

History of Sumter County, Georgia by Jack F. Cox

Overview:

This book describes the early history of Sumter County Georgia. Our line appears to have moved there around 1833 and is mentioned in the book. Although our move to Georgia was later in our known history, I put this overview up front because it (incorrectly I believe) addresses our earlier line. In the book, Cox states our line (though he generically states "Bass family in the U.S.") descends from a Samuel Bass (1601) from England who emigrated to Virginia. He states that Samuel had a son Needham who had 3 sons, George, James and Uriah and implies that this Uriah is our Rice Bass (b: 1755/8). I put this overview up front because I believe this to be factually incorrect. For starters, it is nearly mathematically impossible for someone born in 1601 to have a grandson born 150+ years later. From our research we know our Rice's (more on the Rice vs. Uriah name controversy later) brothers were Harmon and John and their father Andrew. There is however probably some good information in here for future research. There is an older Needham that appears in the 1810 and earlier Census that I have not been able to sort out. (Brian Bass)

Page 88 describes the descendant Americus Volunteer Rifles; Civil War fates of Andrew Bass, Pvt, Captured at Gettysburg on 3 July 1863 / Harmon Bass, Pvt killed in a wreck on the Wilmington & Manchester RR on 2 Feb 1863 / John Bass, Pvt, Died in a Virginia hospital in 1861 and / Rice Bass, Pvt, Wounded at Wilderness, Va. Leg amputated on 6 May 1864 and discharged in 1864.

Page 97 lists numerous Bass family; Alexander, C.D., Erastus, H.C., Mack, Patrick, Robert and W.F. all in the Sumter Flying Artillery.

Page 152: From Deed Book A:

Sumter – 25 Apr 1834 JOHN KIMMEY to RIAH BASS both of Sumter Co. Lot N. 353, 28th District. Witt: EASON SMITH, JACOB W. COBB, Clk.S.C.

Page 258: From Deed Book A:

Sumter – 22 Dec 1834 – JOHN KIMMEY, attorney for JOHN HINTON to QUINCY BASS of Sumpter Co. Lot No. 113, 27th district. Witt: SIDNEY M. PEGG & WM. D. BRITT, J.P. (*note: incorrect spelling of Sumter as copied from book*).

Sumter – 21 Apr 1835 – POLLY STEVENS to ACKERS BASS, both of Sumter Co. Lot No. 106, 27th district. Witt: ZECH. ROBERSON & GRFFIN GATWOOD & JOSEPH E. BASS

Marriages, 1832-1870: (note: Below are not all-inclusive of the book's list of Bass marriages)

Bailey, James W. – Bass, Sarah (issued) 4-23-33

Barkenhausen, Charles E. – Bass, Elizabeth M. 6-21-69

Bass, Akais – Aycock, Roxanna 10-23-56 *(Needham's son?)*

Bass, Charles D. – Ray, Priscilla 2-08-57 *(Needham's son?)*

Bass, Euriah – Stevens, K.N. 11-25-64
Bass, Harmon – McLeod, Nancy 6-02-61
Bass, Needham W. – Parker, Amanda 33-10-67
Bass, Quiney – Richards Jane 5-25-49
Bass, Rice – Duckworth Rebecca 1-31-58
Bass, Rice – Frazier Anne E. 11-16-51
Bass, Robinson – Robinson, Araminta M.J. 7-17-59
Bass, Uriah – Veal, Lavica 12-27-53
Bass, Wm. H. – Frazier, Rebecca 10-06-50 (???)
Hames, Louis P. – Bass, Nancy E. 4-23-66
Harp, James J. – Bass, Mary E. 1-23-66
Jones, Thomas H. – Bass, Anna 3-27-35
Phillips, Wm. J. – Bass Texanna 10-19-69
Shiver, Barnaby H. – Bass, Emeline 6-06-50
Singletary, James - Bass, Elizabeth 11-17-68
Wardlaw, Romulus – Bass, Elizabeth

Wills

BASS, Quiney: wife: Mary; son: Alexander. Probate: 4Jun62

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Bass and Allied Families

The Bass family name originated in the Bas section of France.

1G Samuel Bass, b. in England in 1601, migrated to America in the 17th

2G century and settled near Richmond, V. Samuel's son Needham had three

3G sons: George, James and Uriah. A George Bass served as spy for George Washington, was captured and hanged by Lord Cornwallis.

3G: Uriah Bass was a private in W. L. Davidson's Co., 10th Reg., N.C. (Colonial and State Records of N.C., Vol. XIV, p 294; North Carolina Continental Line 1776-1783, p. 16). According to family tradition, he was tall, handsome, with dark eyes, hair and complexion. His wife was born in Ireland and remembered that it took her family "six weeks to cross the water." The family were probably French Huguenots, extremely pious people, who settled in Robeson Co., N.C., and northern S.C., about 1740 (p.384). The 1800 census for Cumberland Co., N.C. lists "Rice" Bass, 1755-1774 (p. 384). A document dated Nov. 24, 1823, identifies two of his sons as Ackies Bass and Quincy Bass and is signed "Rice" Bass, his Mark. However, his great granddaughter Senora Bass Howards said his name was Uriah; Rice, a corruption of his name.

4G Quenton Bass (b. 1-25-1794, d. 4-26-1862, son of Uriah, m. Mary Elizabeth McMillan (b. 4-05-1797, d. 12-02-1879) in Cumberland Co, N.C. She was the dau. Of John A. McMillan (see McMillan line). Quenton and Mary Elizabeth settled new land 4 miles from Americus on the Souther Field Road, across from the Livestock Barn. They are buried at Salem Methodist Church which they helped organize and to build. They were very devout people, and Quenton Bass was one of six trustees of "The Americus Camp Ground," incorporated in 1840. (Williford, Americus Through the Years, p. 12).

Quenton and Mary Elizabeth McMillan Bass had three daughters and six sons:

5G 1. Mary Bass Bailey, 2. Barbara Bass Parker m. James Parker, brother of Eliza Parker, 3. Emeline Bass Shivers, 4. Patrick Bass (b. 1820, d. 1897), 5. Alexander Bass (b. 1828, d. 1902), 6. James E. Bass (b. 1830, d. 1898, 7. Zachariah Bass, 8. Charles Bass, 9. George Bass

Note from Brian Bass, I see some issues with the above paragraph and question the accuracy of some or all of it. This is the first time I've seen in print that Rice Bass' name was "Uriah" as stated by his great granddaughter Senora Bass Howard (b. 6 Apr 1870 – d. 22 Jul 1961). Maybe he went by that name, more may just went by it later in life. All the legal documents, court cases, land sales etc all say Rice Bass. I also question the lineage of Samuel (1601) being our Uriah/Rice's grandfather as stated. Uriah/Rice was born most likely in the 1750s, more than 150 years later. Not to say that they did not exist, but I've yet to find documents that show a Samuel (1601) his son Needham or his sons George or James. It also states that "Uriah" was in the North Carolina Continental Line from 1776-1783 but we know our Rice Bass was not fighting for the Americans, but was heavily involved as a Loyalist for the British. This passage will continue to be researched in hopes of finding out more information.

Page 484 (Quenton Bass in NC) under the McMillan section: (See also the *book THE STORY OF FAYETTEVILLE (NC)* by J Oates)

Governor Benjamin Williams of NC granted 100 acres of land to John Alexander McMillan in 1799 to establish a stage coach stop near Fayetteville (NC). McMillan sold the stage house and land to Barbara Blocker in 1841. John A. McMillan and his son-in-law, Quenton Bass, had operated the stage coach house until Quenton and Mary Elizabeth McMillan Bass left N.C. for Georgia about 1834. Mary Elizabeth McMillan m. Quenton Bass b. 1-25-1794, d. 4-26-1862.

Senora Bass Howard (b: Apr 6, 1870, d: July 22, 1961)

Father: Patrick Bass

Mother: Elizabeth Jane Parker

Grandfather: Quincy F Bass (m: Mary Elizabeth McMillan)