

R.021 THE BENNETT FAMILY.

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Source of Information: Data given to me by Mrs. Elwin Thatcher of Brandon, Fla., who is descendent of the Bennett Family.

Robert Bennett 1/ and Elizabeth (Edyne) Bennett had a total of fifteen (15) children, all christened at the Parish Church of Wyvelscombe, Somerset, England. We know little of them but this is a list of those children:

date christened, died, married.

1. Margery Bennett 2/, 25th March 1560.
2. John Bennett 2/, 22 April 1561, died 29 May 1561.
3. Elizabeth Bennett 2/, 31 May 1562; not married.
4. Agnes Bennett 2/, 1st August 1563.
5. Dorothy Bennett 2/, 29th August 1564.
6. John Bennett 2/, 25 March 1566; d. 17 October 1601.
7. Johan Bennett 2/, 1st March 1566/67; d. 8 July 1568.
8. Eleanor Bennett 2/, 5 March 1567/68.
9. Thomas Bennett 2/, 2nd April 1570.
10. Robert Bennett 2/, 27 April 1571, d. between 9 June and 20 Nov. 1623 in Virginia.
11. William Bennett 2/, 15 June 1572 m. Alice Storye on 14th Nov. 1603.
12. Richard Bennett 2/, 9 October 1573, d. 28 August 1626 in Virginia.
13. Johan Bennett 2/, 18th Jan. 1574/75; d. 21 Jan. 1574 or 1575.
14. Christopher Bennett 2/, 6th May 1576.
15. Edward Bennett 2/, 2nd Feb. 1577/78, m. Mary Bourne.

As an adult, Edward Bennett 2/, was a merchant of London. He owned ships that traded back and forth between Virginia and London. He was the first to establish a large plantation in Virginia (Isle of Wight) and he and his family were responsible, over a period of different times, for 800 persons immigration into Virginia. Edward Bennett 2/ did not stay in Virginia but traveled back and forth between England and Virginia.

Edward 2/ received his patent of land in Virginia on 21 November 1621, set up for 200 immigrants. It's location was at a place called "Warrascoyack" after the nearby Indian tribe. On March 22nd of 1622, on Good Friday, a great Indian Massacre occurred and out of 1240 settlers, 347 were killed by the Indians. Edward Bennett's 2/ plantation lost 53

persons that day. As a result the plantation at Warrascoyack was abandoned for a time. A census taken on the 16th February 1624, shows there were thirty-three persons at Warrascoyack. On 7th February 1625, a census shows 1,095 persons at Warrascoyack..

Edward Bennett 2/ was married to Mary Bourne, daughter of Jasper Bourne of Stanmore. They had the following children:

From Parish of St. Olaves (London) Records...

1. Elizabeth Bennett (Jr.) 3/, born May 31, 1629.
2. Silvestra Bennett 3/, born October 25, 1630, died 1706 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. (She married Lt. Colonel Nicholas Hill, thus the HILL-BENNETT Connection).
3. John Bennett 3/, born February 17, 1632.
4. Ann Bennett 3/, born May 13, 1633-34, died May 10, 1634.
5. Jasper Bennett 3/, born May 10, 1634.
6. Mary Bennett 3/, married 1st John Day; 2nd marriage to Thomas Bland and 3rd marriage to Luke Cropley of London on 12th September 1668.

Mary Bennett 3/ is not listed among the birth or baptism records of the St. Olaves Parish of London, so it is assumed she was born and baptized in another location. She married first John Day, second Thomas Bland and third marriage to Luke Corpley, of London.

Silvestra Bennett 3/ married Nicholas Hill and she was his second wife. The first wife (name unknown) had died, leaving three Hill children: Agnes Hill, Ralph Hill and Nicholas Hill Jr.

Nicholas Hill & Silvestra Bennett 3/ had six children of their own: (Figures represent the Bennett generation).

1. George Hill 4/.
2. Martha Hill 4/ m. John Best.
3. Mary Hill 4/ m. John Jennings.
4. Richard Hill 4/.
5. Elizabeth Hill 4/ m. William Thomas.

Only the names of 5 children were listed.. another source says there was a daughter Ann Hill 4/.

On the 30th of September 1664, Sylvestra 3/ and her husband Lt. Colonel Nicholas Hill, received a patent of 750 acres in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, "Being the moiety of 1500 acres of land appurtenant unto the said Sylvestra and her sister, (Mary) who were daughters and co-heirs of Mr. Edward Bennett 2/, deceased, by the riverside in a valley called the Rock."

Nicholas Hill died in October of 1675 and Silvestra Bennett's

3/, will was probated on 9th January 1707 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

Thomas Bennett 3/, son of Robert Bennett 2/, was the executor of his father's will in 1603. He married in Milverton, Somerset, England about 1600 to Ansti Tomson Als Spicer. Thomas Bennett 3/ died on 26th September 1616 at Wivelscombe, Somerset, England. His children were all born in Wivelscombe:

1. Robert Bennett 3/, b. 1st February 1601/02.
2. Thomas Bennett 3/, b. 5th November 1603, m. Agnes Beard. Agnes born ca. 1608.
3. Elizabeth Bennett 3/, b. 4th August 1605, m. on 25 December 1605 to ?? (husband's name omitted).
4. William Bennett 3/, b. 21 March 1607, m. Dorothy Scott.
5. Richard Bennett 3/, b. 6 August 1609, m. Mary Ann Utie, his will proved 12th April 1675; Governor of Virginia.
6. Philip Bennett 3/, b. 22nd May 1611.
7. Johane 3/, b. 22 May 1614, d. 21 August 1616.

Thomas Bennett 3/, son of Thomas 2/, married Agnes Beard on 23 July 1623 and had following children: (all born at Wivelscombe, England)

1. John Bennett 4/, b. 10th July 1624, married Mary Smith.
2. Richard Bennett 4/, b. 21 January 1625, died 21 January 1625.
3. Philip Bennett 4/, b. 6th March 1626/27.
4. Richard Bennett 4/, b. 1628, m. on 12 January 1647 to Mary Stevens.

John Bennett 4/, son of Thomas Bennett 3/, was the first of this line to remain in America. He married Mary Smith, born ca. 1629 in Northumberland County, Virginia. All of their children were born there and John Bennett 4/ died there on the 25th of February 1660. Children were:

1. Robert Bennett 5/, b. ca. 1656.
2. Richard Bennett 5/, b. ca. 1659.
3. Ann Bennett 5/, b. ca. 1660.

Robert Bennett 5/, son of John Bennett 4/, married but name of wife is unknown. They had a son:

1. Thomas Bennett 6/, b. 20th March 1685 in Northumberland County, Virginia.

Thomas Bennett 6/ married on 20th March 1685 in Westmoreland County, Virginia ca. 1713 to Elizabeth Bonum, daughter of Samuel Bonum. All of their children were born in Westmoreland County, Va. They were:

1. William Bennett 7/, b. ca. 1715, d. 18 Sept. 1758.

2. Solomon Bennett 7/, b. ca. 1717.
3. Charles Bennett 7/, b. ca. 1719.
4. Daniel Bennett 7/, b. ca. 1721, d. on 12 March 1785, married Mary Crabbe.
5. Joseph Bennett 7/, b. ca. 1723.
6. Thomas Bennett 7/, b. 31st July 1725, m. Mary Ann Oldham.
7. Mary Bennett 7/, b. ca. 1727, d. 4th July 1786, m. to John Luckman.

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