

= Harry Bassett =

Harry Bassett (1868 ? 1878) was an American Thoroughbred racehorse , winner of the 1871 Belmont Stakes and an outstanding racehorse of the 19th century . He also won a number of other stakes races , and was named the Champion male of his age group in 1870 , 1871 and 1872 . He was retired to stud duties in New Jersey when his five @-@ year racing career ended , having recorded 23 wins from 36 starts . Harry Bassett died in New Jersey in 1878 and was inducted into the United States Racing Hall of Fame in 2010 .

= = Breeding and early life = =

Harry Bassett was a chestnut stallion , foaled on 27 April 1868 , that was sired by Lexington and out of the mare Canary Bird . Canary Bird was by the imported stallion Albion and out of the mare Panola , who was sired by the imported stallion Ainderby . Canary Bird 's second dam , or maternal grandmother , was the imported mare Sweetbriar by Recovery . Harry Bassett was bred either by R. A. Alexander or by A. J. Alexander , both of the Woodburn Stud of Woodburn , Kentucky , and was the second of Canary Bird 's foals . He was sold at the 1869 S. D. Bruce yearling sale to trainer David McDaniel for \$ 315 .

= = Racing career = =

Harry Bassett was trained by his owner David McDaniel ; his jockey was W. Miller . As a two @-@ year @-@ old he won the 1870 Nursery Stakes at Pimlico Race Course , the Central Stakes , the Kentucky Stakes , and the Saratoga Stakes . He made a total of four starts as a two @-@ year @-@ old of which he won three , placing third in the other .

Harry Bassett won the fifth running of the Belmont Stakes in 1871 at Jerome Park Racetrack in a time of 2 minutes 56 seconds . He carried 110 pounds (50 kilograms) pounds in the race , and won \$ 5 @, @ 400 (approximately \$ 107 @, @ 000 as of 2016) for his owner . The race was run on June 10 over a distance of 1 5 ? 8 miles (13 furlongs / 2 @, @ 600 meters) on a fast track . Harry Bassett won by three lengths from the second placed finisher Stockwood ; the third place went to August Belmont 's By The Sea . This was the first of three consecutive wins of the Belmont Stakes by David McDaniel as both owner and trainer , as he went on to win the 1872 race with Joe Daniels and the 1873 race with Springbok .

As a three @-@ year @-@ old , Harry Bassett also won the Jerome Handicap , the Travers Stakes , the Reunion Stakes , the Kenner Stakes , the Champion Stakes and the Jersey Derby . He was undefeated in nine starts at age three .

During his three @-@ year @-@ old year Harry Bassett started 11 times and won eight , finishing second in the remaining three . At four he increased his win record to 14 , with wins in the Westchester Cup and a victory in a 2 miles (3 @, @ 200 m) heat , before he was beaten in the Monmouth Cup by Longfellow . He then won the 2 1 ? 4 mile Saratoga Cup , in which he defeated Longfellow . His jockey in that race was James Rowe , Sr. , who went on to become a leading trainer for James R. Keene . At age five , Harry Bassett started eight times , winning two , placing second in two , and third once . At six , he started four times , winning once and placing third once .

Harry Bassett 's racing career spanned five years and ended with 23 wins from 36 starts ; he finished second five times and third three times . His total earnings on the racetrack were \$ 55 @, @ 920 (approximately \$ 1 @, @ 046 @, @ 000 as of 2016) . He was awarded the title of Champion Two @-@ Year @-@ Old Male in 1870 , the title of Champion Three @-@ Year @-@ Old Male in 1871 , and the Champion Older Horse title in 1872 .

= = Stud record = =

When his racing career ended Harry Bassett was retired to McDaniel 's stud farm in Trenton , New Jersey , where he sired stakes winners such as Bowstring and Lettina out of the imported mare

Letty by imported Australian . Lettina won the Young America Stakes , the Jackson Stakes and the Ladies Stakes in 1881 , when she was two years old .

Harry Bassett died on October 27 , 1878 at McDaniel 's farm in New Jersey . He was inducted into the United States ' National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in 2010 .