

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP  
 ( ) Check box if no longer subject to Section 16.  
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).  
 ( ) Form 3 Holdings Reported  
 (X) Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
 DICKSON, ALAN T  
 RUDDICK CORPORATION  
 2000 TWO FIRST UNION CENTER  
 CHARLOTTE, NC 28282  
 USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC  
 BSET
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)  
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4. Statement for Month/Year  
 JANUARY 12, 1998
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 (X) Director ( ) 10% Owner ( ) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other  
 (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (Check Applicable Line)  
 ( ) Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 ( ) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	A/ D	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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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. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	A/ D	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Expirable Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title and Number of Shares	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
*OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	27.75					10-01-94 3-31-2004	COMMON 500		500	D	
*OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	26.50					10-03-95 4-02-2005	COMMON 500		500	D	
*OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	25.75					10-02-96 4-02-2006	COMMON 500		500	D	
*OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	23.875					10-01-97 4-02-2007	COMMON 500		500	D	
*OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	27.75	11-07-97	A	2500	A	5-07-98 11-06-07	COMMON 2500		2500	D	

Explanation of Responses:  
 \*GRANTED UNDER THE 1993 STOCK PLAN FOR NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTORS.  
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
 ALAN T DICKSON  
 DATE  
 1-12-98