

THE FASSETT ANCESTORS.

[Names in the direct line of ancestry in *Italics*.]

The following are self-explanatory:

TOLEDO, O., Nov. 23, 1893.

MAJOR HARRY P. WARD, Columbus, O.:

Dear Sir—I owe you an apology for not writing, but my excuse is the fact that I have been waiting for documents in relation to the early history of the Fassett family. The first of which I have any record is *Patrick Fassett*, who was a resident and tax payer of Billerica, Mass., in 1670 or 1671, and where his third son, *Josiah*, was born in 1674. There were at least three sons, John, *Josiah* and Joseph. I have an old bible, printed in London in 1611, which John Fassett bought, and for which he paid fifty pounds, which I think was a pretty good price even at that time. The record in this bible reads, "Dr. John Fassett, who bought this book, died Jan. ye 30th, 1736-7, aged 62 years." John Fassett, in his last will, left this book to his wife, Mary Fassett. Mary Fassett died March 19, 1748-9. She, in her last will, left this book to *John Fassett*, son to *Josiah Fassett*. This *John Fassett* was my great-grandfather, and your great-great-great-grandfather. This *John Fassett* was born in East Cambridge, Mass., in 1720, and was married to *Mary Wolley* in Bedford, Mass., May 14, 1741. He was living in Hardwick, Mass., after 1750, and, with a number of other families who became prominent in Vermont, emigrated to Bennington in 1761. At his house the first town meeting was held. He helped to build the first meeting house, and was a deacon in the church. In Jennings' History of Bennington it is said he