

Timeline for Russell Cannon, son of Simcock Cannon¹

- Abt 1752 **Russell Cannon** was born, most likely in Virginia and probably in Amelia Co. or Prince Edward Co. (formed from Amelia Co.), as Simcock Cannon was first found there.
- 05 Jan 1753/4 **Chesterfield Co., VA**, Will Book 1, p. 152. Will of **John Rudd II** mentions grandson, **Ruscill Kennon**,² son of his daughter **Jane**. Son-in-law **Simcock Kennon** was one executor. Mentions children and grandchildren: daughter **Jane** and her son **Ruscill** [Russell]; daughter **Anne** and her son **Thomas**; daughter **Avis Whitteker**; daughter **Hanner**; son **John**. Witnesses: **Thos. Womack Sr., Francis Moore, Thos. Womack Jr.**³ (Mary Gregg's research.)
- 1768 **Simcock Cannon** obtained a Royal Grant, but Russell Cannon did not. [Letter from Brent H. Holcomb to Cecilie Gaziano 16 Dec 1991.⁴
- 25 Nov 1768 **Mecklenburg Co., NC**, pp. 861-862. **Richard Hix**, planter of Mecklenburg, to **Simcock Cannon**, planter of same for £10, 187 acres on W side Broad River at **James Fannins**, adj **Robert Sponey Caleys**, granted to Hix by Gov. Tryon of NC...Richard Hix Jr. (X) (Seal). Wit: **John Haney, Russell Cannon** (X), **Richd Hix Senr.** Rec. Jan. term 1769. (This is present-day Union Co., SC.)⁵
- 03 Jan 1769 **Mecklenburg Co., NC**, p. 860. **John Portman, Junr.**, of Mecklenburg Co., to **Elijah Wells** of same, for £25, 130 acres on both sides of Pacolet River, adj **McWhorter**... John Portman (P) (Seal). Wit: **Simcock Cannon, Russell Cannon** (X), **John Portman Sr.** (J). Rec. term 1769.⁶
- 22 Mar 1770 **Tryon Co., NC**, pp. 180-181. **George Moore** of Tryon Co., to **John Haney** of same, for £30 proc. Money... 135 acres that ad. George Moore now lives on... George Moore (W) (Seal). Wit: **Suncock[?] Cannon, Richard Hughes, Russell Cannon** (X). Rec. Apr. Term 1770.⁷ [Tryon Co. was formed from Mecklenburg Co. in 1769.]
- 02 Oct 1771 **Chesterfield Co., VA**, Book 2, p. 174. Will of **Hannah Rudd** mentions: son **John Rudd**, daughter **Avis Whittecar Cashing**, daughter **Hannah Cheatham**. Grandsons: **Russell Kennon, Thomas Palmer**. Daughters **Jane Kennon** and **Ann Palmer**. Nephew **Edward Storey**. Sons-

¹ Much of this timeline for South Carolina is from the research of Brent H. Holcomb of Columbia, SC.

² There is a prominent early family in Virginia who spelled their name Kennon and pronounced it Cannon. Near them also lived Cannons. It is not known if Simcock Kennon was originally a Kennon or if he was a Cannon and clerks spelled his name the way the prominent family did. At least one record in South Carolina also used the Kennon spelling – the 1790 SC census for Russell.

³ *Chesterfield County, Va, Wills, 1749-1774*, edited by Benjamin B. Weisiger III, Iberian Publishing Co, Athens, GA, 1979.

⁴ From the letter from researcher Brent H. Holcomb: 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 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."

⁵ *Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Deed Abstracts 1763-1779* by Brent H. Holcomb, C.A.L.S., and Elmer O. Parker, Southern Historical Press, Easley, SC, 1979, p. 140.

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⁷ *Deed Abstracts of Tryon, Lincoln & Rutherford Counties North Carolina 1769-1786, Tryon County Wills & Estates*, abstracted by Brent Holcomb, C.R.S., Southern Historical Press, Greenville, SC, p. 14.

in-law **Simcock Kennon** and **Ellis Palmer**. Witnesses: **Joel Cheatham, Wm. Rucks, Josias Stuart, James Rucks, Wm. Muse.**⁸

31 Dec 1772 **Prince Edward Co., VA.** I **Abraham Rice** promise to pay or cause to be paid to **Russel Cannon** the full and just sum of twenty shillings on or before the 25 day of January also twenty shilling the first day of March in the year 1773 witness my hand and seal Abraham Rice my hand. Witness was **Edward Russel.**⁹

Apr 1775 **American Revolutionary War began.**

c1777/1778 **Location: Tennessee, South Carolina, or Virginia?** Russell Cannon married Jane Campbell.

19 Nov 1778 **Prince Edward Co., VA,** Deed Book 6, p. 34. Indenture made between **Russell Cannon of the Province of South Carolina and ninety six district** of the one Part and **John Brown**, of the province of Virginia & County of Prince Edward of the other part, for £200 current money of Virginia 125 acres in Prince Edward Co., bounded by the lands of **John McGeehee, Daniel Frith** and **Jacob McGeehee**. Wit: **William Bibb, Reuben Coleman, Samuel Burton.** **May have been part of land inherited from grandfather Rudd.**

10 Dec 1779 **Tennessee (family story).** William born to Russell Cannon & Jane Campbell. If Tennessee is correct, perhaps Russell was with Simcock Cannon in Washington Co. as early as 1779. William may have been born 10 Dec 1781; information from several people conflicts, but his tombstone states 10 Dec 1779..

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.**¹⁰ However, when court oath was made in the next term **Simcocke Cannon** verified this sale. **Pearson Brummet**¹¹ and **Samuel Duncan** were also witnesses.

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.**¹²

1780/1784 **Washington Co., TN, or South Carolina.** **Rhoda Cannon** born to Russell and Jane.

1784 **American Revolutionary War ended. (Treaty of Paris 3 Sep 1773; ratified 14 Jan 1784).**

1784/1790 **Washington Co., TN, or Greenville District, SC.** An unknown male (John?) may have been born to Russell and Jane. An unknown male of this age was in the 1800 census for Russell but not the 1810 census. This may or may not have been a son.

⁸ *Chesterfield County, Va, Wills, 1749-1774*, edited by Benjamin B. Weisiger III, Iberian Publishing Co, Athens, GA, 1979. Research by Mary Gregg. of Austin, TX.

⁹ Prince Edward County, Virginia Court Records, Various Series, 1755-1797, Russell assignee of Cannon vs. Rice, bundle 138, Bar Code 1183930, box 25; Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁰ Washington County Deed Book, Vol. 1, pp. 53-54. (TSLA Roll 195, Old Book "A.")

¹¹ He appears to have been the **Pearson Brummet** who died in Abbeville Co., SC, by Mar. 1787. **Pearson's** brother **Samuel Brummet** was in Washington Co., TN, from 1790 until his death there in 1819.

¹² Washington County Deed Book, Oct. 1783-Oct. 1786, Vol. 3, pp. 192-193. (TSLA Roll 195, Old Book "A.")

16 May 1785 **Greenville District, SC. James Cannon** born to Russell and Jane.

01 Jan 1787 **Ninety Six District, SC**, State Grants, Vol. 14, p. 569, microfilm WK1752-1753. State of South Carolina for 2 pounds, 4/4d, to **Russell Cannon**, 95 acres in the district of Ninety Six on the branches of the middle fork of Saluda River. Plat certified 16 March 1786.

21/22 Sep 1787 **Greenville Co., SC**, Deed Book A, pp. 133-135. **Simcock Cannon** of *Ninety Six District* and state aforesaid to **Russel Cannon** of said district (lease five shilling, release 45 pounds), 105 acres on the middle fork of Saluda River adj. **Dennis Duff**, granted to said Simcock Cannon 4 Sep 1786¹³. Simcock Cannon (LS). No witnesses indicated. Acknowledged in open court in Greenville Co. 19 Nov 1787.

1786/1789 **Greenville District, SC. Margret Sophronia** was born to Russell and Jane.

20 Apr 1790 **Greenville Co., SC**, Deed Book C, pp. 25-26. **Denis Duff** of South Carolina, County of Greenville to **Russel Cannon** of same, by a grant 4 September 1786⁹ to Dennis Duff... for 100 pds. 104 acres. Dennis Duff (LS), Wit: **James Russell, John Evans, John Barns** (X). Recorded 09 Aug. 1791.

1790 **Greenville District, SC. Martha** born to Russell and Jane.

1790 **Greenville Co., Ninety Six District, SC, Census: Russel Kennon**, 1 male b bef 1774, 2 males b 1775-1790 [William 1779, James 1785], 3 females [wife Jane, Margret 1785/90, Martha 1790]. P. 68, book: *First Census of the United States*. Also: p. 93, Microfilm Series M637; Roll 11.

Russell Cannon was also listed in *The Reconstructed 1790 Census of Georgia*, compiled by Marie De Lamar & Elizabeth Rothstein, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1985, p. 99.

18 Jan 1791 **Franklin Co., GA**, Deed Book C, p. 77. Deed dated 18 Jan 1791 received 16 Feb 1791 from **Simcock Cannon** of **Wilkes Co., Georgia** to **Elijah Williamson** of Franklin Co. Conveys 287-½ acres in Franklin Co. on waters of Eastanolle Creek original plat dated 9 Nov 1785, granted by Governor George Wolton 22 Jan 1789. Wit: **Russell Cannon. Holeman Freeman, J.P.**¹⁴

1792 **Greenville Co.** petition, #153, to have the Publick Buildings in a more central location. Signed by **Russel Cannon** and **Wm Cannon**¹⁵. Published in *South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*, Vol. XIII, No. 4, pp. 183-184 (Fall 1985).

1794 **Greenville District, SC. Carter** was born to Russell and Jane.

18 Mar 1796 **Greenville Co., SC**. Court Paper #1796 #22. **William Cannon**¹⁶ & **Russel Cannon** of the Co. & St. aforesaid do acknowledge ourselves to Owe to Samuel Hollinsworth Senr the

¹³ Both these deeds stated that grants were made on 4 Sep 1786, in one case to Simcock Cannon and in the other case to Dennis Duff.

¹⁴ *Deeds of Franklin Co., Georgia 1784-1826*, by Martha Walters Acker, Southern Historical Press, Easley, SC, 1976, p. 11.

¹⁵ This William Cannon could not be Russell's son (who would have been aged 13 at the time. Another, older William Cannon resided in the area, who is very likely to have been Russell's brother.

¹⁶ See note 10.

Just & full Sum of 18 Pounds 13 shillings & 4 Pence Sterling to be levied and made of our Goods and Chattles if the above named William Cannon do make a Default in the Condition under Written, 18 March 1796. The condition is such if the above bound William Cannon do and shall Prosecute or Cause to be Prosecuted a suit against the above **Samuel Hollinsworth Junr & Samuel Hollinsworth Senr** by attachment with affect... William Cannon (#) (LS), Russel Cannon (R). Wit: **S. Earle, J. P.** / [note] I promist to pay or Cause to be paid unto William Cannon five Barren Cows of the Secont quality to be paid at or before the 15th day of August... 10 November 1795. Samuel Hollingsworth, Samuel Hollingsworth.

07 Sep 1796 **Greenville District, SC. Elijah** was born to Russell and Jane.

Abt 1800 **Greenville District, SC. Judith** was born to Russell and Jane.

Abt 1800 **Greenville District, SC. Harriet** was born to Russell and Jane.

1800 **Greenville District, Census, p. 248/177: Russel Cannon.**

18 Oct 1802 **Pendleton District, SC, Deed Book G, pp. 203-204. Willis Benson** of Greenville District for \$100 sold to **Russell Cannon** of Pendleton District (no amount) on both sides of Wolf Creek. Date 18 Oct 1802. Wit: **Elijah Murphree, Joseph Dosett.** Elijah Murphree made oath to David Murphree, J.P., 25 Dec 1802. Rec.: 31 Jan 1802 (1803?).¹⁷

03 Aug 1805 **Pendleton District, SC, Deed Book H, pp. 304-305. Benjamin Bourland** for \$350 sold **Russell Cannon** parts of tracts on Wolf Creek, of 12 Mile River, bd. by **Willie Benson, William Marchbanks, Reuben Reed** and **John Tatum.** Wit: **Wm. Cannon, James Cannon.**¹⁸ **Agnes (X) Bourland** released dower to **John McClure, JQ, 31 Aug. 1805.** William Cannon made oath to John McClure, 31 Aug. 1803. Rec: 25 Mar. 1806.¹⁹

22 Aug 1808 **Pendleton District, SC, Deed Book M., p. 25. James Jett** of Pendleton to **Russell Cannon** of same; for \$1 sold 207 acres on branches of Rices Creek waters of Twelve mile River; border: begins at a pine knot in **Hall's** line and joins **Jesse Tatum.** (signed) James Jett; wit: **Wm Jameson sr. & Wm Cannon jr;** wit. oath 22 Aug 1808 by William Cannon jr²⁰ before William Jameson JP; recorded 21 Nov 1812.²¹

1810 **Pendleton District, SC, Census, p. 145A: Russel Cannon.**

18 Sep 1812 **Pendleton District, SC, Deed Book M, p. 22. William Cox** of Pendleton to **John C. Foster** of same; for \$400 sold 289 acres on both sides of Rices Creek waters of Twelve mile River; border begins at a pine knot, joins **Abraham Duke, Russel Cannon, John Hall, John Fowler,** and **John Mullinix;** includes all land said Cox occupied in 1811, (signed) William Cox; Wit: **Jesse Miller, James Barrett;** wit. oath Oct. 12, 1812, by James Barrett before **Wm Edmondson JQ;** wit. oat Nov. 9 1812 by Jesse Miller before **Elijah Murphree JP;** Nov. 9, 1812 **Edward Tatum** before

¹⁷ *Pendleton District, S.C. Deeds 1790-1806*, compiled by Betty Willie, Southern Historical Press, Easley, SC, 1982, p. 292.

¹⁸ These appear to be Russell Cannon's sons. Another William Cannon and another James Cannon lived in the area.

¹⁹ *Pendleton District, S.C. Deeds 1790-1806*, compiled by Betty Willie, Southern Historical Press, Easley, SC, 1982, p. 389.

²⁰ Probably Russell's son William.

²¹ *Abstracts of Deeds: Pendleton District, SC books M and N (1812-1818)* by Dr. A. B. Pruitt, 2007, p. 5.

Elijah Murphree JP, swears he saw William Cox “give” John C. Foster within conveyance on ‘Oct. 24 last’ and Foster received the same; dower renounced 25 Sep 1812 by **Catharine Cox**, wife of William before **John Willson** QU (signed) Catharine Cox’s mark ‘X’; 12 Nov 1812.²²

- 1820 **Pendleton District, SC, Census, p. 180: Russel Cannon.**
- 08 Jan 1824 **Anderson Co., SC, Deed Book S, p. 87. Pendleton District. Russell Cannon** of said district for \$400 to **Elijah Cannon**, 100 acres on both sides of Wolf Creek, incl. muddy branch. Wit: **C. Cannon, Ransom Cannon**. Proved by the oath of **Carter Cannon** 10 Dec 1825 before Edward Norton, J.P. Rec. 30 Mar 1827.
- 07 Jul 1824 **Anderson Co., SC, Deed Book S, p. 87. Pendleton District. Russell Cannon** of said district Deed of Gift to son **Ransom Cannon, 240 acres** to be his own at mine & his mother’s death, on the south side of Wolf Creek adj. **Willis Benson**. Wit: **Sheriff Hains, James E. Heard**. Proved by the oath of Sheriff Hanes 28 Jan 1826 before **Edward Norton, J.P.** Rec 30 Mar 1827.
- 07 Jul 1824 **Anderson Co., SC, Deed Book S, p. 88. Pendleton District. Russell Cannon** of said district Deed of Gift to son **Ransom Cannon, 10 acres** to be his own at mine & his mother’s death, on the south side of Wolf Creek adj. **Benson** to the long branch bridge. Proved by the oath of Sheriff Haines 28 Jan 1826 before **Edward Norton, J.P.** Rec 30 Mar 1827.
- 07 Jul 1824 **Anderson Co., SC, Deed Book S, p. 89. Pendleton District. Russell Cannon** of said district Deed of Gift to son **Ransom Cannon, 142 acres** to be his own at mine & his mother’s death, on the both sides of Wolf Creek, waters of Twelve Mile River. Proved by the oath of Sheriff Haines 28 Jan 1826 before **Edward Norton, J.P.** Rec 30 Mar 1827.
- 10 July 1824 **Anderson Co., SC, Estates, Book A, p. 296, File 97. Will of Russel Cannon** of Pendleton District, SC... To wife **Jean Cannon, negro Simon, Rose, Willis, and Cate**; then to be sold and equally divided amongst my lawfull heirs; daughter **Harriet Duke, Negro Ann** to Harriet; wife Jean Cannon and son **Elijah Cannon**, exrs., 10 July 1824. Russel Cannon (X), Wit: **James Hunter, James E. Herd**. [NOTE: See full text of will below.]
- 01 Oct 1824 Memorandum of the Effects of **Russell Cannon** decd taken 1st October 1824, by **Danl Durham** (X), **Charles Durham** (X), and **Barnett H. Allgood**. {Papers part of above estate file}
- 18 Nov 1824 Sale bill. Purchasers: **Carter Cannon, Joel Durham, Elijah Cannon, Hugh Tatum, Ransom Cannon, John Ferguson, John E. Herd. Jacob Gearin, Edmond Singleton, Benjamin Day, Lewis Brown, Jas Cary, Charles Durham, James Hamilton, Wily Gilstrap, Joshua Thompson, Baily Barton, Wm Humpras, Wm Howin.** (Carter Cannon purchased one pair of mill stones.) {Papers part of above estate file}
- 1830 **Pickens County, SC, Census, p. 317: Jane Cannon** [widow of Russell]
- 1840 **Pickens County, SC, Census, p. 370: Jane Cannon.**
- 1850 **Pickens County, SC, Census, p. 496: Jane Cannon**, age 90, the household of Abraham Duke and Harriet, her daughter, and four of Harriet’s children (Ransom, Martha, Sarah, and Russell).

²² *Abstracts of Deeds: Pendleton District, SC books M and N (1812-1818)* by Dr. A. B. Pruitt, 2007, p. 5.

08 Mar 1855 **Pickens Co., SC.** Jane Cannon died. After this date the estate of Russell Cannon was settled. A certified copy of his will was filed 15 Jun 1855 in Pickens Co. Relevant documents were filed for at least three more years.

25 Apr 1857 **Pickens Court House, SC.** Saturday, news story, in "The Keowee Courier" newspaper (published in a book of this name, p. 16, edited by Colleen M. Elliot) regarding an Equity Bill for Partition, Account, Relief. All of the complainants and defendants listed are known heirs of Russell Cannon (b c1752/53 VA, d 1824 Pendleton District, SC; estate papers in Anderson Co., SC) and his wife Jane (Campbell). William Gilstrap was the attorney.

FULL TEXT OF WILL:

"Whereas Russel Cannon of Pendleton District South Carolina-Being but poorely in health but of a sound mind and memory, calling to mind the the certany of Death and the uncertainty of Life, have appointed this my will and testament--revoken and disannulen all other will or wills Before by me made This only to be my last will and Testament--In manner and form following--first, I commit my soal to God who gave it me and my Body to be desently Buried at the discastrion of my Executors hereafter named; all funaral charges and all other worldy debts to be paid. I gave and Bequeth to my Wife, Jean Cannon, Negro Simon for her own proper use to dispose of as she sees proper--and likewise Rose, Will and Cate duren her natural life time and at her diseas to be soald and Equally divided amongst my lawfull Heirs--And likewise for my Wife, Jean Cannon, to have two head of Horses, ten head of Cattle, her choise of my Stock at my disease--and likewise all my stock of Hogs I sall posefs at the time of my disease, and likewise all my personable property that I have not previously disposed of to my Children (Viz) I gave and Bequeth to my Daughter, Harriet Duke, Negro Ann to her and the heirs of her Body forever--all my other property either real or personal not disposed of at my disease to be soald and equally divided amongst my Children--I constitute and appoint my Wife Jean Cannon and my Son, Elijah, to act and See the Accomplashiment of this my last will testament according to the true intent and meaning thereof. I Testamony wherof I have Set my hand and Seal this Tenth of July one Thousand Eigh Hunderd and twenty fore--Signd Sealed in presence of us"