

The Edmund Ingram Family of Clay County, Alabama

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To Edmund and Rachael

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Background and Acknowledgments

The information contained in this document began as an Internet search for information about my ancestors. To my surprise I found several genealogies listing my branches of the Ingram family. Much of the information in these genealogies was not documented, however, and some if it was inconsistent among various sources. As I continued to delve into available information, I discovered a large number of sources and references containing information about the Ingram family. I have attempted in this document to identify sources for the information reported and to examine these sources to verify their contents. The Bibliography of References and Sources at the end of this document lists these items and provides a brief description of their contents.

Several people have provided valuable assistance in my efforts to collect information. Much of the information contained in this document was provided by Beverly Ingram Almaraz in her *John Ingram of Belfast, Ireland and His Descendants*. I reference her work throughout this document. Her book was also valuable for identifying sources of information about the Ingram family. She has been helpful in answering questions and providing guidance on various issues. Lorrie Burns has also been very helpful in responding to questions and in supplying information about her ancestors in the Ingram family. My cousin, Brenda Oliver, provided family photos and a copy of *The Ingram Family*, a collection of records and stories compiled by children and grandchildren of our great grandfather, George F. Ingram. Brenda and her husband Carl also provided historical insights and tales about the Ingram family. Other relatives who provided information include Brenda Gates Ingram, Earnest Allen Ingram, John Ingram, III, Sandy Trego, Ann Minter, Ann Knighton, Ester Mae Sims, Donna Ingram, and Alta Mary Sanders. Russell and Michael Summerlin provided information about Shiloh Church and Cemetery.

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