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Elizabeth **Branch** formerly **Gough**

Born **about 1628** in **Henrico County, Colony of Virginia**

Daughter of [Matthew Gough](#) and [mother unknown]

ANCESTORS

[sibling(s) unknown]

Wife of **Thomas Branch I** — married 1656 in Henrico, Colony of Virginia

Mother of [Elizabeth \(Branch\) Parham](#), [Thomas Branch II](#), [Matthew Branch](#), [Martha \(Branch\) Ward](#), [James Branch](#) and [Elizabeth \(Branch\) Richardson](#)

DESCENDANTS

Died **about 2 Aug 1697** at about age 69 in **Henrico County, Colony of Virginia**

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Biography

Birth

Elizabeth Gough was born about 1628 in Henrico, Virginia Colony (now United States).

It is not proven but generally accepted that her maiden name was Gough, probably daughter of [Matthew Gough](#). Her mother is not certain. (Note: Some online trees list her mother as Elizabeth (Baspoole) Gooch - however this lady was Matthew's mother.)

Marriage

Elizabeth married Thomas Branch. His 1694 identifies his wife as Elizabeth.

The marriage date is not certain but estimated as around 1650 in Henrico, Virginia.

Their children were, according to her will of 1697 and Thomas' will of 1694:^[1]

- Thomas Branch
- Matthew Branch
- James Branch
- Elizabeth Branch, married Melchizedeck Richardson
- Martha Branch, married Richard Ward.

Death

Elizabeth died between 2 Aug 1697 when her will was written, and 20 Aug 1697 when her will was proved.

Will

The will of Elizabeth Branch of Henrico County, Virginia was recorded on 2 Aug 1697. The will identifies the following persons:^[1] (Transcription from <https://www.geni.com/people/Elizabeth-Branch/6000000008177162052>)

To son **Thomas Branch** bed that standeth with the head to the partition on the left of door as one cometh in, with all furniture belonging thereto, also 5 pair sheets one being Holland, my long table and form, a great copper kettle and iron pot known by name of the long pot, and one belmettel skillet; son **Matthew Branch** 1 pair new curtains and vallens to the bed he hath already, 5 pair of sheets one being Holland, chest of drawers, drawing table and small forme, biggest brass kettle, second great pot, one being called new being made of iron, chafing dish pair of fire dogs; son **James Branch** feather bed that standeth on the right hand as one cometh from the door to the chimney with the curtains and vallens and all other furniture that belongeth to the said bed. 5 pair of sheets one being Holland half this present crop of wheat, one great iron pot, small brass kettle, Negro's man Mingo; daughter **Elizabeth Richardson** suit of wearing clothes, my

riding gown, and twelve pence in money. Son in law **Melchizedeck Richardson** half crown to buy him a pair of gloves, son in law **Richard Ward** half crown to buy him a pair of gloves. Granddaughter **Martha Branch** all my wearing clothes in general, linnen and woolen shoes and hose, Three sons Thomas, Matthew and James before mentioned residue of my estate to be equally divided between them except half the wheat after James has his, is to be divided between Thomas and Matthew. and 2 cows named Nanny and Cherry and one cow and calf and half an ox which I give to son James and other half of ox to Thomas. Residue to be divided between sons, Thomas and Matthew. Sons Thomas and James Executors Witnesses: Joseph Tanner, John X Cocke

Sources

- ↑ 1.0 1.1 Elizabeth Branch, Henrico County, Virginia, Deed Book/Will Book 1697-1704, pp. 10-11, written 2 Aug 1697, proved 20 Aug 1697.

See also:

- Family Search pedigree file: [Elizabeth Gough](#)
- Profile created by Mike Abramo, Friday, September 20, 2013.

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Gooch-136 is for Alvah Leroy Gooch, Born 1871. Unlikely. I think you mean Gough-136, (Matthew Gc

Indeed, the information you quote is on that profile.

[posted](#) Dec 07, 2019 by [David Hernandez](#)

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[C Gilliam](#)

Yes, it was a typo or I had Gooch in my mind. The family uses both surnames.

[posted](#) Aug 09, 2021 by [C Gilliam](#)

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Her parents are Gough-136 and Baspoole-1 according to the William & Mary College Quarterly (1918

"Thomas Branch is said to have married Elizabeth, daughter of Captain Matthew Gough of Henrico, beginning 2 March 1642-3."

This has been family knowledge for years backed up by W&M.

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Have removed from parents William Gouch & Elizabeth Baspoole - am working down the pedigree c doesn't belong at present - there is much confusion & speculation re the ancestry of colonial Gouch

[posted](#) Apr 05, 2017 by [Valerie Willis](#)

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Please Note when merging Gough-137 and Gough-277, that father of -137 is most likely incorrect ar retained.

Having said that, there is important biographical information on <http://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Gough-136>. It just isn't clear that -136 is correct either, but the bio details should probably be copied to the merge preservation.

[posted](#) Apr 10, 2016 by [David Hernandez](#)

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