

Excerpts from "Bass Families of the South" by Albert D. Bell, Rocky Mount, N. C. 1961.

As in N.C. and Va. some people of white and indian ancestry were classified as mulattoes in S.C. (some still suffer from that unwarranted stigma)

An attempt was made to subject Job E. Bass to a capitation tax levied upon free negroes and mulattoes, because of his dark complexion. Some of the leading citizens of Charleston who had personal knowledge of the ancestry of Job aided him in establishing that he was of Indian descent with no mixture of negro blood.

Name-line ancestors of Southern Bass Families lived in England. Also, some land grants of North Carolina Bass Families are recorded there. The immigrant ancestors settled first in Va. It was in Virginia that some of the early Basses intermarried with some of the Nansemond Indians. By 1790, majority of Southern Basses resided in North Carolina. Before and after 1790, many Bass families moved from Virginia and North Carolina to points farther South and West.

Leicestershire England seems to be the origin of many Bass Families.

The Nansemond Indians lived in Norfolk Co., Va. S.W. of Portsmouth and Norfolk in an area called "Dismal Swamp".

1822 Joseph and Martha Bass Marion County

Marlboro Co. N.C. Salem Baptist Church Tombstone-Bennettsville S.C/

Sacred to the memory of Martha J. Bass Born /3/10/1767 died
5/18/1837 & 70 yrs., 2 mos., 8 days MGB 1837

Will of Wright Bass 7/10/1823. Probated Aug. 4, 1823 recorded

June 5, 1829. Heirs, Elizabeth ; daughters, Martha Mary,

Rachel, Sarah; Son Right- Executors John Tart, Henry Berry-Children
Minors

Moses Bass father of Wright Bass Sr. Wrights Bass father of
Right Bass. Right Bass wife's name Nancy Liberty Co., 1799
Nash Co., N.C. Marriages Elijah Bass & Sally Rose 2/7/1853
Elijhh Bass & Perthena Jones 9/28/1839

Admiral Ivan Bass wrote "Bass Family History"

Wilson Co., N. C. Arabella wife of William Bass Arbella b.1834
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Eli Bass for \$125.00 by Josiah Bass for the following land
100 acres on waters of Twenty Five Mile Creek and it is ad-
jacent to lands of Jos. Brevard, Chinney now my land, Zack
Cantey's; deceased, estates land and on Beaverdam Branch.
Same land sold by Zack Cantey to John Lowrey deed dated
22 Sept 1820. (2) @ 30 or 40 acres adjacent to the above
tract of lands sold by Cos. Brevard to John Sutton 10 Jul 1815

witness C BAILEY D RUFF 12/6/1830