

# BENNETT OF VIRGINIA

Included in the April 1986 Devon Family Historian is a list of the Devon and Cornwall entries from the Port Books 1618-1660. All the ships leaving from Devon and Cornwall ports for the New World are listed and one item caught my eye. "1631 'Eagle' of Northam, 50 tons, William King master. Barnstaple to Virginia. Samuel Garrett and Richard Bennett for haberdashery." Could this Richard Bennett shipping haberdashery be the brother-in-law of Bulstrode Whitelocke who is in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia in 1638? Rebecca Bennet, first wife of Sir Bulstrode Whitelocke was the daughter of Thomas Bennet, Alderman of London. Thomas married Dorothy May at St. Thomas Apostle, London, Aug.18,1590 and was buried at Mercer's Chapel Apr.19,1620. Thomas and Dorothy are known to have had three sons and seven daughters, of whom we know Rebecca, Richard and Robert. Maybe a bit of research into the Bennetts of Virginia might give us some information about the Whitlocks of Virginia??