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Lionel "Leonell" Branch

Born **18 Aug 1568** in **Abingdon, Berkshire, England** ?

Son of [William \(Braunche\) Branch](#) and [Katherine Barbara \(Jennings\) Branch](#) [uncertain] ANCESTORS ⚑

Brother of [Richard Branch](#), [Mary Branch](#), [Thomas Branch](#), [Ann Branch](#), [Eleanor Branch](#), [Elizabeth Branch](#), [Martha \(Branch\) Payne](#), [Barbara Branch](#) and [William Branch](#)

Husband of [Valentia \(Sparks\) Branch](#) — married 8 Jul 1596 in St Martin Ludgate, London, England ?

Father of [Christopher Branch Sr.](#)

DESCENDANTS ⚑

Died **about 1 Jun 1605** at about age 36 in **London, England** ?

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Biography

Lionel's Mother

There is some dispute regarding the wives of William Branch and which is the mother of his children. According to scholarly works by Cabell^[1] and Walne^[2], he first married Elizabeth, daughter of John Waltham, on 2 Aug 1553. She died in 1556 or before without issue. He secondly married Katherine, daughter of Thomas Jennings and Alice Bright, about 1556 "and by her had eleven children", four sons and seven daughters. Another source^[3] says her name was Barbara (of same parents). However, the St Helen's Parish Record says it was "Katherine, wife of William Braunche" who was buried on 25 Aug 1597^{[1]p. 93}. A reasonable argument^[4] has been made that these were two different women based on the name discrepancy and a 8 or 9 year gap between the last three children, that Barbara Jennings is the mother of the first eight children, and Katherine (Unknown) the mother of the last three. Even if this argument is accepted, Lionel, the seventh child, is still the grandson of Thomas Jennings and Alice Bright.

"Richard Branch, of Abingdon died in 1544 leaving as eldest son Thomas Branch, of London, draper, who, dying in 1565 without issue, placed "representation" in William Branch of Abingdon, the second son. William Branch (born post 1524; died 1602) had, as eldest son, Thomas Branch, who died in 1603, without surviving issue, and as second son, Richard Branch, who died ante 1602, without issue, and as *third son Lionel Branch*, of London, whose apparently only child Christopher Branch was the "founder" of the Branch family in Virginia."^[5]

Lionel, the third son of William Branch and Catherine Jennings, but the first who had issue, was born on 18 Aug 1566.^[1] He married Valentia Sparke on July 8, 1596 at St. Martin, Ludgate, London, Greater London County, England. They were the parents of:

- Christopher W. Branch (September 02, 1602 - February 21, 1681)

DNA

No known carriers of Lionel's DNA have taken a [DNA test](#).

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"It is unfortunate that of this member of the family, regrettably little is known. That he was something of a blacksheep or, more charitably, a prodigal son, is evident from the terms of his father's will, in which he is castigated as 'my unthrifty and disobedient sonne,' to whom only a black gown and his father's best cloak were left."^[2]p. 93

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Name: Lionel Branch

Gender: M (Male)

Birth Date: 18 août 1566 (18 Aug 1566)

Birth Place: Abingdon, Berkshire, England, United Kingdom

Death Date: 1 juin 1605 (1 Jun 1605)

Death Place: Ludgate, London (London), London, England, United Kingdom

Father : William Branch

Mother: Katherine Barbara Jennings

Spouse : Valentia Sparks

Children:

Christopher W Branch

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Researcher: Richard Parker

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