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## Abraham Childress Sr (abt. 1622 - 1681)

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### Abraham "the Emigrant" [Childress Sr](#) aka [Childers](#), [Chelders](#)


Born **about 1622** in **Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England** 

Son of [William Childers](#) and [Anne \(Ramsden\) Childers](#)





ANCESTORS 

Brother of [Isabell Childers](#) [half] and [Robert Childers](#) [half]

Husband of [Jane \(Howard\) Childers](#) — married 1643 in Curles, Henrico County, Colony of Virginia 

Father of [William Childers](#), [Sarah \(Childers\) Perkins](#), [John Childers](#), [Abraham Childers Jr](#) and [Philemon Childers Sr](#). DESCENDANTS 

Died **Nov 1681** at about age 59 in **Varina Parish, Henrico County, Colony of Virginia** 

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## Biography

Abraham Childers Sr. was born in ~1622 in Nottingham, England. His parents were [William Hugh Childers](#) (~1599 - 1649) and [Anne \(Ramsden\) Childers](#) (1604 - ~1624).



Abraham Childress Sr was a Virginia colonist.

Some have him baptised 1613 11 30 St Peters Anglican: Abraham CHELDERS (son of Richard; Hunslet, Leeds, Yorkshire England <sup>[1]</sup>)

His siblings were...

1. [Isabell Childers](#) (~1618 - )
2. [Robert Childers](#) (~1620 - ~1667)

- Migration: by 1642 England to Virginia;
- Association: Society of Friends (Quakers)

Abraham married [Jane Ann Howard](#) (1622 - 1681) in 1643 in Curles, Henrico County, Virginia.

Their children were...

1. [William Childers](#) (1647 - 1725) in Henrico County, Virginia. He left a large estate in Henrico. His children were Burton, John who married Rachel Perkins, Robert, and Gracey.
2. [Sarah \(Childers\) Perkins](#) (~1649 - ~1722) in Henrico County, Virginia and died Jan

## DNA Connections

It may be possible to [confirm](#) family relationships.

Paternal line [Y-chromosome DNA](#) test-takers:

[Dan Childress](#)  : [Family Tree DNA](#) Y-DNA

Test 700 markers, haplogroup I-Y131854, FTDNA kit #902945 [\[test details\]](#)

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## Research

[RootsSearch for Abraham Childress Sr](#): conveniently search 20+ genealogy websites. [\[more info\]](#)

Here is a likely matching profile for Abraham on the [FamilySearch Tree](#): [MGVX-42X](#). [\[more info\]](#)

1721/22 in Henrico. She married 1664/70 in Henrico County Nicholas Perkins III. They lived on Four Mile Creek. They had 8 children.

3. Phillip Childers b1649 Henrico Co, Virginia d Henrico Co, Virginia

4. [John Childers](#) (1654 - 1727)

5. [Philemon Childers Sr.](#) (1655 - 1717) in Curles, Henrico County, Virginia was called Lemon. He was involved with Nicholas Perkins in land purchase. He was a planter and he died 10 Jan 1717 in Henrico. He married very young - in 1669 in Henrico Mary Evans daughter of Griffin Evans of Henrico County, Virginia who died 15 May 1681. They had a daughter who married James Horton Sr; Thomas who married Mary Holmes and Mary Milner; Abraham who married Hester Pledge, widow of John Cannon; Philemon Jr; and Mary who married her cousin Humphrey Smith. [A note says 1 source has his wife as Mary Howard, daughter of John Howard. Another note questions whether wife's name was Hester or Ester - Will of Abraham d 1720 clearly shows Hester.]

6. [Abraham Childers Jr](#) (1655 - <1698) in Curles, Henrico County, Virginia. He was a planter and a race starter. He served many times on the Grand Jury. He could read and write. In 1690 his father gave him property in Varina, near Richmond. He may have died in 1693. In 1675/76 in Henrico County, Virginia, he married Anne Pew daughter of Henry Pew and Jane Womack. Anne had a sister Jane who married John Price Sr. and Hugh Lygon. After Abraham died Anne married Mr. Adkins. Henry Pew purchased land from Matthew Agee. Henry died 1790/11 in Henrico County, Virginia. He owned land on Four Mile Creen on north side of James River. Abraham & Ann had children: Abraham b 1677 m (1) Elizabeth Cannon and (2) Lucy Thomas; Henry Childers b 1678 m Lucretia Jones; Robert Childres b 1685 m Catherine; Philemon Childers b 1682/7 m. Elizabeth Evans; John Childers b 1683/4 m Elizabeth; and Jane Childers b 1695 m. John Smith.

7. Thomas Childers b 1660

8. William Childers b 1678

#### Land Record

Deed from William Harris to Abraham Childres 28 Feb 1656 for purchase of land

Be it known to all men by these presents that I William Harris of Curles in the County of Henrico doe for divers good causes and considerations me thereunto moving, as alsoe for & in consideration of one bill to be truly and honestly payed according to the tenons there of freely and clearly and absolutely, bargan sell & have by these presents clearly freely and absolutely bargained & sold unto Abra Childres of Curles in the County aforesaid the parcell of land he now lives on beginning at a pine tree a little above the houses of the said Childres and standing by the river on the lower side of Morgans landing, and soe running downe the River to the swamp at the old garden and thence into Morgans along the maine side to the nutt trees & from thence along the side of the swampe & meadow side to an oake tree as one goes into the meadow close by the carte path from thence on a straight line into the pastuure to a parcell of oakes and standing in the Ridge above the place called the 18 lengths of bords & from thence to the former on a straight line; To have & to hold the aforesaid land to him the aforesaid Childres his heirs & assignes forever without any lett hinderance trouble or molestation of the said HARRIS by heirs & assignes forever of any of us, either by mine or thers assent consent or procurement, And I doe bind me & my assignes to make a surrender hereof in Courte as Wittness by my hand and seale this 28th,of February 1656.

Signed Sealed and delivered William Harris (red wax)

in presence of

John Epes

Tho. Liggon

Abraham died on August 16, 1679 in Curles aged ~57.

## Research Notes

- **Needs Research:** This profile and those of his parents and siblings need research. When, or even if, they arrived in Jamestown or Virginia, is not consistent or supported by sources. [Spratlin-29](#) 15:50, 5 November 2021 (UTC)

In England his last name was spelled Childress. The name in England originally meant child-house or orphanage. The name is also Childres, Childrs or Childers.

Abraham was first seen in Henrico County in 1649. He bought land from William Harris. John Epps and Thomas Lygon witnessed the deed. Abraham lived in Bermuda Hundred.

It is believed that Abraham Childers was the father of [Sarah \(Childers\) Perkins](#) since the family names go down through Sarah and her husband Nicholas Perkins family. Abraham Childers and his family were Quakers.

Will of Nicholas Perkins Henrico County Feb Court 1712 lists as a witness: Abra Childers SR.

Henrico Co., Va Wills Addenda Weisiger, p. 11 (p. 226) Will of Sarah Perkins presented by Abraham Perkins, her executor and proved by Edward Enroughty and Thomas Childers, a Quaker, Thomas Childers and Constant Perkins, security.


- Find A Grave: [Memorial #139475341](#)
- Find A Grave: [Memorial #135375318](#) - note that neither of these FindaGrave Memorials have any substance behind them, his vital dates and ancestry seem to be amttter of opinion.

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