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Christopher **Branch** Jr.

Born **about 1627** in **Henrico, Colony of Virginia** 

Son of [Christopher Branch Sr.](#) and [Mary \(Addie\) Branch](#)

[ANCESTORS](#) 

Brother of [Ephraim Branch](#), [Katherine Branch](#), [Thomas Branch](#) and [William Branch Sr](#)

Husband of **[Sarah \(Almond\) Branch](#)** — married [date unknown] [location unknown]

Father of [Christopher Branch III](#), [Mary Martha \(Branch\) Maddox](#),

[DESCENDANTS](#) 

[Samuel Branch](#), [Sarah Branch](#) and [Benjamin Branch](#)

Died **about 1665** at about age 38 in **Charles City, Charles City County, Colony of Virginia** 

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Biography

GrGrGrandfather of [Thomas Jefferson](#) 3rd US President

Born in Henrico about 1627, the third son of Christopher Branch, he moved to Charles City County as an adult. He was justice of the peace in 1657. Due to destruction of records, many details of his life are unknown.^[1] It is thought that he married Sarah Almond.^{[2][3]}

Children:^{[1][2]}

- Mary Branch, born 1658 in Henrico Co. Virginia; died 1715 in Charles City Co. Virginia; married (1) Thomas Jefferson Abt. 1677 in Henrico Co. Virginia; married (2) Joseph Mattox April 01, 1701.
- Sarah Branch, married Mr. Bennett.
- Christopher Branch III, born Abt. 1662; died 1727 in Henrico Co. Virginia; married Anne Sherman Abt. 1694; born Bef. 1667 in Henrico Co. Virginia; died August 1727 in Henrico Co. Virginia.
- Samuel Branch, b. 1663, d. 1700, m. Ursula Goode.
- Benjamin Branch, was raised by his grandfather, Christopher Branch I, both parents having died during his infancy, married Tabitha Osborne Abt. 1690; born Abt. 1677 in Henrico Co. Virginia.^{[4][5]}

Note that William and Mary Quarterly misattributed some of his children to his brother.^[6] This was corrected in a later edition.^[2]

He died in 1665, fifteen years before his father. The inventory of his estate was made 24 Dec 1665 by William Farrar II.^[7]

Research

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Research Notes on Parents

While many believe that the parents of Christopher Branch were not Christopher Branch and Mary Addie, this is based on research done in 1916 and based primarily upon the will of Christopher Branch (Sr.). As he only names two sons, Thomas and William, the assumption was made that there were no other sons. No accounting for sons that may have preceded him in death. As indicated above, that article also attributed the children of Christopher to his brothers.^[8] In 1981 Gary Boyd Roberts finished his research indicating that the confusion came from the lack of records and the fact that Mary Branch had been incorrectly attached in many ancestries and in the William and Mary article to Christopher's brother, William.^[9]

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