



## FOUNDING FEMALES Female Qualifying Ancestor Index

**Female Ancestor Number : 004**

**Name:** Bailey, Temperance Brown Cocke

**Dates:** (1617-c.1652)

**Colonial Society:** VA

**Date added to ROA:** before 2009

**Service:** Historic Founder

**Authority:** Dorman, John Frederick, comp. & ed., *Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia, 1607-1624/5*, Fourth Edition, Vol. 1 (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., Inc., 2004), 120-122.

### **Biography:**

Temperance Bailey was born in Jamestown Colony about 1617. Her mother was Cecily and her father was "a man named Bailey", possibly Thomas who died on September 20, 1620. Several members of the Bailey family held large shares of stock in The London Company, which offered to paying subscribers 200 acres of land. Upon her father's death, Temperance, a three-year-old, inherited 200 acres of land "in or near Sandy's hundred". Presumably, this man named Bailey was of the stock holding family but his exact identity has yet to be determined. The land owned by Temperance became known as Bailey's Creek. When her mother married Samuel Jordan, the family moved to his land holdings known as Beggars Bush later as Jordan's Journey (now Charles City County), Virginia.

Temperance, Cecily and Samuel survived the Indian Massacre of 1622 and Temperance continued to live with her mother and Samuel until the age of 15 when she married John Browne, a Virginia planter. She was widowed soon thereafter, and there were no known children from the marriage.

Around 1637 Temperance married Richard Cocke, a wealthy and influential Virginia planter. Richard Cocke arrived in Virginia in 1627 and quickly became a respected landowner, militia leader, and member of the House of Burgesses. Together they had two sons, Thomas and Richard, who became prominent in early colonial Virginia and a daughter Elizabeth.

Temperance died before 1652, likely at Bremo Plantation in Henrico County, Virginia. Temperance is the progenitrix of the prominent Cocke family of Virginia.