

BRANCH OF HENRICO

In connection with the previously published information as to the Branch family, the following addenda has been communicated by Mr. James Branch Cabell:

QUARTERLY, Vol. XXV., page 62. Thomas² Branch is said to have married Elizabeth, daughter of Captain Matthew Gough of Henrico, a burgess for the session beginning 2 March, 1642-3.

Page 65. Thomas³ Branch, on 4 November, 1685, patented 760 acres in Henrico, on the south side of the river, in the parish of Varina, bordering land owned by Mr. Abell Gower, John Clarke, and Mr. Thomas Branch, Senior. Thomas³ Branch conveyed 280 acres of this tract to his brother Matthew³ Branch, for 2,000 pounds of tobacco, by a deed dated and recorded 1 February, 1686-7; and on the same date conveyed to his brother James³ Branch 200 acres of the same tract, "for love and affection." This transfer would seem to mark the coming age of James³ Branch.

Page 66. Thomas⁴ Branch of Henrico, on 27 September, 1729, patented 390 acres of new land in the fork of the Beaver-Pond branch of Deep Creek in Prince George county. Thomas⁴ Branch was evidently the monied member of the family (of which he was the lineal head), and has a number of deeds in Chesterfield, too many to be cited here, dating down to 6 February, 1767, when he conveyed forty-eight acres at the mouth of the Spring branch of Sappony Creek in Chesterfield, to Henry Branch. Thomas⁴ Branch presumably died in 1767.

Page 66. William⁴ Branch, on 17 August, 1725, patented 400 acres of new land in Henrico, on the north side of Appamattock River, bordering on the said river and on land owned by the patentee and on the land of Mr. Joseph Irby.

Page 67. Matthew³ Branch married Frances ———, who was a witness at the October Court, 1711. She was probably Frances Ware, a sister of the Caleb Ware, whose will, dated 28 June, 1740, was recorded in Chesterfield 5 October 1750. Matthew³ Branch, by deeds dated 27 September 1689, recorded in Henrico 1 October 1689, exchanged 200 acres of the 280 deeded him in 1686-7 by his brother Thomas³ Branch, for the 200 then deeded to James³ Branch and eighty adjoining acres. Matthew³ Branch, on 29 October 1696, patented fifty acres in Henrico, escheat from William Jones deceased. Matthew³ Branch and James³ Branch, on 24 April 1703, patented 710 acres in Henrico, on the south side of the river, on Bear's branch, Pockashock branch, Grindon's run, and bordering land owned by John Brodnax. Matthew³ Branch, on 20

October 1704, with Mr. Tho: Jefferson, Tho: Harris, and Tho: Turpin, patented 628 acres in Henrico, on the south side of the river, on "ye branch of Lucy's Spring." Matthew³ Branch and James³ Branch, by deeds dated and recorded 1 August 1711, divided equally the 710 acres patented by them in 1703.

Page 69. James³ Branch, in addition to the preceding data concerning him, has a land patent, dated 18 March 1717-8, for thirty-one acres in Henrico, on the south side of the river, bordering on Kingsland, Seafield, the land of Richard Dennis, of Mr. Thomas Branch, and land owned by the patentee. The will of James³ Branch was probated in Chesterfield 5 August 1749.

QUARTERLY, Vol. XXV., page 108. John³ Branch evidently married Martha, daughter of Robert Griegg of Henrico, whose will, dated 10 February 1702-3, recorded 2 August 1703, names his grandchildren John Cocke, Thomas Edwards, Jr., Mary Ward, and Edward Branch, and appoints Jane Gower to be executrix.

Page 113. NOTE 2. A re-reading of the will of Obedience⁴ Turpin shows that the Obedience Turpin named therein is described, not as the testator's "daughter," but as her "granddaughter." This legatee was the daughter of Thomas⁵ Turpin (compare page 111, line 2). The suggestion that Obedience⁴ Branch had by her first marriage a daughter Obedience⁵ Cocke, thus falls through so that on page 110 the first line should be canceled; and on page 111, line 16, read "Obedience⁵ Turpin, who married, as his second wife, Benjamin⁴ Branch (*Benjamin³, Christopher², Christopher¹*)."

QUARTERLY, Vol. XXVI., pages 111-113. Matthew⁵ Branch had issue, in addition to the three children named, Mary⁶ Branch. She is named in her father's will, being bequeathed £250 and a negro girl; and, 25 December 1783, married Benjamin Moseley, then of Chesterfield and afterward of Buckingham county, who served during the Revolution as a first lieutenant of artillery, in the First Battalion of the Virginia Continental Line. Benjamin Moseley died 26 July 1799. His wife was living 11 February 1839, being then "aged seventy-four years." They had issue: William⁷ Moseley, who married ——— Logwood; Matthew⁷ Moseley; Mary⁷ Moseley, who married Rolfe Eldrige (for whose children compare QUARTERLY, Vol. XX., pages 206, 301); Margaret⁷ Moseley, who married James Jones; and Lucy⁷ Moseley, who married Dr. James Austin.

Page 116. The last line on this page should read merely "issue."

Page 117. By a disastrous typographical error, the children of Daniel⁴ Branch have been advanced beyond their proper station, at the bottom of page 117, to pages 119-120. This list now unaccountably begins on page 119, at line 13.