

My Beverly line was a son by his last wife, Catherine Hone Beverly who was the daughter of Major Theophilus Hone. As one of the younger sons, he did not inherit land in Tidewater but did make his way to North Carolina where he left many descendants including those who came back to Southwest Virginia. As far back in my research as the year 1100, I have read of the Beverly and Hill lines owning land together either through friendships or marriages. So we are rich in history not only in America but also in England.

From one of my research sources by W.G. Stanard in his article in the Virginia Historical Magazine, he stated: "The family of Beverly was an old and respectable one in the county of York, England. At the time of the Reformation a member as one of the Commissioners for suppressing the northern monasteries, and received some grants of church lands. The family became divided into two branches, resident at Beverly (town) and Selby and Great Smeaton. According to the account which has been handed down in Virginia, and also that given by BURKES LANDED GENTRY, Robert Beverly the Immigrant to Virginia was from the town of Beverly. Burke also states that his Yorkshire estate was sold to the Pennyman family. It is probable that Major Robert Beverly of Virginia was a near relative of Major John Beverly of Yorkshire, who was a Royalist, and was one of the intended Knights of the Royal Oak (Burke's Commoners) Robert Beverly himself says that his heart had been filled from his youth up with loyalty to his King.

He came to Virginia about 1663 and settled in Middlesex County, of which he was a Justice in 1670. He soon obtained great influence with that body, and became one of the leading men of the colony, standing as high in the good opinion of the Governor as of the House. From the outbreak of Bacon's Rebellion, he was a heavy supporter of Berkeley and one of Bacon's early proclamations included Beverly among the "wicked and pernitiours Councelors, aiders and assistors (of Berkeley) against the Commonalty in these Curell Commotions."

He went with the Governor to the Eastern shore, but was sent back across the bay with a force of twenty or thirty men to do what he could towards suppressing the insurgents. In this he was very active and successful, and even his bitterest enemies seem to have acknowledged, as his son says: "One Major Robert Beverly was the most active and successful commander on Berkeley's side" (Beverley's History of Virginia). On November 3, 1676, Berkeley gave him a commission (addressed to officers of all ships in Virginia) as a "faithful and principal soldier", and on November 13th, gave him another, appointing him commander of his Sacred Majesty, this countrey, and me, his Majesties Governor of it: Major Robert Beverly has approved himself to be most loyall, circumspect, and curagious in his Majesties service for the good of his countrey, and the suppressing this late horrid Rebellion, began by Bacon, and continued since his death by Ingram, Lawrence, Hansford and others, the last of which he the said Robert Beverly, with Courage and admirabel conduct, never to be forgotten, this day brought to me."

All of the article and other writings including this son Robert's book, written originally in 1705, gave many details of the early experiences that placed our ancestors into the history of our state and country's making.

In closing, my growing love and appreciation for our family is enriching my life with new appreciation for all the struggles, pain and sacrifice given for us to enjoy the lives we have today. Many of their beliefs and values led them to seek a new country, or new home in the new country and strong opinions of right and wrong ways to live and work. The value of believing in God, being good to family and neighbors, and getting as much education as possible is underlying all that most of still value and believe in our family. The evidence of being good workers with seeking God's guidance in our lives is apparent in our ongoing love of family and effort to contribute to the community we live in.

If Grandma & Grandpa Hill were alive today, I feel they would be pleased to see the "results of their efforts" and continuation of the family line. It is my belief that they do live on through us and with us in spirit and from all they taught us while here on earth. I only hope and pray that we continue to love and grow by what we are teaching our descendants today."

JOHN BEVERLY, SR.

John Beverly, a member of Yorkshire family, came to York county, Virginia in the late seventeenth century. A few years later he moved to the coastal plain of North Carolina where he became a surveyor and planter. He died in Bertie Co., North Carolina in 1737, leaving his plantation jointly to his two sons, Robert and John. The plantation was called "The Manor". Among his children were:

1. Robert Beverly
2. John Beverly, Jr.

JOHN BEVERLY, JR.

John Beverly, Jr., married Margaret, whose last name is not known. John died in Orange County, N.C. in 1767, leaving his wife Margaret and children, among which was one Elijah Beverly.

1. ELIJAH BEVERLY, b. 1763, St. Asphahs District, Orange Co., N.C.

Other children who were thought to be children of John and Margaret Beverly are:

2. William Beverly
3. John Beverly
4. Jesse Beverly
5. Hannah Beverly

The following was written by Walter Frazier Beverly, Oct 4, 1936.

Elijah Beverly, Sr., the ancestor of the Beverlys of Southwest Virginia, was a native of Orange County, North Carolina, where he was born about 1763, in St. Aspah's District. He died, after having lived for various periods in several counties in Southwest Virginia, at on near what is now Coeburn, which in his lifetime was called Guests Station because it had been a camping site of the noted Christopher Gist. He had no formal education, but was highly skilled in the art of weaving. Fancy articles in the way of doilies, table cloths, bed spreads, and other linen fabrics, the work of his expert hands, are extant and to be found among families of Wise and Neighboring counties in Virginia and Kentucky. Until quite recently remnants of his loom, a bit of wooden machinery of complicated pattern, was in the possession of his granddaughter, Mrs. Sarah Anderson, who lived near Ramsey.

The first glimpse afforded us of this honest and clever weaver is his marriage bond in the files of the Orange County, North Carolina records. It is dated May 3, 1787, and it is signed by Joel Ramsey, a fact of interest to the student of Wise County genealogy. The father of the weaver was John Beverly, Jr., who died in Orange County, North Carolina, in 1763, leaving his wife, Margaret, John Beverly, III, a son who was born in 1742; Jessee, who with John had a hectic career during the Revolutionary War days, and Hannah a daughter.

John Beverly, Sr., the grandfather of Elijah Beverly, Sr., died in Bertie County, North Carolina, in 1737, leaving jointly to his two sons, Robert and John Jr., "The Manor Plantation". A native of England, He had immigrated to York County, Virginia 1699. In 1710, he had moved into the coastal region of North Carolina, where he was first a surveyor and later a planter. He had much trouble with the Indians while carving out a home in the wilderness. He was a member of the family of Major Robert Beverly of Yorkshire, England, who settled at Jamestown, Virginia in 1660.

Elijah Beverly, Sr., married Mary Freeman, a daughter of William Freeman, a Revolutionary soldier who was born in Bertie County, North Carolina, and whose will is in the records of Surry County, North Carolina dated May 1802. Mary Freeman, one of a family of ten children was born in 1767, and she was therefore twenty years old in 1787 when she cast her lot with the weaver, whose father had been joint heir to the Manor Plantation. During more then two centuries the Beverlys have been getters and spenders, winners and losers, along with some of their neighbors. This courageous Mary, who after much weary wandering, arrived with her husband and a large family at Coeburn, had in her veins the blood of good New England Puritan stock, being a direct descendant of William Brewster, first settlers of Massachusetts.

By 1794 Elijah Beverly, Sr., and his wife were settled temporarily with their loom in Grayson County, Va., having turned their steps toward the state to which Elijah's grandfather had come, an emigrant nearly a century before. We find them further

westward by 1800 in Wythe County, where their first son, Robert, was born in 1800. The first child, Hannah, they brought with them from North Carolina. Abigail, who married Richard Baker, was born there in 1801. Freeman Beverly, their second son was born there in 1806.

The pioneers next moved to Tazewell County where they lived near Dial Rock. There Elijah Beverly, Jr. was born. He was their third and youngest son and was born in 1809. And there Hannah married Jacob Butcher and moved to Kentucky, near Pikeville, on Chloe Creek near the mouth of Shelby River. There the boys began to grow to manhood, and there Sarah married James Lambert and remained with him in Kentucky. As early as 1814 they reached their last earthly home at Guests Station, now Coeburn, in what is now Wise County. The late Joel Beverly of Coeburn was their grandson...

Robert Beverly, the oldest son, married Elizabeth Dotson, the daughter of Thomas and Abigail Hillman Dotson, and they lived all their days in Wise County. Their descendants, and they are numerous, intermarried with the Gilliams, the Davises, the Millers, and other Wise County families. W. Sherman Beverly, of Big Stone Gap is Robert's grandson.

Freeman Beverly, Elijah's second son, married Unice, a daughter of his father's old friend, Joel Ramsey, a Revolutionary War soldier, who married Polly Belcher of another Wise County family. Freeman Beverly and his wife reared a family of twelve children, three boys and nine girls. Of these Sylvester married (first) Mary Culbertson and (second) Martha Wampler and died of small pox in the Confederate Army. Matilda married James Martin. John Freeman Beverly married Phoebe Jane Huff, the daughter of Charles and Polly Dotson Huff. Polly Beverly married her cousin, Nathaniel Beverly, son of Elijah Beverly, Jr. Letitia married Berry Dickerson. Cynthia married Daniel Stidham. Jennie married Dr. John P. Horne. Clara married (first) Rev. David Nickels and (second) Aaron Wells. Sarah married James Anderson. Joel Beverly married Zuella Nash, daughter of William Nash. Dilly married William Culbertson. These twelve and their mates lived in Wise County and their progeny is very numerous.

Elijah Beverly, Jr., the third and youngest son of Elijah Sr., married Nancy, daughter of Nelson Hamilton. (Error here. She is the daughter of Schuyler Hamilton-F.L.S.) He owned large tracts of land, as much as 1000 acres in one survey in 1854 in what was then Russell County. He has numerous descendants now in Dickenson County. The late Frank Monroe Beverly, "the poet of the Cumberlands" of Clintwood, was a grandson of his. These Beverlys intermarried with the Powers, the Blessings, the Hatfields, the Stanleys, the Gentrys, the Vanovers, the Flemings and Crabtrees.

Freeman Beverly lived first with his wife in Nettlepatch. Later he lived in a double log house near Coeburn. This I believe had been the home of Elijah Beverly, Sr., from 1814 to 1835, when he died in February of the latter year, during "the great cold spell".

Mary Freeman Beverly, who's pet name was Polly, survived him some years. Freeman Beverly died about 1890. The double log house, I believe, passed into the hands of Freeman's youngest son, Joel, who died within easy memory of the present generation. Freeman Beverly, evidently was something of a character. He was reputed to have been a faith healer. He shaved every other night, and was as "neat as a pin." His favorite by-word uttered on every occasion was "Pimeblank", a corruption of point blank.

The Nettlepatch home of Freeman Beverly, is still standing after eighty-five years. He and his sons sawed boards from logs by hand for this house. The doors were made of walnut. It was later owned by a Brown, by a Smith and in 1925, by Mrs. Sally Easterling.

Freeman's oldest son, John Freeman Beverly, built his first house nearby, not far from the "burning wells". He made Polpar pipes for the gas, with which he lighted the house. This house was still standing in 1925. By: Walter Frazier Beverly

Elijah Beverly, Sr., son of John and Margaret Beverly, was "bound out" at the age of three year old to learn the trade and occupation of a weaver. From the Orange County Court minutes: 13th Aug 1765, "ordered that Elijah Beverly (age three years) son of John Beverly (deceased) bound to Henry Doyle to learn the trade and occupation of a weaver."

Elijah having been bound out to learn that valuable trade was probably a blessing in disguise as this was his souch of livelihood which he carried with him into West Virginia, Kentucky, and finally into Southwest Viriginia settling at Guest Station, now Coeburn, Va. He was living in Grayson County, Va., in 1794. He married Mary Freeman on May 3, 1787 in Orange County, N.C. Mary was born 1767, daughter of William Freeman, b. Bertie County, N.C., a Rev. War Soldier. Elijah Beverly died 1835 during "the great cold spell" at Castlewood, Va., and is buried at Coeburn, Va., probably in the Tacoma area.

The Russell County, Va., tax list shows Elijah Beverly was there as early as 1815. Our noted Historian, Luther F. Addington, states in his book, THE STORY OF WISE COUNTY that Elijah Beverly settled at Guests Station about 1820. That he was a weaver of fine linen and his old loom, "quite an intricate piece of mechanism" was lately in the possession of his granddaughter, Mrs. Sarah Anderson, of Clear Creek. In early court records before Wise County was formed we have a record of "an Application of Elijah Beverly, Sr. and others who filed their petition praying for a new road from Simon Dotson's on Guesses River to Freeman Beverly's grist mill on said river, and it is ordered that Reuben Steele, John Stanley, Simon Dotson and William Dotson be appointed to view the ground. This order established the beginnig of the present highway leading from Norton to Coeburn long before either town existed.

Children of Elijah and Mary Freeman Beverly:

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2. ROBERT S. BEVERLY, b. 1800, Wythe Co., Va., m. Elizabeth "Betty" Dotson, daughter of Simon and Phoebe Hollingsworth Dotson. They first lived on the Coeburn\Wise Mountain road on the land where Clinch Valley College is located. They later moved to the Hurricane section about a mile from Wise. These are the ancestors of the Hurricane Beverlys. They are buried at the Beverly Cemetery in the Hurricane at their old homeplace. Children of Robert S. "Bobby" and Elizabeth Dotson Beverly are:

1. Robert Beverly, Jr., b. Dec 17, 1828, m. Mahala Gilliam.
2. William Lane Beverly, b. 1832, m. Anna Thaltress
3. George Washington Beverly, m. Rebecca Miller (2) Martha Miller.
4. Hiram Beverly, b. 1835, moved to Ky., no data.
5. Simon S. Beverly, b Nov 2, 1840 (died young)
6. Phoebe Jane Beverly, b. 1846, m. William Baldrich
7. Sarah Margaret Beverly, m. James Vanderpool

3. ABIGAIL BEVERLY, b. 1805, Wythe County, Va., m. Richard Baker, son of Richard and Mary Mullins Baker. They came to Russell County, Virginia with their parents who settled at Guests Station. They moved to Cranesnest near Pound, Va. They are buried at the Jim Baker Cemetery on Bold Camp. Their children are:

1. Samuel Patrick Baker, b. 1822, m. Malinda Beverly.
2. Amanda Baker, b. 1824, m. Charles Hibbitts, Sr.
3. Mary "Polly" Baker, m. James Butcher, moved to Kentucky.
4. Susanna Baker, b. 1828, m. David Stallard, lived on Bold Camp.
5. Cornelious (Hick) Baker, b. 1829, m. Socia Hammonds.
6. Nancy Baker, m. Thomas Webb, moved to Allen, Ky.
7. George Baker, died young.
8. America Baker, b. May 27, 1832, m. Basil B. Mullins, Bold Camp.
9. John Baker, b. 1833, m. Elizabeth Ragsdale Gordon.
10. Sarah "Sallie" Baker, m. Samuel Vanover
11. Eliza Baker, b. 1844, m. Ben Hubbard
12. Richard Baker III, b. Feb 22, 1846, m. Margaret Gentry.

4. FREEMAN BEVERLY, b. 1806, m. Eunice Ramsey "Unicy" daughter of Joel Ramsey. They lived at Nettlepatch near Ramsey. Freeman was a weaver and operated a grist mill. Tradition says he was an old time "witch doctor" and "faith healer". He is said to have built the first house in that vicinity. Children:

1. Sylvester Beverly, m. Mary Culbertson, m. 2nd. Martha Wampler.
2. Matilda Beverly, m. James Martin
3. John F. Beverly, b. Phoebe Jane Huff
4. Polly Beverly, m. Nathaniel Beverly
5. Latitia Beverly, m. Berry Dickerson
6. Cynthia Beverly, m. Daniel Stidham

7. Virginia "Jennie" Beverly, m. Dr. John P. Horne.
8. Clara Beverly, m. David Nickels, m. 2nd. Aaron Wells.
9. Sarah E. Beverly, m. James Anderson
10. Joel Beverly, b. Zuella Nash
11. Adelin W. "Dilly" Beverly, m. William Culbertson
12. Unicy Beverly, lived at Hanging Rock, Ohio., m. A.J. Roberts.
13. Arminta Beverly, b. 1860

5. ELIJAH BEVERLY, JR., b. 1809, Tazewell County, Va. (more later)

6. SARAH BEVERLY

7. JUDAH BEVERLY, m. Edward Baker

8. POLLY BEVERLY m. James Lambert, b. Wythe Co., Va. They moved to Pike Co., Ky. on Robinson Creek. They raised their family there, then moved to Dickenson County, Va., to live with their son, Robert Lambert. They were buried on the homestead of Elijah Beverly, Jr. She died 1882. He died 1881. Children:

1. Elijah Lambert, b. 1832, Va.
2. Erastus Lambert, b. 1834, Va.
3. Samuel Lambert, b. 1837, Va.
4. Lucinda Lambert, b. 1841, Va.
5. Joseph Lambert, b. 1843, Va.
6. Mary J. Lambert, b. 1845
7. Robert Lambert, b. 1848, Va.
8. James M. Lambert, b. Aug 9, 1851, Scott Co., Va.
9. Anny Lambert, b. 1857, Ky.

9. SAMULEL BEVERLY, son of Elijah and Mary Freeman Beverly, drowned in the Big Sandy River while his parents lived in that locality. He was buried on Chloe Creek, in (now) Pike County.

ELIJAH BEVERLY JR. and NANCY HAMILTON

Elijah Beverly, Jr., son of Elijah Beverly, Sr., and Mary Freeman Beverly, m. Nancy Hamilton, b. ca. 1810-1812 at Ramsey near Norton, Va., daughter of Schuyler and Susanna Dotson Hamilton of Ramsey, which was then Russell County, Va.

While they lived in Russell County, Elijah was Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Boyd. He was also a Justice of the Peace in Wise County. He served in the first Jury of Wise County at at trial of Beverly Dickenson for the murder of Alexander Carico, which occurred at Gladeville, (now Wise) on the day Wise County was formed.

Elijah purchased a tract of land in Russell County, December 9, 1851 from the Warders on the waters of Honey Camp Branch and Longs Fork of Cranesnest River, which consisted of 1021 acres. This land was later in Wise and finally Dickenson County, as the new counties were formed. Descendants of Elijah's family say this boundary actually consisted of about 3000 acres even though the deed called for 1021 acres.

On this farm, Elijah cleared land and built a two-story house. It had two rooms made from fine logs and a "stick and clay"

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to have been the finest house in the area at that time. This house
stood for over 60 years and was occupied, then torn down and moved
for a stock barn.

While living there Elijah kept bees and had honey in large log
troughs in his smoke house all year around. Some say this is how
Honey Camp got it's name.

On October 18, 1858, Elijah sold his land to Samuel Horn and
in 1861 on the eve of the Civil War, Elijah and his family left for
McDowell County, now West Virginia, where they lived until the war
was over. Some of their children married and continued to live
there. Elijah and Nancy and their other children returned to Wise
County, (then) on Longs Fork. Nancy died there and thereafter
Elijah lived among his children. He died at the home of his son
James H. Beverly and was buried alongside his wife at the old farm
at Honeycamp. Children of Elijah Beverly, Jr. and Nancy Hamilton
Beverly are:

1. REBECCA BEVERLY, b. Mar 20, 1832
2. James Harmon Beverly, b. ca. 1834
3. William Walter Beverly, b. Mar 3, 1836
4. Schuyler Beverly, b. Mar 21, 1840, Russell co., Va.
5. Nathan Beverly, b. 1841
6. Alexander Beverly, b. 1843
7. David Crockett Beverly, b. ca. 1845
9. Sarah "Sallie" Beverly, b. ca. 1846
10. Malinda Elizabeth Beverly, b. May 5, 1854
11. Child Un-named, born dead, Apr 17, 1856
12. John Manerce Beverly, b. Jun 24, 1857

REBECCA BEVERLY and JAMES STANLEY

Rebecca Beverly, daughter of Elijah Beverly, Jr., and Nancy
Hamilton Beverly, m. Aug 10, 1849, Letcher County, Ky., to James
Stanley, b. Mar 20, 1822 in Kentucky. He was the son of George and
Winney Roberts Stanley. James traveled to Virginia and settled
(then) in Russell, later Wise, and finally Dickenson County, Va.,
as new counties were formed. They settled on Longs Fork near
Georges Fork at a place later called "Stanley Gap". Children:

1. Mary "Polly" Stanley, b. Sept 1852
2. Floyd Stanley, b. Mar 22, 1853
3. Winney Stanley, b. ca. 1855
4. George Washington Stanley, b. Apr 2, 1857, Wise Co., Va.
5. Nancy Jane Stanley, b. Jan 10, 1859, Wise Co., Va.
6. Sarah "Sally" Stanley, b. ca. 1862, Wise Co., Va.
7. Nathan Stanley, b. ca. 1863, Wise Co., Va.
8. Amanda Stanley, b. Jun 20, 1865, Wise Co., Va.
9. Alfred L. Stanley, b. Apr 13, 1866, Wise Co., Va.
10. William P. Stanley, b. Apr 14, 1869, Wise Co., Va.
11. Noah H. Stanley, b. Dec 27, 1873, Wise Co., Va.
12. Henry David Stanley, b. Feb 16, 1876, Wise Co., Va.