

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

(X) Check 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
 BILLY M BRAMMER TTEE WILLIAM, BRAMMER VA TRUST DTD 11-25-93
 BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC
 P O BOX 626
 245 MAIN STREET
 BASSETT, VA 24055
 USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC
 BSET
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
 54-6352503
4. Statement for Month/Year
 September 1996
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other
 (specify below)
 TRUSTEE OF TRUST IS OFFICER OF ISSUER

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

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Price	6. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	7. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	8. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
COMMON STOCK	2-20-96	G	V 394	A	1,323*	D	
*BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP IS EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMED							

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Explanation of Responses:
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 BILLY M BRAMMER TRUSTEE
 DATE
 09-11-96