

**Mary Ann (Cottle) Forsythe Bassett** (1829 – 1900), Newspaper Clipping, The Perry Historians

**Mary Ann (Cottle) Forsythe Bassett** for many years one of our best known business women, died of uremia at 8:50 o'clock Tuesday evening at her home on Southwest Center Square. Although she had been failing in health for some time, she was peaceful and evidently painless, she passing away like one asleep, having been unconscious for two or three days.

She was about 71 years of age and was born at Chudley, Devonshire, England. She came to America 42 years ago. The day after she landed, which was at Philadelphia, she and **Robert Forsythe** were united in marriage. They then came to Newport, she engaging in the millinery business in a building that formerly stood where the residence of Dr. George S. Smoyer now stands. She resided here ever after until her death Tuesday evening. Mr. Forsythe dying about the year of 1846, his widow was united in marriage to **Thomas Bassett** in May, 1864. He went to California, where it is thought he died.

Mrs. Bassett leaves two sons and one daughter; **Albert Forsythe, T.W. Bassett** and **Miss Annie Bassett**. She is also survived by three sisters residing in Plymouth and one brother residing in London. Mrs. Bassett leaves a large circle of friends, who will learn of her death with much regret. She was highly respected and left this world without an enemy, her kindness and helpfulness winning at least three generations of friends in the country where she founded her new home almost a half century ago. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. The funeral took place Friday, morning at 10 o'clock. Services were at the house and interment in the Newport Cemetery.

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