

Richardson generalogy, which, however, I had never worked up with the same degree of care.

A brief part of this statement I should like to have you insert in your next number, and particularly call it to the attention of Judge Nathaniel W. Branson, of Petersburg, Ill., whose name I now for the first time discover as being also one of your correspondents. I should like to know where he got his name Nathaniel. I observe he is a much older man than myself, and has doubtless a large amount of information at his command.

It was a great sorrow to me that before my genealogical loss occurred, I had but resently—some three years before—lost my father, who was the source of most of my information in family matters, being one of the old-fashioned men who carry all their family knowledge in their heads and on their tongues' end, and did not need to refer, as does his son, to books and records.

It may be, of course, that Judge Branson's first name and mine are the same by coincidence, but Nathaniel is a family attachment in our branch, occurring quite frequently.

Yours truly,

NATHANIEL R. BRANSON.

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EARLY ACCOUNT OF THE BRANSON FAMILY.

BY JAMES L. BRANSON, of Philadelphia.

The grandmother of the William Branson on the mother's side, who married Elizabeth Osmund, was Elizabeth Day.

The grandmother on the mother's side was Martha Bailey.

The name of the grandfather and mother of William is not given, but their childrens' names were as follows :