

## Branch 20

Branch 20 is a small branch that begins with the marriage of John Braund and Rebecca Hopkins at Black Torrington, Devon in 1678 and spans just four generations. It is likely that the John at the top of the tree links to branch 1 but there aren't enough surviving documents to prove this.

John and Rebecca had eight children but it has been difficult to trace several of them. It seems likely that the family were struck down by some kind of infectious disease in the early months of 1692/3 as the mother Rebecca, two of the children and either John the father or John the son, were all buried within a week.

There are living branch 20 descendants of John and Rebecca's son, Edward, or Edmund, through his daughter Elizabeth. John and Rebecca's son, James married Joan Weeks in Black Torrington in 1719 and five children and there may be more descendants from James. Branch 6 Braunds may also descend from branch 20 but we are unlikely to be able to prove this.