

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 JOHNSON, JR., JACK R
 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)
 NOVEMBER 8, 2000
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
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 Officer (give title below) Other
 (specify below)
 VICE PRESIDENT-RETAIL DIVISION
6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 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	1,000	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)	6-27-02 6-27-09	COMMON	6,000 22.563	D	
*OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	1-18-01 1-17-10	COMMON	1,466 14.875	D	
	1-18-02 1-17-10	COMMON	1,467 14.875	D	
	1-18-03 1-17-10	COMMON	1,467 14.875	D	
*OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	6-26-01 6-25-10	COMMON	1,733 11.90625	D	
	6-26-02 6-25-10	COMMON	1,733 11.90625	D	
	6-26-03 6-25-10	COMMON	1,734 11.90625	D	

Explanation of Responses:
 *GRANTED UNDER THE 1997 EMPLOYEE STOCK PLAN.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 JACK R. JOHNSON, JR
 DATE
 NOVEMBER 8, 2000