

**Timeline for William Cannon, Sr., in Pendleton & Greenville Districts, South Carolina**

- abt 1754 **Prince Edward Co., VA.** **William Cannon** was born to Simcock Cannon & Jane Rudd.
- 1778 **Washington Co., NC (TN).** **William Cannon**, Poll Tax 100 (pounds), 1-06 **Michael Woods, Esq.**<sup>1</sup>
- 1780/1781 **Washington Co., NC (TN).** **William Cannon** sued **William Murphy** for the return of a rifled gun.<sup>2</sup> **01 – William Cannon, Box 1/F6, p. 6 (Nov. 1780-Feb. 1781)**  
 Wm Cannon In petition the Sheriff returns the [words?] on a rifle gun  
 vs Wm Murphy Jun<sup>r</sup> Ordered to be dismissed
- Feb/May 1783 **Washington Co., (NC) TN.** **Robert Bayless** conveyed a tract of 100 acres to **Wm Cannon**.<sup>3</sup>  
**04 – William Cannon, Box 1/F10 (page 32 (Feb.-May 1783)).** A deed of conveyance from Robert Bayless to Wm Cannon for one hundred acres of land acknowl, and same ordered to be recorded.
- 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.**<sup>4</sup>
- 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.**<sup>5</sup>  
**05 – William Cannon, Box 1/F12, p. 3 (Feb.-Aug. 1784).** A deed of conveyance from William Cannon unto Fredrick Anderson for fifty acres was proven by the oaths of Wm Murphy and Ambrose Mayfield and the same is ordered to be recorded.
- 1790 **Greenville District, SC.** Federal Census, Series: M637; Roll: 11; Page: 93.<sup>6</sup> **William Kennon**  
 Free White Males - Under 16: 2 1774/older William Jr. 1774/1784, Jonathan 1787  
 Free White Males - 16 and over: 1 1774/older William Sr. 1754  
 Free White Females: 4 Any age Wife & 3 daughters?
- 1792 **Greenville Co.** petition, #153, in SC Archives, General Assembly Petitions, 1792, to have the Publick Buildings in a more central location. Signed by **Russel Cannon** and **Wm Cannon**<sup>7</sup>. (Greenville Co. had been settled less than 10 years at this time.)<sup>8</sup>
- 17 Nov 1794 **Greenville Co., SC.** Deed Book D, pp. 117-118. Memorial deed between **John Covenhaven** of Union Co., SC, and **John Glass** of Greenville for 100 acres on the middle fork of the Saluda River for £30 originally granted to **Thomas Brummit**. Wit: **Simcock Cannon** and **William Cannon**<sup>9</sup>. Proved by the oath of **Simcock Cannon** 05 Aug 1795 before **John B. Grigsby**.

<sup>1</sup> Washington County, Tennessee, Tax Book 1778, Tennessee State Library Archives microfilm roll #639.<sup>2</sup> Washington County Court Minutes, Vol. 1, p. 124, TSLA microfilm #129.<sup>3</sup> Washington Co Court Minutes, Book 1, p. 213, microfilm #129.<sup>4</sup> Washington County Deed Book, Vol. 3, pp. 173-174. (TSLA Roll 195, Old Book "A.")<sup>5</sup> Washington County, NC, Deed Book, Oct. 1783-Oct. 1786, Vol. 3, pp. 192-193. (TSLA Roll 195, Old Book "A.") Duplicate record in Washington Co., TN, Court Minutes, Vol. 1, p. 242, microfilm #129.<sup>6</sup> Ancestry.com. *1790 United States Federal Census* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010.<sup>7</sup> This William Cannon was too old to be Russell's son (who would have been aged 11-13 at this time). I think he was Russell's brother.<sup>8</sup> Published in *South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*, Vol. XIII, No. 4, pp. 183-184 (Fall 1985).<sup>9</sup> This William Cannon was too old to be Russell's son (who would have been aged 13-15 at this time). I think he was Russell's brother.

**NOTE: Entries shaded in green are land transactions.**

1795-1798 Sometime during this period **William Cannon** acquired the 100 acres described above. He sold this land to Mary Barns in 1799, see below. Researcher Brent Holcomb could not find this deed.

10 Nov 1795 **Greenville Co., SC.** **William Cannon**<sup>10</sup> was to receive 5 barren cows from **Samuel Hollingsworth**, per 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of August... 10 November 1795." Samuel Hollingsworth, Samuel Hollingsworth. [Jr. and Sr.]

18 Mar 1796 **Greenville Co., SC.** Court Paper #1796 #22. **William Cannon**<sup>11</sup> & **Russel Cannon** of the Co. & St. aforesaid do acknowledge ourselves to Owe to **Samuel Hollingsworth Senr** the 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.**

13 May 1799 **Greenville Co., SC.** Deed Book L, p. 79. **William Kannon/Cannon** 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**.<sup>12</sup> Wit: **David McBrayer** and **Aaron Slaten**. (Proved 24 Jul 1813)

1800 **Greenville Co., SC.** Federal Census, Series: M32; Roll: 47; Page: 251.<sup>13</sup> **William Cannon**  
 Free White Persons - Males - 10 thru 15: 1 1785/1790 Jonathan 1787  
 Free White Persons - Males - 16 thru 25: 1 1775/1784 William Jr. 1784  
 Free White Persons - Males - 45 and over: 1 1755/earlier William 1754  
 Free White Persons - Females - 16 thru 25: 1 1775/1784 Daughter 1778/1782  
 Free White Persons - Females - 26 thru 44: 1 1756/1774 Wife 1759  
 Number of Slaves: 3

31 Jul 1804 **Greenville Co.** Deed Book G, pp. 441-442. **William Cannon** of Greenville Co., SC, bought land on the south side of Gap Creek of the middle fork of the Saluda River, 100 acres, for \$200, from **Jonathan Potts**. Wit.: **Thos. Cantrell, Nimrod Cantrell**. Proved by oath of Thomas Cantrell 03 Aug 1806.

18 Mar 1805 **Greenville Co., SC**, Vol. G, p. 250, Bill of Sale. **William Cannon** sold a slave to **Jonathan Cannon**<sup>14</sup>. Wit.: **James Gilliland, Jonathan Pots, John Tubb J.P.**<sup>15</sup>

1810 Federal Census. No William Cannon in Greenville that fits this man. It appears that he had died.

<sup>10</sup> This William Cannon would have been too old to be Russell's son (who would have been aged 14-16 at this time). Perhaps a brother.

<sup>11</sup> This William would have to have been born in 1778 if Russell's son. Date for son is supposed to be 1781. If 1781 is correct, this is not Russell's son. I believe this information is for Russell's brother.

<sup>12</sup> Mary Barns may or may not be related to John S. Barnes who married Martha Cannon, daughter of Carter Cannon, granddaughter of Russell Cannon, and great-granddaughter of Simcock Cannon.

<sup>13</sup> Ancestry.com. *1800 United States Federal Census* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2010.

<sup>14</sup> Jonathan Cannon [Canan] lived next door to Wm Canan [sic] in the 1810 Greenville District census.

<sup>15</sup> Annie K. McCuen, *Abstracts of Some Greenville County, South Carolina, Records Concerning Black People Free and Slave 1791-1865*, Vol. I (Spartanburg, SC: The Reprint Company, Publishers, 1991), p. 19.

1810 **Greenville, SC.** Federal Census; Roll: 62; Page: 542. **Wm Canan[Wm Canon]**<sup>16</sup>  
Free White Males - 26 thru 44: 1 1766/1784 This appears to be William Jr., the son, b. c.1784.  
Free White Females - 45 and over: 1 1765/earlier This may be William Sr.'s widow, b. c.1759.  
Numbers of Slaves: 5

His brother, Jonathan, was next door.

It appears that William Cannon, Jr., married a woman named Jeaney about 1811/1813, and they sold his father's land. (William Cannon, Jr., and Jeaney moved to White County, Tennessee, and little is known about them after that.)

14 Feb 1813 **Greenville Co., SC.** Deed Book I, page 210. **William and Jeaney Cannon** sold land in Greenville Co., SC, to **Jesse Mayfield** tract on south side of Gap Creek<sup>17</sup> 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**. Witnesses: **David McBrayer, Samuel McJunkin**. This William may have been either the brother or the father of Jonathan Cannon. I suspect he was the brother, and the father had died or moved by this time, but it is a little difficult to be sure.

William Cannon was next door to Jonathan Potts in the 1800 and 1810 censuses.

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<sup>16</sup> Ancestry.com. *1810 United States Federal Census* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010.

<sup>17</sup> Gap Creek would be fairly near the town of Tigerville in upper Greenville County, according to researcher Brent Holcomb.