

THOMAS AND WILLIAM BRANCH OF HENRICO AND
SOME OF THEIR DESCENDANTS

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In concluding this partial account of the Branch family the descendants of numbers 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of this pedigree are hereinafter, for conveniency's sake, grouped separately. The documents cited, when not otherwise specified, are from the county records of Chesterfield.

7. MATTHEW⁴ BRANCH (*Matthew³, Thomas², Christopher¹*). The name of his wife is not known.* Deed, dated 2 March 1759, by John Wood, to Matthew Branch, Sr., conveying 90 acres in Chesterfield, adjoining lands owned by each party to the deed; this tract being part of 200 acres bought by the said Wood from John Fowler. The will of Matthew Branch, dated 7 July 1766, was probated in Chesterfield 5 June 1767. To my son Matthew Branch my land at Warwick, and also a piece of land adjoining my brother John Branch's land, lying on the north side of Grendall's Run, and two negroes. To son Samuel Branch a piece of land lying on the back of Kingsland, called Barbados, containing 280 acres, and £100. To son Edward Branch 330 acres adjoining the Beaver Pond branch, being part of the land I now live on, and two negroes. To son Thomas Branch the plantation I now live on, called Hanna Spring, seven negroes, and all the rest of my estate, including the land bought of John Wood; and appoint my son Thomas Branch executor. Matthew⁴ Branch had issue:

I. MATTHEW⁵ BRANCH. It was this Matthew Branch who in 1750 married Ridley Jones. There is a deed, dated 23 July 1750, by Charles Turnbull of Petersburg, merchant, to Matthew Branch, Jr., of Warwick, conveying lots 17 and 19 in the town of Chester, formerly New Glasgow. The inventory of Matthew Branch's estate at Warwick, including eight

* The statement in QUARTERLY, vol. XXV, p. 68, that *this* Matthew⁴ Branch married Ridley Jones, is an error.

negroes, was presented by Edward Branch and Thomas Branch, 20 March 1773. The will of Matthew Branch, dated 1 June 1772, is recorded in Chesterfield, Will Book II, page 32. To son Matthew Branch the land I now live on, extending from the river to the Falls Road, and three negroes. To son Peter Branch my land back of Rocky Ridge, lying between Stony creek and Grindals, and four negroes. To daughter Elizabeth Branch £250, and one negro. To my wife Ridley Branch all the rest of my estate. Appoint Captain Robert Goode, Francis Goode, Thomas Branch, and Edward Branch, to be my executors. Matthew⁵ Branch and Ridley Jones had issue:

(1) Matthew⁶ Branch, who married Ann, daughter of Henry Walthall. The will of Matthew Branch, of the parish of Manchester, dated 15 February 1786, is recorded in Chesterfield, Will Book IV, page 6. To wife Ann all the use of my tract of land whereon I now live, until my son John shall arrive at the age of twenty-one; and then I give to John 200 acres of the said land, his part to include the 150 acres I purchased of John Smith, and 50 acres of the old tract. I lend to my wife during her life 183 acres, to be laid off by my executors so as to include the house, garden, &c. where I now live; and after her death I give the said 183 acres to my son Francis. To my sons Archibald and Thomas Spencer the remaining part of my tract of land, to be divided between them equally. To my wife for life four slaves and one fourth of my stock and furniture. My wife to maintain my son Matthew; and should my wife die before my said son Matthew, then I give such part of my estate before mentioned to be subject to his maintenance during his life. To my daughters Mary, Elizabeth and Nancy Spencer, when they shall be sixteen, a negro girl each. Executors, my wife and my friends Archibald Walthall and David Patteson. Matthew⁶ Branch and Ann Walthall had issue:

(a) *Matthew⁷ Branch*. Deed, 19 August 1774, by Matthew Branch, Jr, planter at Warwick, to John Ditch, merchant at Warwick, conveying nine negroes, late the property of Mary Jones, wife of the said Matthew. This Matthew Branch, it should be noted, was the lineal male representative of the Richard Branch of Abingdon who died in 1544: to him the headship of the Branch family can be traced definitely. It will also be noted that by the terms of his father's will, this Matthew Branch was in 1786 mentally incapable. There seems no record of his leaving any issue.

(b) *Archibald⁷ Branch*, among whose descendants — presumably — vests the present headship of the family.

(c) *Thomas Spencer⁷ Branch*.

(d) *John⁷ Branch*.

(e) *Francis⁷ Branch*.

- (f) *Mary⁷ Branch.*
- (g) *Elizabeth⁷ Branch.*
- (h) *Nancy Spencer⁷ Branch.*

(2) Peter⁶ Branch. Deed, 14 September 1795, by Peter Branch, to Henry Randolph, conveying 79 acres near Warwick, which was left the said Peter Branch by his father Matthew Branch. Deed, 7 September 1798, by Peter Branch and his wife Martha Branch, to Richard Hewlett, conveying 56 acres on Stony Creek, adjoining land of Robert Goode. Deed, 26 May 1801, by Peter Branch, to Elias Brooke, conveying land in Chesterfield. Peter Branch subsequently made his home in Amelia county, where his inventory was recorded in Will Book XXI, 481. He married, first, in March 1785, Judith, daughter of John Jones of Amelia County, and, second, Martha ———.

(3) Elizabeth⁶ Branch, who died unmarried. The will of Betty Branch of Dale parish, dated 5 October 1765, is recorded in Chesterfield, Will Book I, page 535. To brother Matthew Branch my whole estate. Witnesses, Samuel Branch and William Markham.

II. SAMUEL⁵ BRANCH, who married Winifred ———, and made his home in Goochland. His descendants have not been traced.

III. EDWARD⁵ BRANCH. Deed, 6 February 1788, by Edward Branch, to his sons Stephen and Edward Branch, conveying two negroes. Deed, 5 April 1792, by Edward Branch, Sr, and his wife Margaret Branch, to their son Stephen Branch, conveys (in consideration of £170, to be paid by the said Stephen Branch to the other legatees of the said Edward Branch, in five equal sums — viz., to Edward Branch, Jr, Matthew Branch, Mary Branch, Judith Branch, and Elizabeth Branch, three of these being children) a tract of land whereon they now live, including the mansion house, in which they shall be at liberty to live during life. The will of Edward Branch, dated 14 July 1804, was recorded in Chesterfield in August 1804. To wife Mary Ann two negroes. To son Stephen one dollar. To son Edward one negro. To granddaughter Jane Cary one negro, to go if she die under twenty-one to my grandson Samuel Cary. To daughter Elizabeth Burton two negroes and furniture. To son Matthew one negro. To friend William Branch, in trust for my daughter Mary Cary, two negroes and a featherbed, to go at her death to my grandchildren Samuel and Jane Cary. To daughter Judith Branch three negroes and a featherbed. Executors, friends Arthur Graves, Charles Burton, and William Branch. Edward⁵ Branch, thus, was twice married, and by his first wife, Margaret ———, had issue:

- (1) Stephen⁶ Branch.
- (2) Edward⁶ Branch.
- (3) Matthew⁶ Branch.
- (4) Mary⁶ Branch, who married ——— Cary.
- (5) Judith⁶ Branch, unmarried in 1804.
- (6) Elizabeth⁶ Branch, who married (? Charles) Burton.

IV. THOMAS⁵ BRANCH. He was called, to distinguish him from others of the name, Thomas Branch of Hannah Spring. Deed, 8 September 1786, by Thomas Branch and his wife Mary Branch, to William Fowler, conveying a tract of land on Pokershock creek. Deed, 25 May 1788, by Thomas Branch and his wife Mary Branch, to William Fowler, conveying a tract of land on the north side of Pokershock creek. Deed, 3 November 1791, by Thomas Branch, Sr, of Hannah Spring and his wife Mary Branch, to Reuben Winfree, conveying 700 acres purchased by the said Branch from William Byrd. Deed, 1 November 1792, by Thomas Branch, Sr, and his wife Mary Branch, to Reuben Winfree, conveying 235 acres on Pokoshock creek, purchased by the said Branch from William Byrd. Deed, 13 October 1794, by Thomas Branch, Sr, of Hannah Spring, to Thomas Burton, conveying four acres. Deed, 11 February 1799, by Thomas Branch, Sr, of Hannah Spring, to Thomas Burton, conveying 24 acres, where the said Branch now lives. The will of this Thomas⁵ Branch has not been found. He married Mary, daughter of Thomas Eldridge, and had, with probably other issue:

(1) Bolling⁶ Branch of Buckingham county, who married Rebecca Graves and had issue:

- (a) *Mary Susan*⁷ *Branch*, who married John F. Wiley.
- (b) *William*⁷ *Branch*.
- (c) *Sarah*⁷ *Branch*, who married Edward Gregg.

(2) Matthew⁶ Branch, who married Martha Cox, and had issue:

- (a) *Polly*⁷ *Branch*, who married Thomas May.

8. JOHN⁴ BRANCH (*Matthew*³, *Thomas*², *Christopher*¹). Deed, 22 January 1752, by John Branch, to Samuel Branch, conveying 355 acres in the county of Chesterfield, adjoining lands of Matthew Branch, James Branch, and Matthew Branch, Sr: witnessed by Frances Branch and Johannah Branch. Deed, 4 June 1762, by John Branch, to his son Samuel Branch, conveying 100 acres adjoining Shampoaker creek and Meherrin creek. Deed, July 1766, by John Branch, Sr, to Daniel Weisiger, conveying a tract of land on Shampoke and Henning creeks, adjoining lands of Matthew Branch and Samuel Branch. The will of John Branch of the parish of Dale, weak and infirm, signed with a mark, dated 11 January 1769, was recorded in Will Book II, page 44. To daughter Johannah Sandifer featherbed and furniture. To son Samuel one negro and furniture. To son Matthew

rest of my estate. Executor, Samuel Branch. This John⁴ Branch died in 1772 having had issue:

I. JOHN⁵ BRANCH, who died before his father, without issue. The will of John Branch of Dale parish, dated 27 November 1765, was recorded in Will Book I, page 528. To my brother Matthew Branch my whole estate, and appoint him executor.

II. SAMUEL⁵ BRANCH. Deed, 6 June 1760, by Archibald Cary, to Samuel Branch, conveying 204 acres in Chesterfield. Deed, 25 January 1787, by Samuel Branch the elder of Manchester parish, to his son Samuel Branch of the same, conveying 200 acres adjoining the lands of Peter Branch, Salle, and Backer. The will of Samuel Branch, dated 11 December 1789, was recorded in Will Book IV, page 329. To my son Arthur all my estate which I have hitherto given him. The estate, slaves and personal property I have given my son Samuel Branch, deceased, to be distributed among his representatives and next of kin in the same manner as if the same had been conveyed by deed to the said Samuel. To my daughters Elizabeth Harris, Hannah Hopkins and Mary Marshall all the estate &c. I have formerly given them. To my sons William, Charles and Thomas (the last-named two being under age) the land on which I now live, to be divided equally. To Elizabeth Jackson for life two slaves, to go after her death to her children, and I also give her £30. Rest of slaves and personal property to my sons William, Charles and Thomas. Executors, Isaac Salle, and my sons Arthur Branch and William Branch. This Samuel⁵ Branch had issue:

(1) Samuel⁶ Branch, who died, apparently unmarried, in 1789; an appraisement of his estate, taken 9 April 1790, was recorded in Will Book IV, page 41.

(2) Arthur⁶ Branch, who removed to Powhatan county, where in 1779 he married Catherine Moseley. An appraisal of his estate was taken in Powhatan 20 January 1802.

(3) William⁶ Branch, who married Sarah Martin, but had no issue. His will, dated 22 March 1807, was recorded in Chesterfield 14 April 1817.

(4) Charles⁶ Branch, who removed to Powhatan county, and married Elizabeth Porter. His will was recorded in Powhatan 5 October 1835, and shows he left no issue.

(5) Thomas⁶ Branch, living in 1807, as is shown by the will of his brother William: no further record.

(6) Elizabeth⁶ Branch, who married ——— Harris.

(7) Hannah⁶ Branch, who married ——— Hopkins; living in 1807.

(8) Mary⁶ Branch, who married ——— Marshall.

III. MATTHEW⁵ BRANCH. Deed, 11 September 1761, by Charles Stewart, merchant of Norfolk, to Matthew Branch, son of John Branch, conveying 600 acres, this land having been sold by Henry Cary on 2 February 1735 to John Branch, late deceased, and decreed to the said Charles Stewart by a chancery decree dated 6 April 1759, in a suit brought by the said Charles Stewart against John Branch, son and heir of the said John Branch deceased. No later record has been found in Chesterfield of this Matthew Branch.

IV. JOHANNAH⁵ BRANCH, who married ——— Sandifer.

9. OLIVE⁴ BRANCH (*Matthew³, Thomas², Christopher¹*). Deed, 1 February 1754, by Daniel Branch of the county of Cumberland, to Olive Branch of the county of Chesterfield, conveying 225 acres, part of a tract of 450 acres, adjoining lands of William Byrd, and described as having been purchased by Matthew said Matthew Branch to the said Daniel. Deed, 13 February 1754, by Olive Branch of Dale parish, to William Byrd, of Westover, conveying a tract on both sides of Reedy creek, containing 94 acres, on the south side of Rocky Ridge, adjoining land of John Markham. Deed, 8 July 1755, by Olive Branch, to Thomas Branch (*Thomas³, Thomas², Christopher¹*), conveying plantation whereon Olive Branch now lives, containing 450 acres, to secure a debt of £74 11s; provided that if Olive Branch repay this sum to Thomas Branch before 8 July 1756 this instrument be void. Deed, 6 April 1764, by Olive Branch, Sr., to his son James Branch, conveying 100 acres adjoining lands of the said James Branch, of the said Olive Branch, Sr., and of William Byrd. Deed, 6 April 1764, by Olive Branch, Sr., to his son Olive Branch, Jr., conveying 100 acres, adjoining lands owned severally by John Markham, William Byrd, and the two parties to this deed. The will of Olive Branch, dated 16 October 1779, was recorded in Chesterfield in Will Book III, page 289. To my wife Verlinsche all my estate during her life, and after her death to go to my son James Branch. Executors, James Branch and my friend Bernard Markham. Olive⁴ Branch, to all appearance, married his cousin Valentia⁴ Branch (*James³, Thomas², Christopher¹*), and had died in 1772, having had issue:

I. JAMES⁵ BRANCH, to whom his father deeded land, as recorded, in 1764. James Branch served in the Revolution, being named second lieutenant to Captain David Patteson's company of Chesterfield militia, at the October court 1778, and was living in Chesterfield in 1790: no further record.

II. OLIVE⁵ BRANCH. Deed, 13 February 1764, by William Byrd, to Olive Branch, conveying 94 acres on the east side of Powhite Creek, adjoining land of Olive Branch. Deed, 6 April 1764, by Olive Branch, Sr, as previously recorded. Olive Branch, on 10 March 1756, patented 200 acres, presumably in Lunenburg. This patent was recorded in Land Book 18, page 713 (according to the index), and this page has been lost. The latter half of the patent is still preserved, on page 714. Olive Branch, on 10 March 1756, by the immediately following grant, patented 365 acres in Lunenburg, on the south side of Morton's creek, adjoining the land of Lewis Franklin. He was a member of the Buckingham militia in the early years of the Revolution, but by the terms of his father's will, must have been dead in October 1779. He seems to have left no issue.

IO. DANIEL⁴ BRANCH (*Matthew³, Thomas², Christopher¹*). Deed, recorded in Cumberland, dated 24 September 1754, by Thomas Porter, to Daniel Branch, conveying 138 acres in Cumberland, patented 16 June 13th Ann by Stephen Chastain. Deed, 1 February 1754, by Daniel Branch, to his brother Olive Branch, as previously cited, was acknowledged before the Chesterfield court, same date, by Daniel Branch and his wife. The will of Daniel Branch, dated 13 April 1782, was recorded in Powhatan 15 August 1782. To my son Daniel 301 acres whereon I now live in Powhatan, and two negroes. To son Thomas two negroes. To son Dutoy two negroes. To son Matthew two negroes. To daughter Mary Branch two negroes. To daughter Elizabeth Barbara Branch two negroes. To daughter Frances Branch two negroes. My four sons to have my four other negroes on condition they pay £30 to each of my daughters. To son Daniel my gray mare. To son Thomas my young colt. To son Dutoy my gray horse. To son Matthew my black mare. Household goods to be equally divided among my four sons and my daughter Mary. To my daughters Elizabeth Barbara and Frances a cow and a calf apiece. My four sons to be executors. Daniel Branch married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Porter of Cumberland, and had issue:

II. THOMAS⁴ BRANCH (*Matthew³, Thomas², Christopher¹*). He was called, by way of distinction, Thomas Branch of Sham-

poke. Deed, 7 March 1760, by Thomas Branch of Shampoke, son of Matthew Branch deceased, to Stephen Pankey, conveying 150 acres, where the said Thomas Branch now dwells, being the fourth part of 600 acres granted by a patent dated 19 October 1705, to Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Harris, Thomas Turpin and Matthew Branch, father of the said Thomas Branch, all the patentees being since deceased; the tract being furthermore described as adjoining land owned by John Markham. The will of Thomas Branch of Dale parish, dated 29 August 1769, was recorded in Will Book II, page 3. To wife Mary the plantation I now live on and all my furniture during her life, and at her death to be equally divided between my son Edward Branch and my grandson Edward Branch. To my son James one negro. To my son Edward Garner Branch one shilling. To my daughters Phoebe Lockett, Patty Branch, and Elizabeth Branch, the remainder of my estate, to be divided equally. Executors, Robert Cary and Matthew Branch, Jr. Thomas Branch of Shampoke died in 1772, having had issue:

1. EDWARD⁵ BRANCH. Deed, 9 June 1793, by Edward Branch, the son of Edward Garner Branch and his wife Judy, of the county of Powhatan, and Edward Branch, the son of Thomas Branch deceased, and his wife Tabitha, to William Burton, conveying a tract on the south side of Pokoshock creek, containing 25 acres, being one half the land where Thomas Branch deceased formerly lived, which by his will dated 29 August 1769, of record in Chesterfield, he directed to be divided between his son Edward Branch and his grandson Edward Branch. Deed, 24 January 1801, by Edward Branch, Jr, and his wife Tabitha, and Mary Branch, mother to the said Edward, to William Sowell, conveying a tract on Pokoshock creek, where the said Edward formerly lived, and which was left the said Edward by his father Thomas Branch. The will of Edward Branch, dated 24 May 1814, recorded in Chesterfield 8 August 1814, in Will Book VIII, page 205. To my wife Tabitha all my estate for life: after her death, my lands to go to my son Thomas, and all the rest of my estate to be equally divided among my children, Polly, Arthur, Patsey, Garner, and Edward Branch. This Edward⁵ Branch had issue:

- (1) Thomas⁶ Branch.
- (2) Arthur⁶ Branch.
- (3) Garner⁶ Branch.
- (4) Polly⁶ Branch.
- (5) Patsy⁶ Branch.

II. JAMES⁵ BRANCH: no further record after 1769.

III. EDWARD GARNER⁵ BRANCH. Deed, 5 February 1769, by Garner Branch, to Olive Branch, conveying certain furniture. An appraisement of the estate of Edward Garner Branch was recorded in Chesterfield, 24 May 1782, by Edward Branch, John Burton, and William Gibson. Edward Garner⁵ Branch had issue:

(1) Edward⁶ Branch. By deed previously cited, in June 1793 he was living in Powhatan county, and had married Judith ———.

IV. PHOEBE⁵ BRANCH, who married ——— Lockett.

V. PATTY⁵ BRANCH, unmarried in 1769.

VI. MARY⁵ BRANCH, unmarried in 1769.

VII. ELIZABETH⁵ BRANCH, unmarried in 1769.

I. DANIEL⁵ BRANCH, who made his home in Chesterfield. Deed, 21 December 1789, by Daniel Branch, to John Adams, conveying 50 acres. Deed, 24 August 1790, by Daniel Branch, to John Adams, conveying part of the land whereon the said Daniel now lives, adjoining the land of James Branch, and containing 29 acres. Deed, 15 December 1790, by Daniel Branch, to Peter Leathe, conveying 55 acres. The will of Daniel Branch, undated, was recorded in Chesterfield in Will Book IV, page 494: an inventory of his estate was ordered in October 1792, and was recorded 10 January 1793. To my son James one negro. To son Olive one negro. To son Daniel one negro. To daughter Sally one negro. To daughter Verlinche one negro. To son Washington two negroes. All my land, and all my negroes not previously given, to be equally divided among my four sons. Daniel⁵ Branch married Jemima, daughter of William Britton of Chesterfield, and had issue:

(1) James⁶ Branch.

(2) Olive⁶ Branch.

(3) Daniel⁶ Branch, whose will, dated 5 May 1811, was recorded in Powhatan 16 December 1824. He married, first, Mary, daughter of James Britton, and, second, in 1783, Sally Clarke of Powhatan, and had issue:

(a) *Daniel⁷ Branch*, who was killed in Richmond, in November 1827.

(b) *Mary Ann⁷ Branch*, who married William Stanard.

(c) *Elizabeth⁷ Branch*, who married ——— Mallory.

(4) Washington⁶ Branch, who died unmarried.

(5) Valentia⁶ Branch, who married William Bowles.

(6) Sarah⁶ Branch, who married John Frazier.

(7) Lucy⁶ Branch, who died unmarried before 1792.

II. THOMAS⁵ BRANCH, who married Sarah, widow of Thomas Massie, and daughter of Captain Humphrey Parrish of Goochland. He died 4 March 1836, having had issue:

- (1) Martha Anne Maurice⁶ Branch, who died unmarried.
- (2) Elizabeth H. W.⁶ Branch.
- (3) William Moseley⁶ Branch, who married Mary Ann Sergeant, and had issue.
- (4) Sarah M.⁶ Branch.
- (5) Mary Ann⁶ Branch, who died unmarried.

III. DUTOY⁵ BRANCH. No record of him has been found later than his father's will, dated April 1782.

IV. MATTHEW⁵ BRANCH, who died without issue. His will, dated 13 October 1823, was recorded in Powhatan 20 November 1823.

V. MARY⁵ BRANCH, who in 1782, in Powhatan, married John Cocke.

VI. ELIZA BARBARA⁵ BRANCH, who married —— Holeman.

VII. FRANCES⁵ BRANCH, who in 1788, in Powhatan, married John Price.

12. JOHN⁴ BRANCH (*James³, Thomas², Christopher¹*). In Chesterfield is recorded a deed, dated 27 November 1749, from Mary Branch (widow of James Branch) to John Branch, conveying 200 acres adjoining the land formerly owned by Mr. Abel Gower, and another tract, of 31 acres, granted to James Branch by a patent dated 18 March 1717: witnessed by Rhod Easley, John Howlett, and Olive Branch. There is also a deed, dated 13 November 1749, by John Branch, to Thomas Branch (*Thomas³, Thomas², Christopher¹*), conveying these two tracts. John Branch married Mary ——, and died intestate in 1751: an inventory of his estate, taken 16 August 1751, was recorded in Chesterfield, Will Book I, page 59. He had, with possibly other issue:

I. JOHN⁵ BRANCH, who has various deeds recorded in Chesterfield. Deed, dated 6 November 1752, from John Branch, son and heir of John Branch deceased, to Charles Stuart, merchant, conveying 600 acres, being the land purchased of Henry Clay by the said John Branch deceased, and by the death of his father is descended to the said John Branch, party to this deed, lying and being in Chesterfield county, near Warwick: this is a conveyance to secure a debt of £154, and £314 due on a bond given by John Branch and Jeremiah Rust, to David Bott, and by him assigned to William Montgomery. Deed, 4 December 1755, by Mary Branch and

John Branch, son and heir of "James" Branch deceased, to John Markham, conveying 20 acres on Bear Creek in Chesterfield county, described as bordering on lands owned separately by the three parties to this deed. Deed, 12 September 1763, by John Branch, to John Markham, conveying 38 acres in Chesterfield, in the parish of Dale, being part of a tract consisting of 333 acres belonging to the said John Branch, on Bear Creek. Deed, 7 June 1766, from Thomas Branch, to John Branch, son of John Branch deceased, conveying 100 acres, including the plantation whereon the said John Branch now lives. Deed, 24 July 1769, by John Branch, to James Lyle, conveying 100 acres in Chesterfield, being the land the said John Branch bought of Thomas Branch.

This is the last entry concerning John Branch that has been found in the Chesterfield records. It is said that circa 1769 he removed, with his wife, Martha Louise Henry, to Halifax County, North Carolina, and left descendants there. Among his children, it is stated, was:

(1) John⁶ Branch, a colonel in the Halifax militia during the Revolution, a member of the Colonial Congress at Hillsboro, a member of the General Assembly, represented Halifax in the North Carolina legislature 1781-82-87-88, and died in 1806. He married, first, ——— Bradford, and, second, Elizabeth Norwood, and had with other issue:

- (a) *James⁷ Branch.*
- (b) *John⁷ Branch, Governor of North Carolina, &c.*
- (c) *Joseph⁷ Branch.*
- (d) *Martha⁷ Branch, who married Eli Whitaker.*
- (e) *Patience⁷ Branch, who married Daniel Southall.*
- (f) *Elizabeth Ann⁷ Branch, a child of the second marriage, who married ——— Alston.*