

Branch

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18 Feb. 1970

Dear Mr. Landrum,

I was interested in hearing from you. Mary had mentioned that you were neighbors, and that you were interested in family genealogy. No doubt we are somehow related.

I can not give you at present any information on Francis Branch and Elizabeth Howood, but I am referring your quest to my first cousin, who compiled a 1963 book (copy in the Library of Congress) on "Branch, Harris, Jarvis, & Chinn". I feel certain that he would give you some assistance; and you could certainly write to him, too. He is:

Benjamin Harrison Branch, Jr.
Capt. 68

800 N. 16th Street

Arlington, Va.

22205

As you see, in the meantime I'm forwarding several items from my files which may not be of any interest or value to you. I hope that they are interesting.

Beyond these unsatisfactory services, I may indicate several sources. You probably already know them:

✓ NUGENT, N.M. CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS
p20 for Christopher Branch

CABELL, J.B. BRANCHIANA.

HAYDEN, H.E. VIRGINIA GENEALOGIES.

VA. Hist. Soc. 428 BOULEVARD
RICHMOND, VA.

BROWN, A. THE CABELLS & THEIR KIN

Soc. COL. WARS GENEALOGIES OF
MEMBERS, 1940., Vol II.

HOTTENS EMIGRANTS: 169-201

WM. & MARY QUARTERLY SERIES I Vol 25
(BY TORRENCE) SERIES I Vol 26

HENRICO RECORDS, VA. Hist. Soc.
MAG II, pp 99 & 315, Land Register, Richmond, Va.

I can easily imagine that these sources are beyond your reach in New Orleans. Perhaps Ben can help you more.

Thank you for the reference to Boddie. I do have distant connections with the Ligos.

Please write whenever you can.

Good luck in your search.

Louis Orsley Clark

BRANCH-BELL-CARY-HARRISON
Buckingham County, Virginia.

On Sunday, 19 March 1967 Benjamin Harrison Branch, Jr. and Louis Dorsey Clark, both grandsons of the Rev. Henry Branch and first cousins, visited the holdings of ancestors in the neighborhood of Dillwyn, Buckingham County, Virginia.

The Branch Birds graciously entertained them at CARYSWOOD PLANTATION (Kate Trent and Page Trent Bird). A garden and house tour of Caryswood was instructive and enjoyable. The hosts also contributed much family genealogical information; and they conducted a tour of the Dillwyn area, with introductions to their friends in the homes visited.

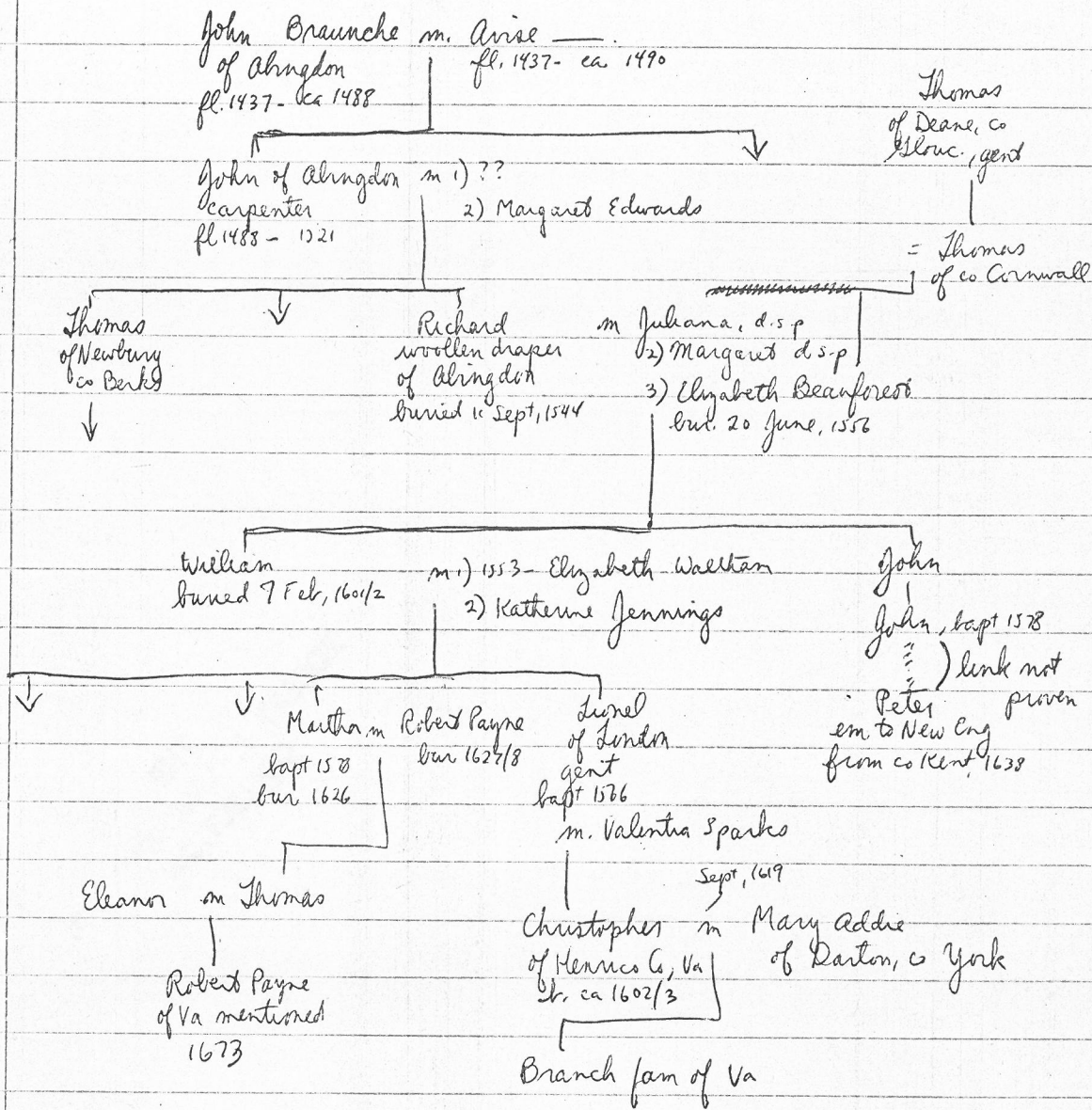
The visitors saw the site of TOWER HILL (Matthew Branch, c. 1776-c. 1828, who married Rebecca Bell, 1777-1858); the site of COLD COMFORT (birthplace of Rebecca Bell, dau. of Henry, 1745-1811, and Rebecca Harrison Bell, 1752-1793); BELLMONT, which is still standing (built by Col. Archibald Cary for his sister Judith Cary, 1726-1798, who married Col. David Bell, ---d. 1798); and the business site, and possibly the original store, of Henry Bell Branch, 1798-1842, at CA IRA (Henry was brother of David Mann Branch, 1809-1869, who removed to Richmond and built the Branch-Glasgow House, 1 East Main Street, in 1839).

They also saw the West Tavern (the Wests) at Gravel Hill; Claybank (the Hanesworths), a Randolph-Trent-Cary place; the site of Bell Branch (so-named for our great aunt by an unsuccessful suitor, Thomas Winston Trent); and Grace Episcopal Church at CA IRA (probably attended by our ancestors, and where Branch Bird married Elizabeth Coupland Page Trent, the church was built in 1840 and this wedding was the first in that church building in 102 years). A MANN place was said to be in the neighborhood.

The following day the travellers went through deeds, wills and other records in the court houses of Buckingham and Cumberland Counties. Page Trent Bird had thoughtfully prepared the way with the Clerk in Buckingham.

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Branch of Abingdon
Va. Mag: 67:82-



The Branches were not and never claimed to be armigerous despite the arms embossed on the cover of Branch of Abingdon, by James Branch Cabell

This article amplifies some of the statements in Cabell's book

BRANCH.

Henry I, King of England.

Robert of Carew, Earl of Gloucester.

Maude, wife of Randolph de Meschiones, 4th Earl of Chester. He died in 1155, and was son of Randolph de Meschiones and Lucin de Romero.

Hugh de Meschiones, 5th Earl of Chester and Bertrid.

Hawis(?), wife of Sir Warren Bostock. He was son of Randolph de Bostock and Margaret de Vervona.

Sir Ralph or Henry de Bostock and Eleanor Poole.

Sir William de Bostock and Elizabeth, daughter of Hugh, Lord Audley.

Sir Edward Bostock.

Sir Adam Bostock (Died 1348) and Jane Brereton. She was daughter of Sir William Brereton, major general of Cheshire.

Sir William Bostock. His wife was daughter of Sir Richard Wennington and Catherine C. Grosvener, daughter of Robert C. Grosvener and Johanne, daughter of Sir Jeffrey de Chedell.

Sir Adam Bostock and Margery Whitnoll, daughter of John Whitnoll.

Sir Adam Bostock and Jane Bradshaw, daughter of Sir Henry Bradshaw.

Sir Ralph Bostock and Isabelle Lawton, daughter of William Lawton.

Adam Bostock and Elizabeth Venable, daughter of Hugh Venable.

Nicholas Bostock and Katherine McBurley, daughter of Sir William McBurley and Maud (daughter of Robert Downes).

Hugh Bostock and Jane de Heath, daughter of John de Heath.

George Bostock and Jane Huron, daughter of John Huron.

Jane Bostock, wife of William Jennings.

William Jennings and Alice Bright, daughter of Richard Bright.

Katherine Jennings married William Branch (son of Richard Branch and Elizabeth Beauford, daughter of Thomas Beauford and Margaret Bossett).

Lionel Branch married Valentia Sparks.

Christopher Branch m. Mary Addie, daughter of Francis Addie.

1602-1681/2

Immigrant to Virginia 1619/20.

Reference: Mr. T. J. Turpin, Chihuahua, Mexico, via Sarah Branch Jones, Webster Groves, Mo., via B. H. Branch, Jr., letter to L. D. Clark, 5 Feb. 1968.

LIVING DESCENDANTS OF BLOOD ROYAL

- 2—Theodore Pope CLEMENTS;
 3—Martha Durwood CLEMENTS.
 Guy ENLOE, b. 1894; m. 1918, Georgia WILLIAMS, and
 has issue: (1583, Central, Beaumont, Texas.)
 1—David Pope ENLOE, b. 1925;
 2—Paul T. ENLOE, b. 1927;
 3—Guy Franklin ENLOE.
 William Herman HODGES, m. Thelma EDMONSON.
 (2231, Goldsmith Rd., Houston 25, Texas.)

LINEAGE:

- Descendants of CHRISTOPHER BRANCH, who was
 b. Abington, England, 1595, d. in Henrico Co., Virginia,
 1682-3, and who was of royal descent from KING
 EDWARD I, of England, as follows:
 1—KING EDWARD I, 1239-1307; m. (1) 1254, ELEANOR
 OF CASTILE.
 2—JOAN PLANTAGENET, b. Acre, 1272, d. 23 April
 1307; m. 1290, SIR GILBERT DE CLARE, Knt., 9th Earl
 of Clare, Earl of Hertford and Gloucester. (CP. I, 346.)
 3—MARGARET DE CLARE, b. ca. 1292, d. 13 April
 1342; m. (2) 1317, HUGH DE AUDLEY, d. 10 Nov. 1347,
 Lord Audley, 8th Earl of Gloucester, Ambassador to
 France, 1341. (CP. I, 346, V, 736.)
 4—MARGARET DE AUDLEY, only dau. and heir, d. 7
 Sept. 1349; m. ca. 1335, SIR RALPH DE STAFFORD,
 K.G., d. 31 Aug. 1372, Earl of Stafford. (Ibid.)
 5—BEATRICE DE STAFFORD, widow of Maurice, Earl
 of Desmond; m. 1358, SIR THOMAS DE ROS, Knt., d. 8
 June 1384, Lord Ros of Helmsley, M.P., Warden of Scot-
 land, 1367. (Ibid.)
 6—SIR WILLIAM DE ROS, K.G., d. 1 Sept. 1414, of
 Belvoir, M.P., Treasurer of England, 1403-1404; m.
 1394, MARGARET FITZ ALAN, d. 3 July 1438, dau. of
 Sir John Fitz Alan, Earl of Arundel. (CP. I, 341.)
 7—MARGARET DE ROS, living 1423; m. ca. 1415,
 JAMES TUCHET, Lord Audley, b. ca. 1398, d. 23 Sept.
 1459, M.P., 1421-55, son of Sir John Tuchet, Lord Audley,
 M.P. (Ibid.)
 8—ANNE TUCHET, m. SIR THOMAS DUTTON, of
 Dutton, d. 23 Sept. 1459, son of Sir John Dutton and
 Margaret Savage. (VCH. Lanc., 1911, VI, 305.)
 9—MARGARET DUTTON, m. SIR WILLIAM

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LIVING DESCENDANTS OF BLOOD ROYAL

- VENABLE, Knt., son of Roger de Venable, of Kinderton,
 and his wife, Alice Pennington.
 10—HUGH VENABLE, of Kinderton; m. AGATHA
 VERNON, dau. of Ralph Vernon, Lord Vernon, and his
 wife, Mary Darcy, dau. of Ralph, Lord Darcy.
 11—HUGH VENABLE, of Kinderton; m. (2) KATHER-
 INE HOUGHTON, dau. of Sir Richard Houghton.
 12—HUGH VENABLE, Baron of Kinderton; m. MAR-
 GARET COTTON, dau. of Hugh de Cotton.
 13—RICHARD VENABLE, m. ISABEL LANDTON,
 dau. of Rawlin Landton of Newton.
 14—HUGH VENABLE, of Kinderton; m. CECILIA.
 15—ELIZABETH VENABLE, m. SIR ADAM BOSTOCK,
 Knt. of Cheshire, son of Ralph Bostock and Isabella
 Lawton, of Wigland.
 16—NICHOLAS BOSTOCK, of Cheshire; m. KATHER-
 INE MOBERLEY, dau. of William Moberley.
 17—JOAN BOSTOCK, m. WILLIAM JENNINGS.
 18—THOMAS JENNINGS, 2nd son; m. ALICE BRIGHT,
 of Colloon, dau. of Richard Bright.
 19—CATHERINE JENNINGS, m. WILLIAM BRANCH,
 of Abington, 1524-1604.
 20—LIONEL BRANCH, b. Abington, 1566, d. 1604; m.
 1590, VALENTINA SPARKS.
 21—CHRISTOPHER BRANCH, b. 1595, d. Henrico Co.,
 Virginia, 1682-3; emigrated to America in the "London
 Merchant," after 1620, and became a Justice, 1650, and a
 Burgess, 1629-41, (will in Henrico Co.); m. 1619, MARY
 ADDIE, dau. of Sir Francis Addie, of Darton, Yorks.
 22—MARY BRANCH, m. 1677, THOMAS JEFFERSON,
 d. Henrico Co., 1697, son of John Jefferson.
 23—CAPTAIN THOMAS JEFFERSON, b. 1677, of
 Chesterfield Co., Va., d. 1725; m. MARY FIELD, dau. of
 Major Peter Field.
 24—JUDITH JEFFERSON, b. 1698, d. in Mecklenburg
 Co., 1730; m. GEORGE FARRAR, 1690-1772, son of
 Major William Farrar and his wife, Priscilla Baugh.
 25—COLONEL THOMAS FARRAR, b. Farrars Island,
 Va., 1726, d. Franklin Co., Georgia, 1810; m. ELIZABETH
 HOWARD, who d. in Augusta, Ga.
 26—ESTHER FARRAR, 1756-1826; m. 1775, ISAAC
 BOGAN, 1750-1805, a Revolutionary soldier. (Grave in

Reference: Adams, A; Living Descendants of
 Blood Royal", Vol. 1, p. 310.

BRANCH

Abingdon, Berks, England, July 7, 1971 -- Abingdon visited by Louis D. Clark, a Branch descendant, via underground to Paddington train to Didcot and bus to Abingdon. Talked with Mrs. Mienke Cox, curator and historian at the Abingdon Museum. She has been interested in the Branch family. Wm. Branch's tomb is in St. Helen's church, but cannot be identified. Wm. Branch was prosperous and active in civil affairs. He was governor of Long Alley Almshouse, which is still in existence. The Norman tower of St. Helen's dates from the 12th C.; the spire was added later. A church on the site probably dates from the 7th C. The present building is 600 years old. Wm. Branch's widow lived near the church. The Thames River flows just back of the church.

Abingdon had been an old market town, and one hotel was used as a hiring place for farm laborers.

William Branch of Abingdon, b. after 1524 d. 1602, m. Katherine Jennings, buried 1597. He was the father of Lionel Branch, 1566 - 1605, who married Valentia Sparks. Their son was Christopher B., 1602 - c. 1681, who m. Mary Addie, 1600 - 1630, and moved to Va. 1619/20.

General References

Mrs. Mienke Cox of Abingdon, curator and historian of the museum; "Abingdon Abbey: Its History and Buildings".

The Va. Magazine of History and Biography, Jan. 1959, "Branch of Abingdon: A Revision".

B.H. Branch, Jr. B.H.J.C.