item wod & hovels with other timber - xli
- Summa - lxxxvili xs

Thomas and his wife had the following children:

- *1. **William**, born in about 1535 of Brownsver.
2. **Robert**
3. **Henry**
4. **Thomas**
5. **Margaret**

6. Alis

7. Agnes

8. Margerie

SOURCES: Brownsver parish register; www.ancestry.co.uk; will of Thomas Bassett of Brownsver, 1557; will of Henry Bassett of Brownsver, 1530; www.findmypast.co.uk.

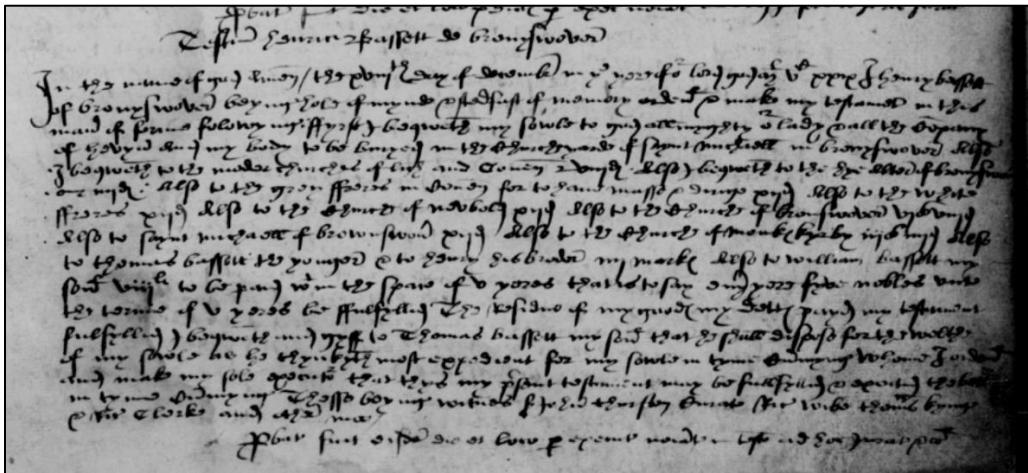


Brownsver Mill

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF HENRY BASSETT

Henry was born in about 1475 of Brownsver.

Henry died in 1530, leaving a will written 18 December 1530:



Will of Henry Bassett of Brownsver, 1530

*In the name of God amen, the xvijth day of December in ye yere of our Lord God 1530, I **Henry Bassett of Brownsoever** beyinge hole of mynd & perfect of memory and I do make my testament in this maner & forme folowyng. ffyrst, I bequeath my sowle to God Allmyghty & Our Lady & all the copany of hevyn. And my body to be buryed in the churchyard of Saynt Michaell in Brownsover. Also I bequeath to the mother churches of Lichfeld and Coventry viijd. Also I bequeath to the hye alter of Brownsover iiijd. Also to the grey freres in Coventry for the high masse & durge xijd. Also to the whitefreres xiijd. Also to the church of Newbold xiijd. Also to the church of Brownsover vil viiijd. Also to Saynt Michaell of Brownsover xiijd. Also to the church of Monks Kirby Iijs iiiijd. Allso to **Thomas Bassett the yonger** & to Henry Hibberts iiij marke. Also to **William Bassett my son** viijl to be paid within the space of v yeres, that is to say any yere five nobles unto the terme of v yeres be ffulfylling. The residue of my goods, my debts payd my testament ffulfyled I bequeath and geff to **Thomas Bassett my son** that he shall dispose for the welth of my sowle he thynkkyth most expedient for my sowle in tyme ordayning whom I ordain and make my sole executor that thys my psent testament may be fullfyled & executed, these beying witness, John Thustley, curate, Ric Wise, Thomas Kynge*

Henry and his wife had the following children:

*1. **Thomas**, born in about 1510 of Brownsover.

2. **William**

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