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and businesses. He painted for "pulp", cowboy and science fiction arts. One of his paintings illustrated the cover of a "pulp art" cowboy collection book. In doing this he amassed an extensive first edition book collection, and complete pulp collections of The Shadow and Wild West Weekly, to name a couple.



Lester and Mary Ruth Belcher

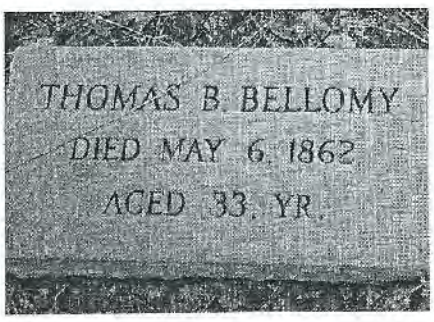
His last years were full ones with his many activities and with his family coming for visits. When not painting, carving or working with his book collections, he had his cats to care for and to keep him company.

Dutchie passed away on 31 December 1995 having lived a very rich and full life. He is greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. *Submitted by: Lana Snodgrass, 20010 McCray Drive, Abingdon, VA 24211-6918. Compiled by: Alan Henderson.*

Sources: personal interview, family records.

169 THOMAS BELLOMY

Thomas Bellomy (1829-1862), buried in the Ingle Family cemetery, married Martha Ingle (1834-1922), daughter of Willis I. and Elizabeth Gregory Ingle. After Thomas' death, Martha married James Alfred.



Thomas B. Bellomy Marker

They had a son William Bellomy born (April 29, 1859), three years before Thomas' death. William, married Margret Catherine Cunningham daughter of Joseph and Lucy Pippin Cunningham. They were the parents of eight children: (1) Thomas; (2) James: (3) Martha; (4) Susann; (5) Fayette; (6) Charlie; (7) Robert; and (8) Lilburn. These were the grandchildren of Thomas and Martha Ingle Bellomy.

The Bellomy families was one of the early families in Washington County, Virginia. They lived near the Ingle Cemetery, where many members of their families are buried. The spelling of the name has changed in the past from Bellomy to Bellamy. This is the spelling the family uses today. See Bellamy and Ingle stories. *Submitted by: Beatrice Bamman Cross, 392 Sportsman Dock Road, Piney Flats, TN 37686; Great-great granddaughter of Thomas Bellomy; Written by: Mary Catherine Morrell, 336 Fillers Road, Piney Flats, TN 37686*

Sources: Family history and cemetery markers.

170 BELLAMY-INGLE-BAMMAN

William M. Bellamy (born April 29, 1859, died ___) married Margaret Catherine Cunningham, daughter of Joseph Cunningham (1833-1916) and Lucy Ann Pippin (1830-1914). William Bellamy, is the son of Thomas Bellamy (1829-1862, buried, Ingle Cemetery, Washington County, Virginia), and Martha Ingle (1834-1922), daughter of Rev. Willis I. and Elizabeth Gregory Ingle. After Thomas Bellamy's death, Martha, married James Alfred.



Beatrice Bamman Cross, Great-Granddaughter of William Bellamy

William and Margaret Bellamy were parents of eight children. The first child, Thomas Bellamy (born, June 11, 1881, died ____ Missouri), married Ethel Pendleton; second James, (buried, Ingle cemetery); third, Martha married William Tallent, she died in Missouri; fourth, Susan (Susie) married Jeff Bammons, he is buried in the Buffalo Church Cemetery, Bluff City, Tennessee. They were parents of ten children, Bill married Beulah Thompson; Tom married Denna Hodges, they had two children, Tommy, and Beatrice married Earl Gross; Otis married Betty Mae Wise; Hubert; Pearl married Erby Houser; Eliza married Albert Houser; Ruby married James Tittle; Nig married Anna Lee ____; Bertha married ____ Sproles; a son buried in the Ingle Cemetery. Fifth Child, Fayette Bellamy (April 11,___, buried Ingle cemetery), married Lucy Moore; sixth child, Charlie Bellamy (August 25,___, buried Ingle cemetery), never married; seventh child, Robert (May 8,___), married Nettie Trent, they lived in Piney Flats, Tennessee, their children are: Howard, Bradley, Cleo, Ruth, Virginia, Thelma, Dorothy; eighth child, Lilburn Bellamy (Sept. 28, 1896) married Lula Wolf (born February 14, 1898), they lived in Abingdon, Virginia.

Jeff and wife Susie Bellamy Bamman, lived at Piney Flats, Tennessee. Their son, Tom, and granddaughter Beatrice Bamman Cross and her husband Earl live here at the present time. See related Ingle story. *Submitted by: Beatrice Cross, 392 Sportsman Dock Road, Piney Flats, TN; Great-granddaughter of William and Margaret Bellamy; Written by: Mary Catherine Morrell, 336 Fillers Road, Piney Flats, TN 37686.*

Source: Family records, Bible and cemetery records.

171 BENHAM FAMILY

John and Mary (Hobbs) Benham came from Maryland to the North Fork of the Holston River area. They settled on land west of what is now Mendota. Mary's parents, Vincent and Mary (Shelby) Hobbs, owned adjoining land. According to various deeds and surveys, John owned large amounts of land in Washington and Lee Counties, Virginia.

John's will was proved in court 19 August 1800. It shows they lived on land that was then in Washington County (Will Book 1, Page 254), but is now in Scott County. John built a fort on this land to protect the people of the area from the dangers of the frontier days. He also brought the Benham apple to this area.

John and Mary had eleven children, one of whom was William. On 22 May 1799, he married Mary (Polly) Hensley (daughter of Samuel and Eleanor (Elliott) Hensley). William and Polly had six children: John, Samuel who married Susan Isley, Catherine who married Peter Livingston, Joel who married Sarah (Sallie) Hilton, Sampson who married Nancy Osborne, and Isaac.

William enlisted in the service of the United States at Blountville, Tennessee on 3 March 1814 during the War of 1812. He served under Captain Turner and was killed in Canada on 11 December 1814. After his death his widow got a pension of $3.50 per month. When John, the oldest son, came of age he claimed for the family 160 acres of bounty land for the death of William.

It is not known where William is buried. Polly, who died 15 October 1862 at Rocky Point, Virginia, is thought to be buried in the Benham family cemetery along side her son Joel and daughter-in-law Sallie (Hilton) Benham (daughter of Jonathan and Fannie Hilton) who she lived with until her death. The cemetery is near the Benham pond - a large, clear pond covering approximately one acre of land.

Joel (11 May 1806-September 1889) and Sallie (10 July 1815-20 July 1876) were my great-grandparents. They married 4 January 1838 and had seven children: Polly who married Andrew Moore, John who died at age 18, Francis (Fannie) who married William James Johnson, Catherine who married John Wolfe, Mariah who married John Dorton, Isaac who married Sallie Smith and William who married Cordelia Wolfe.

My grandparents, Fannie (11 April 1845-29 March 1919) and William James (23 June 1831-9 April 1891), married on 7 October 1869 and had eight children: Isaac, Victoria, who married Isaac Hensley, John who married first Hannah Johnson and second Susie Crussell, Charles who married Mollie Cowan, Kate, William who married Ethel Cressell (my parents), an unnamed son, and Minnie. William James and Fannie are buried in Bailey cemetery on Reedy Creek Road.

For more information on the Benham family and their descendants see the Hensley family file compiled by Mary (Hensley) Everson who also helped with this research. Also, see the Benham family file. Both are in the Washington County Historical Society Library at Abingdon, Virginia.

I am a sixth-generation descendant of John and Mary (Hobbs) Benham. Mary Everson is a seventh-generation descendant. *Submitted by: Clinton Johnson, 262 Boozle Creek Road, Bristol, VA 24202.*

Sources: *Early Settlers of Lee and Adjoining Counties*, National Archives records, court records, cemetery records, Bible records, and personal knowledge.

172 BERRY FAMILY, PART I

*Thomas Berry, 1718-16 Dec. 1798, believed to be born in the Scotch-Irish settlements of Lancaster, Pa. The son of *James Berry and Elizabeth Davis. *Thomas married Mary Buchanan about 1738 and shortly thereafter with parents, brothers & sisters moved to Augusta County, Va. Augusta County deed book 3, page 65, Nov. 29, 1750, deeds 149 acres to Thomas' father, *James from Campbell, and deed book 5, page 125, dated Mar. 1, 1753 from William Berry to *Thomas Berry 65 acres on Moffet's Creek. This proves that *Thomas was in Virginia prior to 1750. *Thomas Berry and Mary Buchanan Berry had five children, *James, William, Thomas,

(circa 1672-1740). Robert's great-grandfather was Curtis Land I. (circa 1625-circa 1683) who came from England before 1658. Children: William, Benjamin W. Sr., Elizabeth and Nancy.

William Land Hite (1785-1823) of Lunenberg County, married in 1814 Elizabeth Mitchell (1790-1826) of Brunswick County, Virginia. Children: Mary, Edmund, Walter, James and William.

Walter Webb Hite (1819-1854) married in 1843 Lucy Ann Floyd Simmons (1826-1882) daughter of William Baugh and Nancy Watkins (Ogburn) Simmons. She was a granddaughter of John (circa 1770-1838) and Elizabeth (Baugh) Simmons, and the Rev. Charles and Angelina (Clark) Peet Ogburn, all of Mecklenburg County, Virginia and the great-granddaughter of John (died 1774)and Tabitha (Neblett) Ogburn and James (died 1783) and Sarah Clark of Northampton County, North Carolina. Children: Ida, Julius, Molly and Devereau.

Ida Hart Hite (1844-1920) married in 1866 James McAden Butterworth, son of Telemachus Miller and Elizabeth Agnes (1824-1902) (McAden) Butterworth of Petersburg and South Hill, Virginia, and grandson of the Rev. James Ashley (1795-1889) and Ann Baugh (Simmons) McAden. He was the great-grandson of William (1765-1801) and Janet (McMurray) McAden and great-great-grandson of the Rev. Hugh (circa 1730-1781) and Catherine (Scott McAden of Casell County, North Carolina, and great-great-great-grandson of John Scott of Lunenburg County and John McAden of Pennsylvania who is said to be from Scotland. After graduating from the College of New Jersey predecessor of Princeton University, Hugh was a missionary before being ordained a Presbyterian minister. Telemachus "Lem" Butterworth (1815-1885), son of John and Joyce Fauntleroy (Billups), was a grandson of Augustine and Hannah Billups and grandson of Charles and Sarah (Price) Butterworth, all of Petersburg, Virginia. Children: Lillie, John Emmett, Annette and Waverly.

Lillie Miller Butterworth (1868-1936) married in 1891 Headley Howard Rose (1867-1936) a son of Dr. Latinus Irving and Portia Augusta (McKoy) Rose of "Rosemont" LaCrosse, Virginia, and grandson of Henry and Martha (Malone) Rose of Brunswick County, Virginia, and Dr. William and Ann (Hall) McKoy of Clinton, North Carolina. He was a great-grandson of John (1754-1792) and Elizabeth (Davis) Rose of Brunswick County, and Michael (circa 1748-1797) and Ann (Shane) Malone of Sussex County, Virginia and Alexander (1746-1830) and Jane McKoy (originally McKay) and Almand (1772-1831) and Ann (Howard) Hall, a daughter of Thomas Howard of Wilmington, North Carolina. Children: Finley, Nelda, Annette and Ruby.

Ruby Howard Rose (1904-1985) married in 1934 W. Perry Miller (1900-1967), son of William and Ida (Williams) Miller of Pomona. Children: Rubinette, born 1935, married 1968, to John "Jack" Paul Niemann, and settling in Abingdon, Virginia, in 1985; and Elizabeth, born 1940, retired in 1992 to Abingdon after 24 years of nursing in Lynchburg, Virginia.

There is no known connection between Josh Hite, who settled in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and Hites who settled in eastern Virginia. The Washington County Hites descend from the Sussex County Hites.

See "Hedges", "Robinson" and "Woodson" families. *Submitted by: John W. Niemann, 1266 Helmstetler Road, Lexington, NC 27292., Researched by: Rubinette M. Niemann, 19213 Triple Crown Dr., Abingdon, VA 24211.*

Source: *Our Heritage, Miller-Rose, Niemann-Hedges 1520-1991* by R. Niemann; *Rev. Hugh McAden and His Descendants* by Mary McAden Satterfield, Dr. Ben Lacy Rose, John P. and Rubinette Niemann.

488 VINCENT HOBBS PART I

Vincent Hobbs was our immigrant ancestor. There is an unproven tradition that he came from England to the United States in 1735 with two brothers. There is also some evidence that he came here from Wales, although Hobbs is not a Welsh name. His friend and probable relative by marriage, Evan Shelby, Jr., came to the United States the same year with his family from Tregaron, Wales. Both eventually settled in Maryland. Vincent married Mary Hannah Shelby, thought to be Evan, Jr.'s sister or cousin.

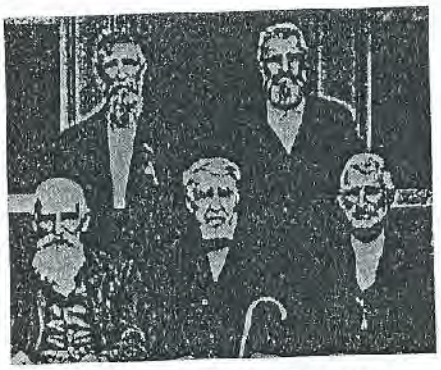
Vincent was in southwest Virginia by 1771. In 1774 he is listed with Captain Joseph Cloyd's company and again with Henry Patton's detachment in Dunmore's War.

In 1776, Vincent and Mary settled with their children and their children's spouses on 300 acres of land on the north Fork of the Holston River in Washington County. That same year, Vincent served in Captain Evan Shelby's company on the Nolichucky. He is documented as serving in the Revolutionary War. They later made their home on the bank of the Powell River about two miles below DeBusk Mill near Dryden in Lee County and are said to be buried there.

Children were: 1) Ezekiel married first a woman whose name is unknown; married second Elizabeth Lilley; 2) Vincent II never married; known as tracker and hunter; organized rescue party to save the kidnapped Livingstons and killed their abductor, the half white, half Indian Benge for which the Virginia State Council awarded him a silver-mounted rifle presented by Col. Arthur Campbell; feted in Abingdon years later on his return there for stopping the Indian raids in that area; also killed Buck Elk in Tennessee; died in Tennessee; 3) Abner married Peggy Rigder; 4) Joel; 5) William; 6) James; 7) Mary Ann (Polly) married John Benham; known as fine hunter; the Benham apple, Benham Spur, where he had a hunting camp, and the town of Benham, Kentucky, are named for him; they settled on the Elkanah Pennington farm, now Dryden. 8) Rachel married John Russell; believed to be the same Russell to whose home Daniel Boone sent his son for supplies; a party of Shawnees returning from a raid on the Cherokees surprised the boy and his companions, and Boone's and Russell's sons were killed. 9) Rebecca married William Blanton; 10) * Absolom born Maryland, married first Susan Helvey, daughter of Susan and Henry Helvey of Montgomery County; married second ca. 1825 in Lee County, Mary Ann (Polly) Olinger, born July 20, 1795; daughter of Eve Siler/Saylor and John Christopher (Stopnel) Olinger. The town of Olinger is named for this family. As a young man, Absolom was a member of the party headed by Vincent II which rescued the Livingstons from the notorious Benge; purchased a farm near Dryden with two loads of wild cherry wood which he sawed and floated down Powell River to Florence, Alabama, for $600; Absolom died between 1840 and 1842; Polly died November 14, 1867. *Submitted by: Elaine F. Hobbs, P.O. Box 240364, Douglas, AK 99824*

489 VINCENT HOBBS - PART II

Children of Absalom and Polly Olinger Hobbs: 1) * Vincent born 1827 in Lee County; married Clarenda Creech, daughter of Elijah and Nancy Wells Creech of Dryden; enlisted Augus. 13, 1862 in 64th Virginia Infantry (mounted) as Confederate soldier; captured Cumberland Gap, 1863; imprisoned at Camp Douglas, Illinois; after two years, contracted scurvy, sent to Chimborazo Hospital; furloughed; died on the way home of fever, 1865; buried in Montgomery County, Virginia; 2) DeWitt Clinton (Clint) born December 9, 1831, married Margaret A. Hartman; died 1926; 3) Jacob Bolivar (Jake) married Lucinda Sword; 4) Caleb (Cale) married Nancy Sallings; 5) Joshua Ewing (Josh) married first Emily Flanary; married second Mary Fletcher Crabtree; 6) David Crockett (Dave or Uncle Davy); married Mollie Sinclair; 7) Margaret (Peggy) Ann married Eli Buckles



Clint, Dave, Jake, Josh and Cale Hobbs

Our grandfather Will told the story that when Vincent was away at war, word came that the Yankees were coming to forage for food in their area. The boys had just harvested some black walnuts and quickly hid them under the floorboards of a shed. The Yankees never found them. Although the boys recovered most of the walnuts, one of them must have remained, for after the shed was torn down a black walnut tree grew up on the site and became a reminder of that day.

Children of Vincent and Clarenda: 1) Henry C.; 2) Vincent (Vin) died May 22, 1901; 3) Zachary Taylor (Zack) born November 31, 1854; died March 25, 1903 Atlanta, Indiana; 4) Clinton (Clint) married ____; 5) George Washington buried in Albion, Iowa; 6) David Crockett (Dave) married Anna V. Gwinn; 7) Mary A. married ____ Kinsler; 8) * William Harrison (Will) born May 29, 1859; married Flora Elizabeth Nickels, daughter of Lucy Gray and Stephen Jett Nickels of Wood (Nicklesville named for Stephen's relatives); moved to Atlanta, Indiana; Flora died September 8, 1922; Will died February 23, 1927; both buried in Church of the Brethren Cemetery near Atlanta, Indiana.

1) Anna Laura (Anne) born September 29, 1896 in Dryden; married Wilbur Agate Schmitt; died Greenwood, Indiana, August 13, 1983; 2) Rebecca Agnes (Reba) born July 20, 1898, died of tuberculosis May 9, 1928; 3) Lillian Mae born May 2, 1905; married Denton Moore; divorced; died March 7, 1982, Indianapolis. 4) * Charles Edison (Charlie) born September 29, 1907 Atlanta, Indiana; married May 28, 1935, Hollywood, California, to Ruth Margaret Brookie, born June 2, 1907, Frankfort, Indiana; Ruth was a nurse, and Charles worked for United Airlines; Ruth died October 1, 1986, Pomona, California; Charles died November 25, 1991, Juneau, Alaska. 1) Carolyn Ann born October 7, 1938, Frankfort, Indiana; married Arthur Herold Peterson October 16, 1964; 2) Elaine Francine born November 21, 1944, Glendale, California. 5) Virginia Elizabeth (Ginny) born May 21, 1910; married Alan Bill (Englishman); died February 16, 1954.

Carolyn and Elaine live near Juneau, Alaska. They are the last Hobbses of this branch of the family and invite anyone to exchange information. *Submitted by: Elaine F. Hobbs, PO Box 240364, Douglas, AK 99824.*

Sources: County and federal records; newspaper clippings; Early Settlers of Lee County, Virginia and Adjacent Counties; compiled by Anna M. Wynn Lanningham and Hattie Byrd Muncie Bales; Calendar of Virginia State Papers and Other Manuscripts: Early Adventurers on the Western Waters; Draper Manuscripts; Journal of the Council of State, the Library of Virginia; Rolla Hobbs Papers, Tipton County Library, Indiana; Oral History of Charles Edison Hobbs, Juneau, Alaska.