UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

( ) Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

GOODWIN, JR., WILLIAM H C C A INDUSTRIES

901 EAST CARY STREET SUITE 1400

RICHMOND, VA 23219

USA

1. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INC BSET

1. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

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1. Statement for Month/Year APRIL 1997
2. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
3. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
	1. Director ( ) 10% Owner ( ) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below)
4. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ( ) Form filed by One Reporting Person

( ) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

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| 1. Title of Security | |2. | |3. |  | |4.Securities Acquired (A) | |5.Amount | of | |6.Dir | |7.Nature of Indirect | | |
|  | | Transaction | | | or Disposed of (D) | | | Securities | |ect | | Beneficial Ownership | | |
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|  | | | | | | | | |  | | | A/| | | | Owned at | |Indir | | | |
|  | | Date | |Code|V| | Amount | | | D | | Price | | End of | Month | |ect(I)| | | |

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| COMMON STOCK | |4-02-9|J\* | |V|141 | |A | |23.875 | |3540 | |D | | | | |
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|  | |4-02-9|J\* | |V|117 | |A | |23.875 | |3657 | |D | | | | |
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|  | |4-02-9|J\* | |V|628 | |A | |23.875 | |4285 | |D | | | | |
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| PURSUANT TO THE 1993 STOCK | | | | | | | | | | | |3000 | |I | |MATTHEW-SON | | |
| PLAN FOR NON-EMPLOYEE DIREC| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Table II -- Derivative Securitites Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |

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| 1.Title of Derivative |2.Con- | |3. | |4. |  | |5.Number of De | |6.Date Exer|7.Title and Amount | |8.Price|9.Number | |10.|11.Nature of| |
| Security | |version | |Transaction | | rivative Secu | |cisable and| | of Underlying | |of Deri|of Deriva | |Dir|Indirect | | |
|  | |or Exer | | | | |  | | rities Acqui | |Expiration | | Securities | |vative | |tive | |ect|Beneficial | | |
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|  | |Price of| | | |  | | posed of(D) | |Day/Year) | | |  | |rity | |Benefi | |or | | | |
|  | |Deriva- | | | |  | | |  | |Date |Expir| |  | | | |ficially | |Ind| | | |
|  | |tive | | | | |  | | | | A/|Exer-|ation| | Title and Number | | | |Owned at | |ire| | | |
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| \*OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)|27.75 | | | | | | | | | | |10-01|3-31-|COMMON | |500 | | | |500 | |D | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |-94 | |2004 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| \*OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)|26.50 | | | | | | | | | | |10-03|4-02-|COMMON | |500 | | | |500 | |D | | | | |
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| \*OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)|25.75 | | | | | | | | | | |10-02|4-02-|COMMON | |500 | | | |500 | |D | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |-96 | |2006 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| \*OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)|23.875 | |4-01-|A | |V|500 | |A | |10-01|4-02-|COMMON | |500 | | | |500 | |D | | | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

\*GRANTED UNDER THE 1993 STOCK PLAN FOR NON-EMPLOYEE

DIRECTORS.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

WILLIAM H GOODWIN, JR.

DATE

4-09-97