

BASSETT JOHN E III  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BASSETT JOHN E III**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC [BSET]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC, 3525 FAIRYSTONE PARK HWY**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/24/2009**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President Wood Division

(Street)  
**BASSETT, VA 24055**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	02/23/2009		P	3,000 A	\$ 1 9,321	D	
Common	02/24/2009		P	7,000 A	\$ 1.12 16,321	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Option <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 14.875	01/18/2000		A	6,140	01/18/2001	01/17/2010	Common	6,140
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Option <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 14.875	01/18/2000		A	6,140	01/18/2003	01/17/2010	Common	6,140
Option <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 14.7	01/15/2002		A	2,667	01/15/2003	01/14/2012	Common	2,667
Option <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 14.7	01/15/2002		A	2,667	01/15/2004	01/14/2012	Common	2,667
Option <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 14.7	01/15/2002		A	2,666	01/15/2005	01/14/2012	Common	2,666
Option <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 21.12	02/24/2004		A	12,500	11/15/2004	02/23/2014	Common	12,500
OPTION <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 10.6	10/17/2007		A	4,000	10/17/2008	10/16/2017	COMMON	4,000
OPTION <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 10.6	10/17/2007		A	4,000	10/17/2009	10/16/2017	COMMON	4,000
OPTION <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 10.6	10/17/2007		A	4,000	10/17/2010	10/16/2017	COMMON	4,000

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

BASSETT JOHN E III  
 BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC  
 3525 FAIRYSTONE PARK HWY  
 BASSETT, VA 24055

Vice President Wood Division

## Signatures

John E Bassett  
 III                                      02/24/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Granted under the 1997 Employee Stock Plan which is a rule 16b-3 Plan.

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