

From "Burke: The History of a North Carolina County, 1777-1920," -- THE BRANKS-- Family believed to be of Dutch origin. Robert, Sr.-- (born 1727). Came from Virginia about 1747. Lived for some years in present Lincoln or Gaston counties. Moved to east side of Catawba opposite Quaker Meadows by 1769. To Madison (now Gerrard) County, Kentucky about 1788. Peter (ca 1742-1780)-- Eldest son. Lived just north of father. Killed in a skirmish with Tories at Cowan's Ford of Cane Creek near Dysartsville on September 12, 1780."