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Cynoglossum virginianum

WILD COMFREY is a perennial. Native to North America it has small purple veined white or purplish flowers.

It is also known as Beggars-lice, Beggars-ticks, Dog-bur, Dysentery root, Dysentery weed, Hound's tongue, Northern wild comfrey, Sheep bur, Soldiers, Sticktight, Virginia mouse-ear, Virginia stickweed, Winged pigweed, and Woodland hound's-tongue.

Virginianum means 'of or from Virginia (United States)' which itself was named after the English 'Virgin Queen' Elizabeth I (1533-1603).

The plant was an ingredient in a ceremonial medicine used by the Cherokee North American Indians.

Medicinally, the Cherokee tribe are said to have used it to treat cancer and itching skin. Some records also suggest that it was prescribed for forgetfulness.