

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 DUNN, SUSAN
 BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INC.
 P O BOX 626
 3525 FAIRYSTONE PARK HWY
 BASSETT, VA 24055
 USA
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
 APRIL 23, 1999
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(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 () Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
 CORPORATE CONTROLLER
6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
 () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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
COMMON STOCK	10	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)	3-29-02 3-28-09	COMMON	4,500 22.875	D	

Explanation of Responses:
 *GRANTED UNDER THE 1997 EMPLOYEE STOCK PLAN WHICH IS A RULE 16b-3 PLAN.
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 SUSAN DUNN
 DATE
 APRIL 19, 1999