

Timeline for Robert Cannon and Unknown Wife of South Carolina and Kentucky

Robert Cannon of Greenville and Pendleton districts, South Carolina, later of Christian County, Kentucky, appears to have been a son of Simcock Cannon and Jane Rudd. Several people who descend from Simcock Cannon have matched DNA results with descendants of Robert atAncestry.com, including matches in common.

- c.1760 **Probably Prince Edward Co., VA. Robert Cannon** born to Simcock Cannon and Jane Rudd.
- c.1780 **Unknown location (perhaps VA, TN, or GA). Robert Cannon** married an unknown woman.
- 23 Nov 1783 **Unknown location, probably SC. William Bourland** signed a note of debt to **Robert Cannon** (see court papers below).
- 02 Jan 1790 **Unknown location, probably SC. Robert Cannon, Josiah Hawkins, and William Hooper** contracted a debt to **John Paul** (see court papers below).
- 1790 **Pendleton District, SC, Census: Robert Cannon**, p. 83
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|----------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 1 w m 16/older | 1774/earlier | Robert 1760 |
| 1 w m 16/older | 1774/earlier | Unknown? |
| 1 w m under 16 | 1775/1790 | Simeon 1781 |
| 1 w m under 16 | 1775/1790 | Benjamin 1786 |
| 1 w f any age | | Robert's wife |
| 1 w f any age | | Elizabeth "Betsy" 1790 |

23 Mar 1791 **Greenville Co., SC, Court Papers, #1791, #9:** "The Petition of **Robert Cannon** humbly Sheweth that **William Bourland** is Justly Indebted to him the sum of Eleven hundred weight of Tobacco to be delivered at the Congarees¹ by note of hand...Robert Cannon. / "To the Sheriff of said County... We command you that you Summon the said William Bourland to appear on the third Monday in May next... 23 March 1791.

[note] "Twelve months after date promes to pay or caus to be paid unto Robert Cannon eleven hundred wait of good marchentble tobacco at the Congaree for value received of him... 24 November 1783. William Bourland.

"I hereby assign over the within note of hand to John Paul or his order for value received 14 Decr

¹ According to Wikipedia, "The Congarees is a historic [archaeological site](#) located near [Cayce, Lexington County, South Carolina](#). The site was established as early as 1691, and served as a frontier outpost, early township settlement, and crossroads of the great trade paths of the [Catawba](#) and [Cherokee](#) nations. The Fort Congaree back country fort was established on the site in 1718.^{[2][3]}" "It was listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#) in 1974.^[1]"

[1] "[National Register Information System](#)". [National Register of Historic Places](#). [National Park Service](#). July 9, 2010.

[2] [^] Historic Preservation Staff (October 1974). "["Congarees" Site](#)" (pdf). National Register of Historic Places - Nomination and Inventory. Retrieved June 2014. Check date values in: |accessdate= (help)

[3] [^] "[Congarees Site, Lexington County \(Address Restricted\)](#)". National Register Properties in South Carolina. South Carolina Department of Archives and History. Retrieved June 2014.

1789. Robert Cannon" (C)^{2,3}

23 Mar 1791 **Greenville Co., SC**, Court Papers, #1791, #10: "The petition of **John Paul** humbly sheweth that **Robert Cannon, Josiah Hawkins & William Hooper** is justly Indebted to him the sum of Twelve hundred weight of Tobacco to be delivered at the Congarees Grandby ware house and to pass the Inspection by note of hand... John Paul. / "To the Sheriff of said County... we command you that you Summon the said Robert Cannon, Josiah Hawkins, and William Hooper to appear on the third Monday in May next... 23 March 1791.

[note] "We Jointly and severally promise to pay to John Paul or his order on or before the first day of December next the full quantity of twelve hundred weight of tobacco... 2 Janry 1790. Robert Cannon, Josiah Hawkins, William Hooper (H).

20 July 1791 Judgment on Josiah Hawkins...⁴

01 Feb 1793 **Pendleton District, SC**, Will Book 1(?), pp. 10-12. Inventory of estate of **Asa Tourtellot**. Among his debts was a book debt to **Robert Kennon**. [Note: it was not unusual for "Cannon" to be spelled "Kennon."⁵

02 Nov 1798 **Franklin Co., GA**. David Greer of Pendleton County South Carolina to **Obadiah Kendrick** of Franklin County Georgia In consideration of \$145 conveys 287 1/2 acres in Franklin County on Hudson River of the Broad River adjoins John Johnston, granted to said Greer 17 March 1786 by Governor Edward Telfair wit: Thomas Armstrong, **Robert Cannon** Sworn to by **Cannon** before Joel Mabry J..P. Franklin County 5 November 1806, recorded 27 Feb 1806. Is this the same Robert Cannon?

NOTE: Ten years earlier Obediah Kendrick was associated with an Izabella Cannon. Was she Robert's wife?

01 Aug 1788 **Union Co., SC**. **Merry McGuire** of Union County to **Obadiah Kendrick** tract of land on Pacolate River adj: land of **John Cunningham, Turner Kendrick** part of tract granted to Merry McGuire wit: **Abner Chastain, Ann Chastain, Izabella Cannon** proved by the oath of Izabella Cannon 03 April 1793.

25 Feb 1799 **Christian Co., KY**. **Robert Cannon** received 100 acres on the Muddy Fork of Little River, site of Hopkinsville.⁶ (Also in the area were a **James Cannon** and a **William Cannon** who may or may not have been related, possibly from Newberry Co., SC. A **Nathaniel Cannon**, who may or

² Comment on this by researcher Brent H. Holcomb of Columbia, SC, in letter to Cecilie Gaziano of 26 Feb 1992: "Notice that the note was dated in 1783, well before [white settlers were allowed to settle] in Greenville County. Therefore, this **Robert Cannon** had dealt with **William Bourland** in another place. I usually place the name Bourland in Laurens or Newberry County. Congarees was where the tobacco inspection warehouse was located (actually at the town of Granby, now the location of the town of Cayce."

³ **William Bourland** was in Pendleton Co., SC, in Apr 1796, selling land to **Wm Michel** [Mitchell?] on Dowdy's Creek of Saluda River. Wit: **Benjamin Bourland, John Bourland, John McClury**. In Nov 1803 the **Matlocks** of Grainger Co., TN, sell land on Dowdy's Creek to Wm Boling, formerly of Pendleton Co., SC. Wit: **Catharine Michel, Major Lee**. In 1800 SC census index: **Wm Bolin & John Bolin** were in Pendleton District. **John Boling** in Laurens Dist. **Benjamin & John Bollan** in York Co. This information was posted by Bill McKnight on the Baker_Bolin Rootsweb email list on 11 Jun 1998.

⁴ Comment on this by researcher Brent H. Holcomb: "Notice that Robert Cannon appears to have signed this note. We also have record of a Robert Cannon signing by mark (C)."

⁵ *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 (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1994).

may not have been related, settled about 10 miles farther northwest on McNabbs Creek in Caldwell Co., KY, now Lyon County.

2 Jun 1803 **Christian Co., KY.** **Robert Cannon** received 100 acres on the Muddy Fork of Little River.⁷

01 Nov 1804 **Greenville Co., SC:** One note on **Robert Cannon** due November 1, 1804, for \$65.00.0 in a List of Cash on hand, Obligations, Book Accounts, Open Accounts, & Open sales & Copardnership Books Due **William Gowen** on his Decease, May 16, 1804.

c1819 **Possibly Missouri:** **Robert Cannon** was killed, apparently, in a fall from a horse while riding to a neighbor's house.⁸ His son Simeon moved to Missouri by at least 1815.

26 Feb 1828 **Christian Co., KY,** Deed Book R, pp. 71-73: the will of **Robert Cannon** was recorded, regarding his 100 acres on the Muddy Fork of Little River.

This date may mark the death of Robert's widow, whose name is unknown.

His heirs (children) were:

1. **Simeon** (c.1783-1852), who married **Sarah "Sally" Cornelius** on 10 Apr 1813 in Christian Co., Kentucky, and lived in Howard and Macon counties, Missouri.⁹

23. **Benjamin** (c.1785-1862) married **Nancy Cameron** on 13 Aug 1816 in White County, Illinois, later going to Fulton Co., Illinois.¹⁰

34. **William** (c.1788-aft 1840) married **Zilpha Hay or Hayes**, widow of William Fraser, perhaps in Wayne Co., Illinois, where he later lived.

4. **Elizabeth "Betsy,"** (c.1790-1858), who married **David Bailey** about 1815/1816 perhaps in Illinois and resided in Edwards and Wayne counties, Illinois.

5. **Cornelius** (c.1794-bef Feb 1824), who married **Maria Mina Shaw** 9 Feb 1818 in Christian Co., Kentucky. His heirs were his two daughters, **Polly Ann Cannon** and **Jane Cannon**.

6. **Jesse** (c.1795-1850) married **Louisa Shaw** before 1824 and relocated to Wayne Co., Illinois.¹¹

⁶ Book 25. *The Kentucky Land Grants*; Volume Number: 1; Part: 1; Title: *Chapter IV Grants South Of Green River (1797-1866)*; Section: *The Counties of Kentucky*; Source Page 281. Ancestry.com. *Kentucky, U.S., Land Grants, 1782-1924* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1997.

⁷ Book 25. *The Kentucky Land Grants*; Volume Number: 1; Part: 1; Title: *Chapter IV Grants South Of Green River (1797-1866)*; Section: *The Counties of Kentucky*; Source Page 281. Ancestry.com. *Kentucky, U.S., Land Grants, 1782-1924* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1997.

⁸ Information in a letter to Cecilie Gaziano, cgaziano@prodigy.net, from James Cannon Fleming of Carthage, IL, on 11 Nov 1991.

⁹ *Find a Grave*, database and images (www.findagrave.com/memorial/22675564/simeon-cannon : accessed 28 May 2021), memorial page for Simeon Cannon (1781–8 Sep 1852), Find a Grave Memorial ID 22675564, citing Gaunt Cemetery, Macon, Macon County, Missouri, USA ; Maintained by Pam Witherow (contributor 47364463) .

¹⁰ *Find a Grave*, database and images (www.findagrave.com/memorial/88437862/benjamin-cannon : accessed 20 May 2021), memorial page for Benjamin Cannon (1786–1862), Find a Grave Memorial ID 88437862, ; Maintained by Don Barnett (contributor 47214242) Unknown, who reports a Most likely buried in Lewistown township, Fulton county, Illinois.

7. **Richard** (1798-1871), who married (1) **Sally Porter Brady** 9 Oct 1826 in Christian Co., Kentucky, and (2) **Mary Harter** 25 Jun 1844 in Hancock Co., Illinois.¹²

8. **Nancy** (bef 1803-aft 1817), who married **William Randolph** 23 Nov 1817 in Christian Co., Kentucky. Their locations later are not known.

9. **Judith** (c.1803-1840), who married **William Gallant** abt 1820.

Christian County, Kentucky, Deed Book R pp. 71-73.

This Indenture made the 26th day of February in the year of our Lord 1828 Between the heirs of Robert Cannon deceased, To Wit, Jesse Cannon, William Cannon, David Bailey & Betsey his wife late Betsey Cannon, Simeon Cannon, Benjamin Cannon, William Randolph and Nancy his wife late Nancy Cannon, William Gallant and Judith his wife late Judith Cannon & Richard Cannon and Polly Ann Cannon and Jane Cannon children & heirs of Cornelius Cannon deceased one of the heirs of the said Robert Cannon deceased all of the State of Tennessee by Abraham Stites and commissioner in chancery(?) of the first part and John Cornelius of the County of Christian and Commonwealth of Kentucky of the second part witnesseth that whereat the October term of 1827 of the Christian Circuit Court in a suit depending in the said court whereas said John Cornelius and complainant & the said heirs of Robert Cannon deceased were defendants ...[goes on to describe 100 acres on the Muddy Fork of the Little River being sold]

{signed}

Jesse Cannon
William Cannon
David Baily
Betsey Baily
Simeon Cannon
Benjamin Cannon
William Randolph
Nancy Randolph
William Gallant
Judith Gallant
Richard Cannon
Polly Ann Cannon
By Abraham Stites
Comm^r

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¹¹ Find a Grave, database and images (www.findagrave.com/memorial/54258423/jesse-cannon : accessed 25 May 2021), memorial page for Jesse Cannon (1795–1850), Find a Grave Memorial ID 54258423; Maintained by Michael L. Hébert (contributor 46922028) Unknown.

¹² Find a Grave, database and images (www.findagrave.com/memorial/8264540/richard-cannon : accessed 28 May 2021), memorial page for Richard Cannon (1798–27 Jun 1871), Find a Grave Memorial ID 8264540, citing Old Brick Church Cemetery, Carthage, Hancock County, Illinois, USA ; Maintained by Larry and Jane (contributor 46859165) .