

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

NOTE: It is not clear whether or not the following records are all for the William Cannon who was a son of Simcock Cannon, or for William Sr.'s son, William Jr.

[c1754/7] Born, probably in Amelia Co., VA.

1778 Washington Co., NC (TN). **William Cannon**, Poll Tax 100 (pounds), 1-06 **Michael Woods**, Esq.¹

1781 Washington Co., NC (TN). **William Cannon** sued **William Murphy** for the return of a rifled gun.²

1xx xxx 1782 Washington Co., (NC) TN. **Robert Bayless** conveyed a tract of 100 acres to **Wm Cannon**.³

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**.⁴

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**.⁵

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

2 males 16+ (born before 1774), 1 male under 16 (born 1774-90), 4 females any ages, 0 slaves.
William Cannon Sr. (b c1754/57), **William Cannon Jr.** (b c1775/84), **Jonathan Cannon** (b c1787),
unidentified females.

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**⁶. (Greenville Co. had been settled less than 10 years at this time.)⁷

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**⁸. Proved by the oath of **Simcock Cannon** 05 Aug 1795 before **John B. Grigsby**.

NOTE: Entries shaded in green are land transactions.

¹ Washington County, Tennessee, Tax Book 1778, Tennessee State Library Archives microfilm roll #639..

² Washington County Court Minutes, Vol. 1, p. 124, TSLA microfilm #129.

³ Washington Co Court Minutes, Book 1, p. 213, microfilm #129.

⁴ Washington County Deed Book, Vol. 3, pp. 173-174. (TSLA Roll 195, Old Book "A.")

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ Published in *South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*, Vol. XIII, No. 4, pp. 183-184 (Fall 1985).

⁸ 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.

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**⁹ 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 15th 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**¹⁰ & **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**.¹¹ Wit: **David McBrayer** and **Aaron Slaten**. (Proved 24 Jul 1813)

1800 **Greenville County, SC**, Census, p. 251, household 289: **William Cannon**¹²

Free white males:					Free white females:					All other free persons except Indians not taxed		Slaves
0-	10-	16-	26-	45+	0-	10-	16-	26-	45+			
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	William Jr?	Wm Sr.									
	b c1787	1775/1784										

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**¹³. Wit.: **James Gilliland, Jonathan Potts, John Tubb** J.P.¹⁴ According to Betty Shaw, Jonathan had a brother William. She said that Jonathan sold a female slave with her son to his brother, William, and William, of White Co., TN, was summoned to

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ 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.

¹² The William in the 1800 census could not be Russell's son, as the son did not marry until 1801. I think this was Russell's brother.

¹³ Jonathan Cannon [Canan] lived next door to Wm Canan [sic] in the 1810 Greenville District census.

¹⁴ 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.

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Court in McMinn Co., TN, to pay Jonathan's debt to Benjamin Harris. Jonathan had sold the slave to his brother to keep Benjamin from taking the slaves in payment for his debt. It appears that the William Cannon who sold a slave to Jonathan was Jonathan's father.

1810 Census, **Greenville Co., SC**, p. 542/123

Wm Canan [must be Jr.]

Free white males: 0- 10- 16- 26- 45+	Free white females: 0- 10- 16- 26- 45+	All other free persons except Indians not taxed	Slaves
10 16 26 45	10 16 26 45	0	5
1	1	0	
1765- Too young to be	1765 or		
1784 Jonathan's father	earlier		

Next door:

Jon Canan

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

NOTE: The neighbors around "Wm Canan" in 1810 are very much the same ones found in the 1800 census, but the ages of William Cannon in 1800 and Wm Canan in 1810 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. I think the 1800 one was father of the younger one & of Jonathan Cannon.

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 Creek¹⁵ 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.

NOTE: 1810 and 1820 Pendleton District, SC, most or all Cannons are ours (Russell & his sons). However, in 1790 & 1810 our Cannons were in Greenville Co., and relationship of the Cannons in Pendleton in 1790 to ours is unknown.

12 Jan 1814 **Anderson Co., SC**¹⁶, Deed Book O, pp. 22-23. **Pendleton District**. **William Laffoon** of Pendleton District for \$600 to **William Cannon**, 200 acres on both sides of **Carpenters Creek**, to a conditional line made by William Laffoon, **William Finley**, **Jonathan Cannon**, **John Laffoon**, **Andrew Clements**. Wm Laffoon (LS), Wit: Andrew Clements, William Fondley. Proved by the oath of William Finley 1 May 1817 before **Nath. H. Cansler**, J.P.¹⁷

16 Oct 1815 **Anderson Co., SC**, Deed Book O, pp. 22-23. **Pendleton District**. **William Cannon** of Pendleton District for \$500 to **Moses Finley** of same, 200 acres on both sides **Carpenters Creek** [same tract as

¹⁵ Gap Creek would be fairly near the town of Tigerville in upper Greenville County, according to researcher Brent Holcomb.

¹⁶ Pendleton District does not exist anymore. Its records are filed in present-day Anderson County, SC.

¹⁷ SC Archives microfilm C946. Obtained by SC researcher Brent H. Holcomb of Columbia, SC.

above] adj. **Foster**. William Cannon (X) (LS), Wit: **Manuel Finley, John Hagood**. Proved by the oath of Manuel Finley 1 Nov 1817 before **Nath H. Cansler, J.P.**

28 Jul 1818 **Anderson Co., SC**, Deed Book O, p. 232. **Pendleton District**. **James Turner** and **William Turner** of Pendleton District for \$800 to **William Cannon** of same, 402 acres on Savannah River. James Turner (LS), William Turner (LS), Wit: **Abraham Sanders (A), James Watt**. Proved by the oath of Abraham Sanders 28 Jul 1818 before James Turner, J.P.¹⁸

21 Aug 1819 **Franklin Co., GA**, Deed Book HHH, pp. 197-198: **Asa Ayers** of Franklin Co. to **William Cannon Sr. of Pendleton District, SC**.¹⁹ In cons. of \$100, conveys 80 acres in Franklin Co. on waters of Middle Fork Broad Riv., adj. **Samuel Payne**, on a road leading from the **Widow Martin's** to the river. Wit: **David Payne, Stephen Chatham [CHEATHAM?]**. Sworn to by Payne before **Clemonds Quillian, J.P.**, 4 Oct 1819. Rec. 29 Oct 1819.²⁰

1820 Pendleton District, SC, Census: ²¹ [Is this some other William Cannon, not ours?]

William Cannon [Jr. or Sr.? P. 183	Free white males:	Free white females:		
	0- 10- 16- 18- 26- Over	0- 10- 16- 26- Over	Free	
	10 16 18 26 45 45	10 16 26 45 45	Slaves	Blacks
	1	2		
	Bef 1775			

12 Aug 1821 **Franklin Co., GA**, Deed Book B, p. 98, 12 Aug 1821, **William Cannon Sr. of Pendleton S.C.**²² to **Darling House**, 80 acres.²³

1820 Census of **White Co., Tennessee**, p. 369: **William Cannon**, who was **Jonathan Cannon**'s brother and presumed son of William Cannon who appears to have been a son of Simcock Cannon.

Free white males:	Free white females:	
0- 10-16- 16 26- Over	0- 10- 16- 26- Over	Free
10 16 18 26 45 45	10 16 26 45 45	Slaves Blacks
2 1 1	1 2	
1810- 1804- 1775-	1804- 1794-	
1820 1810 1794	1810 1804	

¹⁸ SC Archives microfilm C946.

¹⁹ I am unsure of the identity of this William Cannon of Pendleton District, SC, & Franklin Co., GA. Simcock Cannon owned land in Franklin Co., GA, at an earlier date. There may or may not have been a connection between this William Cannon & Simcock Cannon. Perhaps this William was his son.

²⁰ *Deeds of Franklin County, Georgia, 1784-1826*, abstracted and compiled by Martha Walters Acker, Southern Historical Press, Easley, SC, 1976, p. 393. (NOTE: This deed is very difficult to read, wrote book editor.)

²¹ Who is the William Cannon in the 1820 census of Pendleton District? There was no one else in his household. He owned 2 slaves. Is he the same as 1800 Greenville District William?

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The William Cannon in White Co., TN, in the 1820 census could be the William Cannon in the 1810 Greenville District, SC, census, **repeated** below:

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

Wm Canan

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

If it is the same man, he was born about 1765/1784.

1830 **Jonathan Cannon**, Monroe Co., TN, census, p. 152.

Males: 0- 5- 10- 15- 20- 30- 40- 50- 60- 70- 80- 90- 100+

5 10 15 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

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1825- 1820- 1815- 1810- 1780- **1740- ? wife's father?**

1830 1825 1820 1815 1790 **1750 This man appears to be much too old to be William, Sr.**

Emberry Irby 1822 ? ? Jonathan
1829 Robt 1824 c1787

Females: 0- 5- 10- 15- 20- 30- 40- 50- 60- 70- 80- 90- 100+

5 10 15 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

1 1 1

1825- 1820- 1790-

1830 1825 1800

? ? Sallie (Boyd) 1790-1794