

Family Group Record

Husband Simcock Cannon		
Born	Abt 1725/1730	Place Perhaps, Amelia/Henrico/Goochland Co., Virginia
Christened		Place [1800 census:, Buncombe Co., NC, & Greenville Co., SC]
Died	Aft 1803	Place Probably, the first Walton Co., Georgia (actually in North Carolina)
Buried		Place
Married	Abt 1750/1752	Place Perhaps Henrico Co. or Amelia Co., Virginia
Husband's father		
Husband's mother		

Wife Jane Rudd		
Born	Abt 1737	Place , Henrico Co., Virginia
Christened		Place
Died	Aft 1771	Place
Buried		Place
Wife's father John Rudd Jr.		
Wife's mother Hannah Russell		

Children List each child in order of birth.

1	M	Russell Cannon	
between 10	Born	Abt 1752	Place Probably, Prince Edward Co., Virginia
	Christened		Place
	Died	Jul 1824 and 1 Oct 1824	Place , Pendleton District, South Carolina
	Buried		Place
	Spouse Jane (sometimes Jean) Campbell		
	Married	Abt 1777/1778	Place , Pendleton District, South Carolina or Tennessee

2	M	William Cannon	
between 10	Born	Abt 1754	Place Perhaps, [Pr. Edward Co.], Virginia
	Christened		Place
	Died	Aft 1824	Place Perhaps, Greenville District, South Carolina
	Buried		Place
	Spouse [Not known]		
	Married	Abt 1773/1774	Place

3	M	Richard Cannon	
between 10	Born	Abt 1755/1760	Place Probably, [Prince Edward Co.], Virginia
	Christened		Place
	Died	12 Jul 1831	Place , Habersham Co., Georgia
	Buried		Place
	Spouse Elizabeth Cole		
	Married	Abt 1782/1783	Place

4	Six other persons Cannon		
between 10	Born	Bef 1771	Place Virginia, South Carolina, or North Carolina
	Christened		Place
	Died		Place

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Notes

HUSBAND - Simcock Cannon

Simcock Cannon is in the 1800 Greenville Co., SC, census, and ALSO the 1800 Buncombe Co., NC, census, with identical information: a male aged 10-15, a male 45 or older, 2 females under 10, and a female 26-45. He does not appear in any state census in 1810. He was the head of a young family, which is either that with a wife after Jane Rudd, or perhaps it is the family of a widowed daughter.

The name of "Tim Cock Cannon," which appears to be Simcock Cannon, appears in the 1803 fall census of the first Walton Co., GA, in the Eastern District with a household of 7 white persons. This area was the "Orphan Strip" that South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia sparred over until it was found to belong to NC and is the lower part of present-day Transylvania Co., NC. It was roughly in the vicinity of Buncombe Co. of 1800. Some of Simcock's neighbors in the 1800 Buncombe Co., NC, census also were in the "Orphan Strip" listing.

A separate "time line" has been prepared, which shows Simcock Cannon's movement from Virginia into South Carolina, Georgia, and North Carolina.

First record of Simcock, besides his mother-in-law's will, was in tax records of Amelia Co., VA, 1751. Two years later he was in Prince Edward Co., VA, where he served as constable. To be eligible for this post he had to have been at least 21 years old and own property. He lived in Parish of Patrick, Prince Edward Co., when he sold Lunenburg Co., VA, land to William Davidson. He also owned land in Charlotte Co., VA, before going to SC.

How old did a male have to be before being taxable? Victor Dunn, Certified Genealogist, in Virginia wrote to me (C.G.) in an email of 26 Sep 2008: "...the act that seems to apply here was passed in 1748 and indicates that all males 16 and over were tithable:"

LAWS OF VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 1748--22d GEORGE II

I. BE it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Burgesses of this present General Assembly, and it is hereby enacted, by the authority of the same, That all male persons of the age of sixteen years and upwards, and all negroe, mulatto, and Indian women of the same age, except Indians tributary to this government, and all wives of free negroes, mulattos, and Indians, except as before excepted, shall be and are hereby declared to be tithable, and chargeable for defraying the public, county, and parish levies, of this colony and dominion, excepting such only as the county courts, for charitable reasons appearing to them, shall think fit to excuse.

Victor Dunn continued, "However, since Simcock was listed in his own household in 1751, I'm certain he was over 21 and likely married. In addition, since he was sued in July 1752, he had to have been at least 21 to enter into a debt contract to be sued over. Also since he was appointed constable in 1756, I would estimate he was in his mid 20s. I'd estimate a birth date of 1725-1730 at this point."_

Regarding a question in my mind (C.G.), was it unusual that Simcock Cannon's wife never released dower in land transactions? -- He wrote: "As for the dower release, as you know, to clear title the wife was required to be release her dower interest. However, I've seen a number of instances where this did not happen when the wife was still living. The reason may have been as simple as delicate health such as a pregnancy, which did not permit the wife to travel over bumpy roads to the court house. You will often see women releasing dower years later."

Some researchers speculate that Simcock Cannon was the son of William Cannon & Judith Woodson, although no documentation of this has been found. This William Cannon was the son of John Cannon and Hester or Esther Pledge of Henrico Co., VA. After John Cannon died, Hester married Abraham Childres. Her known children with Cannon were:

John Cannon born about 1688 Henrico Co., VA. [Marr. Mary Price bef. 1710]

William Cannon born about 1690 " " " [Marr. Judith Woodson, b.c.1673]

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Joseph Cannon born about 1692 " " "

Mary Cannon born about 1694 " " " [Married William Russell? No proof]

Abraham Childres and two of his step-sons, John and William, sold land in Virginia to John Simcock of Henrico Co. (Wm. lived in Goochland Co.) This John Simcock might have been the reason for Simcock Cannon's first name. John Simcock & wife Mary lived in Henrico Co. and then James City Co. & New Kent Co., where a daughter, Patty Bryan, was born 05 Aug 1736, so John Simcock may not have been old enough to be the grandfather of Simcock Cannon. [CAUTION: THESE RELATIONSHIPS HAVE NEVER BEEN PROVED.]

NOTE: In the 1790 SC census, 2 Childres families are living between Russel Kennon and William Kennon, Greenville Co., Ninety-Six District.

THE ROYAL GRANT IN SOUTH CAROLINA INDICATES A HOUSEHOLD OF 11 PEOPLE, BUT ONLY 3 CAN BE ACCOUNTED FOR RELIABLY: Simcock, Jane Rudd, and Russell. Richard and William were associated with them and appear to be sons of Simcock and Jane. Y-DNA results for the Cannon DNA project show matches between descendants of Simcock and descendants of both William Cannon (through his grandson, Emberry Cannon) and Richard Cannon (through his son, Russell E. Cannon) of Greenville & Pendleton districts, SC, and Habersham Co., Georgia.

03 Dec 1771 Craven Co., SC, Colonial Plats, Vol. 13, p. 522. "Pursuant to a warrant bearing date 3 December 1771, I have admeasured and laid out to Simcock Cannon, a tract in Craven County of 600 acres on a branch of Brown's Creek, and bounding on all sides by vacant land." 16 Dec 1771. Survey. Browns Creek was in what was later Union County.

21 May 1772 Royal Grants, Vol. 25, p. 520 [microfilm 22607, SC Archives]. George III to Simcock Cannon, 600 acres on a branch of Browns Creek bounding on all sides by vacant land. Patent. 21 May 1772.

NOTE: A wife named Hulda Hoad has been suggested for Simcock Cannon or for his son, Russel. This has never been proved and came from speculation by researchers that there was such a wife because this was linked to a Cannon family; however, this name has been associated with the family of Russell E. Cannon, son of the Richard Cannon who appears to have been a son of Simcock Cannon. I have posted the correspondence with people who knew of the Russell E. Cannon family link at genforum.genealogy.com/Cannon [Note from C.G.]

BEWARE: There are names of supposed siblings of Simcock Cannon circulated on the Internet that are not proved. They come from extremely thin speculation and are essentially fictitious.

WIFE - Jane Rudd

Extensive research on family of Jane Rudd done by Mary Gregg of Austin, Texas.

Jane Rudd's mother's name believed to be RUSSELL, according to Mary Gregg's research in Virginia. Some evidence indicates the siblings of a Russel/Russell family, and wills mention grandchildren with surnames which fit married names of two daughters.

Jane (RUDD) CANNON or KENNON was named in her father's and her mother's wills, so she was alive as late as 1771. She did not release dower when Simcock Cannon sold any of his land.

CHILD 1 - Russell Cannon

Will of John Rudd II 05 Jan 1753/54 mentions his grandson Ruscill Kennon, son of his daughter Jane; son-in-law Simcock Kennon, one of the executors. Thus, Russel Cannon/Kennon was born about or slightly before this time.

Birth date also determined from South Carolina land record for father, Simcock Cannon. A head of household, after 4 Nov 1755, could obtain 100 acres of land and others in their household, regardless of age or race, could obtain 50

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acres of land each. "As of 1763, no person was allowed land for any children of the age of eighteen years or older. A person eighteen years or older was supposed to obtain land in his or her own name (which would have been 100 acres for a single person). Therefore, it would appear that Simcock Cannon had himself, a wife, and nine other persons in his family. If Russell Cannon (presumably his son) were as old as eighteen, he would have had his own grant. Therefore, we may assume that he was not born until c1754." [From letter to Cecilie Gaziano from researcher Brent H. Holcomb on 16 Dec 1791.]

Marriage date 1781 from Compendium of American Genealogy, Frederick Adams Virkus, ed.; Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1968 (orig. pub. 1937). This source is known to contain many errors. If 1779 is take as birth date for son William, they were likely married about 1777/1778. They could have married in Tennessee, as Simcock Cannon, Russell's father, was in Washington Co., TN, in 1783. Russell may have been with him. Otherwise, Russell was found in Pendleton District, SC, roughly about this time.

Will given in A Collection of Upper South Carolina Genealogical and Family Records, Vol. I; James E. Wooley, ed.; published by Southern Historical Press, c/o The Rev. S. Emmett Lucas, Jr., P.O. Box 738, Easley, SC 29640, 1979.

Estate documents allow an estimate of date of death between 10 Jul 1824 and 01 Oct 1824.

Juanita Askew of Trafford, AL, a descendant of Russell, also gives citation for will: Anderson Co., SC, Vol. I, p. 283, Section A, 1800-1834. Will made 10 Jul 1824, probated 6 Sep 1824. Grave not yet found.

Will of Hannah Rudd dated 02 Oct 1771 mentions her grandson Russell Kennon, no other grandchildren. Russel would have been 16-18 years old then.

Juanita's notes point out: Russell's land was in Pickens Co., SC, on Rice's Creek, adjoining John Arial, James Mansel 201 acres, 300 acres/Wolf Creek (both sides), joining William Gilstrap, Mary Haynes, Reese Bowen, G. W. Davenport. [NOTE: Russel's son, Elijah, married Dorcas Bowen]

Russell's father, Simcock Cannon, accepted an appointment as constable in Prince Edward Co., VA, in the 1750s. Perhaps Russell was born there. Simcock could have been in Henrico Co. or Chesterfield Co., VA, before then, as his father-in-law lived in Henrico Co., and a John Simcock, perhaps his grandfather, lived in Chesterfield Co., next door (Richmond area).

04 Sep 1786 Russel Cannon received a land grant in Greenville Co., SC.

01 Jan 1787 Russel Cannon received 95 acres in 96 District on branches of middle fork of the Saluda River. Plat certified 16 Mar 1786.

20 Apr 1790 Russel Cannon of Greenville Co. sold land granted in 1786.

21/22 Sep 1787 Simcock Cannon of 96 District, SC, leased 105 acres to Russel Cannon of same district, middle fork of Saluda River.

Also see: Betty Willie, ed., Pendleton District, S.C., Deeds 1790-1806, published by Southern Historical Press (see above).

Pendleton District and Anderson County, S.C.: Wills, Estates, Inventories, Tax Returns and Census Records, compiled by Virginia Alexander, Colleen Morse Elliott, and Betty Willie, published by Southern Historical Press (see above).

Information on Russell's son Elijah and family from: Ancestors and Descendants: Grayson County, Texas, compiled and edited by Grayson County Genealogical Society (pub. date missing from my photocopied pages).

U.S. Censuses:

1790 Franklin Co., GA, in The Reconstructed 1790 Census of Georgia: Substitutes for Georgia's Lost 1790 Census,

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compiled by Marie De Lamar and Elisabeth Rothstein, Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., Inc., 1985. (Shows Russell Cannon as either landowner or witness to land transaction.)

1790 Ninety-Six District, Greenville Co., SC, p. 93: Russel KENNON.

1800 Greenville Co., SC, p. 248: Russel Cannon.

1810 Pendleton Distr., SC, p. 145A: Russel Cannon.

1820 Pendleton Distr., SC, p. 180: Russel Cannon.

1830 Pickens Co., SC, p. 317: Jane Cannon. [widow of Russel]

1840 Pickens Co., SC, p. 370: Jane Cannon. [widow of Russel]

1850 Pickens Co., SC, p. 497: Jane Cannon. [widow of Russel]

CHILD 2 - William Cannon

The following information may be for one William Cannon or more than one William Cannon. There was an association between a William Cannon and Simcock Cannon, as well as an association between Simcock's son Russell Cannon and William Cannon. A descendant of William Cannon matches closely in Y-DNA results with descendants of Russell Cannon and also Russell's brother, Richard Cannon.

1778 Washington Co., NC (TN). William Cannon, Poll Tax 100 (pounds), 1-06 Michael Woods, Esq. [born before 1757, most likely]

1781 Washington Co., NC (TN). William Cannon sued William Murphy for the return of a rifled gun. [no reference]

xx xxx 1782 Washington Co., (NC) TN. Robert Bayless conveyed a tract of land to William Cannon. This deed was not found. It may be part of a court oath.

The next two deeds are included to show that Simcock Cannon was present in Washington Co., TN, also, with Russell.

16 Mar 1783 Washington Co., NC (TN). James McAdams and Jemima his wife his grant of 10/24/1782 conveyed unto Peter Finch 200 acres of land on Cherokee Creek for 150 pounds NC money adjacent Ben Johnston, witnessed by R. Cannon. However, when court oath was made in the next term Simcock Cannon verified this sale. Pearson Brummet and Samuel Duncan were also witnesses.

16 Mar 1783 Washington Co., NC (TN). Deed between James McAdams and Samuel Duncan on the waters of Cherokee Creek adj. Abraham Anthony. Being part of a 400 acre tract granted to McAdams by grant 200 acres. Wit.: Simcock Cannon, Pearson Brummet, Foster Furing [Finney?]

20 Apr 1784 Washington Co., NC (TN). William Cannon conveyed to John Hunter, Jr., a tract of land containing about 50 acres on a branch of Cherokee Creek for 55 pounds. It being a part of a tract conveyed by Robert Bayless to Cannon in 1782. Wit.: Robert Rodgers, Thomas Rogers.

26 May 1784 Washington Co., TN: William Cannon conveyed to Fredrick Anderson fifty acres on a branch of Cherokee Creek for 40 pounds. Witnesses: Russell Cannon, William Murphy, Ambrose Mayfield.

1790 Census, Greenville District, SC (very near Russel "KENNON" also on p. 93): Perhaps a son of Simcock Cannon/Kennon, NOT PROVED: William Kennon 1 M 16+ 2 M under 16 4 F any ages

1800 Census, Greenville District, SC, p. 251

William Cannon 1 M 10-16 1 M 16-26 1 M 45+ 1 F 16-26 1 F 26-45

1810 Census, Pendleton Distr. -- the only William is aged 26-45, too young. This William is the son of Russell

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CHILD 2 - William Cannon (Continued)
Cannon.

1810 Census, Greenville District, SC, p. 542/123, Wm Canan, b 1765-1784.

1820 Census, Pendleton Distr. -- 2 Williams, one aged 45+ with many children, who appears to be Russel Cannon's son, the other 45+ with no family at all.

1792: A Wm CANNON signed a petition from Greenville Co., SC. Russel CANNON also signed. (Greenville Co. had been settled less than 10 years at this time). This Wm. could not be Russel's son, who would have been 12-14 years old. #153 in SC Archives, General Assembly Petitions, 1792.

10 Nov 1795: William CANNON was to receive 5 barren cows from Samuel HOLLINGSWORTH, according to a note in Greenville Co., SC. [Too old to be a son of Russell Cannon]

1796: William CANNON and Russel CANNON owed Samuel HOLLINGSWORTH Sr. 18 pounds, 13 shillings, 4 pence if William defaulted. If Russell's William was born 1779, this could be his son, who'd be old enough to transact such debts. If Russell's William were younger, he could not be this William. This is likely to be Russell's brother.

1799: William KANNON of Greenville Co. sold 100 acres (part of tract run by Thomas BRUMMETT and by him conveyed to John CONENHOVEN and from him to John GLASS. Sold to Mary BARNS. Witnesses: David McBRAYER and Aaron SLATEN. Deed Book L, p. 79, 13 May 1799, proved 24 Jul 1813.

1805: William CANNON sold a slave to Jonathan CANNON on 17 Mar 1805. Wit.: James GILLILAND, Jonathan POTS, John TUBB, J.P. Greenville Co., SC.

1806: William CANNON of Greenville Co., SC, bought land on s. side of Gap Creek of middle fork of Saluda River, 100 acres, from Jonathan POTTS. Wit.: Thos. CANTRELL, Nimrod CANTRELL. (03 Aug 1806, Greenville Co., SC.)

1813: William and Jeane (Teaney?) CANNON sold land in Greenville Co., SC, to Jesse MAYFIELD, land on south side of Gap Creek of the middle fork of the Saluda River, 100 acres adjoining Jonathan POTTS and CANNON, part of tract granted to Job COLCOCK surveyed for Ephraim ELLIS, on 14 Feb 1813, Deed Book I, p. 210. Wit.: David McBRAYER, Samuel McJUNKIN. Greenville Co., SC.

Russel's William did not go to MS until between 1830-1840.

1790 Census, Greenville District, SC, p. 93 [68] [near Russell Kennon]

	Free white males:	Free white females:	Slaves	
	Under 16+			
	16 yrs.	Total		
William Kennon	1	2	4	0
	1775-1790	Bef 1775	Any ages	

	Free white males:	Free white females:	All other free persons except	
	0- 10- 16- 26- 45+	0- 10- 16- 26- 45+	Indians not	
			taxed	Slaves
William CANNON	9 16 26 45	9 16 26 45		3
	1 1 1	1 1		
	1784- 1774- Bef	1774- 1755-		
	1790 1784 1755	1784 1774		
Jonathan				
b c1787				

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 1810 Census, Greenville District, SC, p. 542/123
 Wm Canan

Free white males:	Free white females:	All other free persons except	Slaves
0- 10- 16- 26- 45+	0- 10- 16- 26- 45+	Indians not taxed	
10 16 26 45	10 16 26 45		5
1	1		
1765-1784	1765 or earlier		

Next door:
 Jon Canan

Free white males:	Free white females:	All other free persons except	Slaves
0- 10- 16- 26- 45+	0- 10- 16- 26- 45+	Indians not taxed	
10 16 26 45	10 16 26 45		1
1	1		
1784-1794	1784-1794		

The neighbors around Wm Canan in 1810 are very much the same ones found in the 1800 census, but the ages of William Cannon and Wm Canan differ. Either they are two different men, or they are the same man and the census taker made a mistake in his age in 1810.

In 1813 William & Jeaney Cannon sold their Greenville Co. land to Jesse Mayfield, a tract adjoining Jonathan Potts and Cannon. Jon Pots was next door in 1810. Was this William a son of William Cannon in the 1800 census, who was living with his widowed mother?

Not found in 1820 census of Greenville District, SC.

Where did the William of 1810 go?

CHILD 3 - Richard Cannon

Y-DNA Analysis shows that descendants of Russell E. Cannon, son of Richard Cannon, match closely with a descendant of Simcock Cannon, increasing confidence that Richard was a son of Simcock or other close relative.

Also information from worldconnect.genealogy.rootsweb.com, from Elaine Hampton, elanehampton@aol.com, [Elane spelling in email address is as listed on the page, although her name is also spelled Elaine] last updated 5 Feb 2003; accessed 15 Dec 2004. She stated: "Richard Cannon dec'd. James Adams issued Letters of Administration, W/LWT (meaning?) annexed 9/1831; Richard CARR, James ADAMS, Wadsworth CLADY were present when he died on 7/12/1831 and said he left all his real estate to wife, Elizabeth, 10/4/1831, Habersham Co., GA."

- 1790 Census of Union Co., Ninety-Six District, SC, p. 48: Rchd CANNON 2,1,4
- 1800 Census of Greenville District, SC, p. 250/275: Richard CANNON
- 1810 Census of Pendleton District, SC, p. 146a (lived very near Russell Cannon, son of Simcock Cannon)
- 1820 Census of Pendleton District, SC, p. 169
- 1830 Census of Halbersham Co., GA, p. 53a: Richard CANON

His widow, Elizabeth appears to be the Elizabeth Cannon in the 1840 census of District 936, Cass Co., Georgia, on p. 101A. Joseph Murdoch (& Celia Ann Cannon) are on the same page.

Elizabeth was in the 1850 census of Division 12, Gordon Co., Georgia, p. 103B, 575/598, household of Malinda Cannon & James Adams: Elizabeth Canon 80 F S.C. [born about 1770]

Richard's birthdate determined from the above censuses as about 1755/1760. He was likely born after 1753 because he was not named as a grandchild in Jane Rudd's parents estate papers. Jane Rudd's mother's will names only

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Russell as her grandchild, which indicates that Russell was the oldest of Jane Rudd's children.

Ages of wife of Richard Cannon

1790:	Not available
1800	1755-1774
1810	Before 1765
1820	Before 1775
1830	1760-1770
1840	1770-1780
1850	Age 80 (born about 1770)

Question: Is Elizabeth Cole the only wife of Richard Cannon?

According to Lucy Grisham, genforum.genealogy.com/cannon/messages/4434.html, on 17 Jan 2008; accessed same date, the will of John Cole signed 8 Apr 1799, proved 2 Sep 1799, Union Co., South Carolina, Will Book A, p. 94, names his daughter Elizabeth Cole as the wife of Richard Cannon/Kennon. Also see her message 12134 on genforum.com/cannon on 1 Sep 2003. Her email address on 17 Jan 2008 it was lgrishamlps@ont.com. Her ancestor is Richard Cole, who married Lydia Hansford Hill, and who was the eldest son.

A deed of Richard Cole's (brother to Richard Cannon's wife) mentions Richard Cannon, which shows the tie between them.

26 Feb 1807 Union Co., SC. Deed Book I, p. 182. Richard Cole of Union District for \$300 to James Foster of same, part of tract obtained by Turner Kendrick in 1785 according to a plat and patent, 100 acres, likewise part of tract laid out for Richard Cannon in 1796 112 acres, in a deed as the said Richard Cole bought of Elizabeth Turner, in all 135 acres, adj. Peter Philpeck, McGuire, said Cole, Sturges, F. F. Foster. Richard Cole (Seal), Wit: Z. Reid, Wm. Palmer, Edw'd Tilman. Hannah Cole (X), wife of Richard Cole, relinquished dower, before Joseph Gist, J.P. Proved in Union district by the oath of Zach'y Reid 26 Feb 1807 before Joseph Gist, J.P. Recorded 6 Apr 1807.

CHILD 4 - Six other persons Cannon

Simcock Cannon's household had 11 persons, according to his Royal Grant allotment of 600 acres in 1771. The law allowed 100 acres to the household head and 50 acres each to other household members, including slaves.