

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 MILLER, DOUGLAS W
 BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INC.
 245 MAIN STREET
 P O BOX 626
 BASSETT, VA 24055
 USA
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
 september 1996
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
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4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INC.
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5. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 () Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
 VICE PRESIDENT-ADMINISTRATION
6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
NO STOCK OWNED AT PRESENT TIME	0	D	

Table II -- Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
**OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	1-01-97	5-04-2004 COMMON STOCK	1000 26.25	D	

Explanation of Responses:
 **GRANTED UNDER THE 1993 LONG TERM INCENTIVE PLAN, WHICH IS A RULE 16b-3 PLAN.
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 DOUGLAS W. MILLER
 DATE
 9-11-96