

SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT BENJAMIN BASSETT 1807-1881

Benjamin is known to be a son of Henry Bassett and Ann but years of searching have not resolved the puzzle of their origin. Currently there are two theories- either Henry was the Henry who later married Jane Sales and traces his ancestry back to the Bassett Family of Chiddingstone and Edenbridge or Henry was one of the Bassett families known to be Romanies or Travellers in 19th century England.

If a male Bassett with direct ancestry leading to Benjamin can be found and is willing to take a DNA test through the Bassett Family Association the connection to the Chiddingstone family can be proved or disproved.

If Henry was a "traveller" Bassett the tracing of his ancestry may be more difficult as travellers were notorious for avoidance of traditional christenings and marriages.

Either way his descendants continue the search..