BARRETT
Of
SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, VA.

COMPILED by SEGAR COFER DASHIELL 1962

BARRETT

Barrett- Barrat- Barratt- Baret

The name means: The little bear; the bright illus-¬ trious one; one with bear-might or power; dweller at the little barrier or gateway.

Old High German-beraht, bercht, berat-bright, illustrious.

Also Barraud, Barrouth- one with bear-might or power. Baret was the name of one who held lands as an under-tenant at the time of the Doomsday survey, 1086. One family called Barratt in England on the persecution of the French Protestants consequent upon the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes.

Guppy says Baraet was a personal name of Teutonic origin occurring in England in pre-Doomsdey times.

(Magazine of American Genealogy #22)