

*Russell
Family*JAMES BRYANT RUSSELL
1803 - 1899

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(Editor's note: FLASHBACK takes pride in presenting this authoritative account of the Russells of Old Cane Hill, written by two great-grandsons of the pioneer, James Bryant Russell. Both Conrad Russell and Lacy McColloch are members of our WCHS and deserve credit for gathering this information and especially for finding the fine old pictures, some of them hundred-year-old tintypes which have never before been reproduced. -- WJL)

JAMES BRYANT RUSSELL

James Bryant Russell was one of the early settlers of Boonesboro (Cane Hill), Arkansas, and an influential citizen of that community. He was teacher, farmer, merchant, Justice of the Peace, builder of a girls' school, supporter of the college for men, church leader, and state legislator.

James B. Russell, son of James and Ann Bryant Russell, was born in Rhea County, Tennessee, February 22, 1803. He was educated in Tennessee and Alabama to be a teacher and a minister of the Gospel.

Young Russell was married to Ann Coulter, who was born in Rhea County, Tennessee, January 21, 1804. The wedding took place in Rhea County on December 6, 1827, and in 1831 they moved to Northwest Arkansas. Information is lacking on the families that may have moved with the Russells from Rhea County, Tennessee to Arkansas. It is believed, however, that the Coulter family was already settled at Boonesboro when the Russells arrived. George Russell, brother of James B., either accompanied him or joined him later.

James B. and Ann Russell settled first near Woodruff's spring at Rhea's Mill, but remained there no longer than a year. In the fall of 1832 Russell took charge of teaching a school opened by his brother-in-law Maurice Wright. This school was located about three miles north of Boonesboro on property that for years has been known as the Trostle place (presently owned by Vol T. Rutherford). This farm is about a quarter of a mile northwest of the present White Church. The foundation of the old school can still be seen there.

Goodspeed states in his "History of Northwest Arkansas" that J. B. Russell moved one or one and a half miles south of Boonesboro in 1832. Actually his homestead was at least two miles south of Boonesboro. The land where he staked his claim was covered by native timber or by dense stands of bamboo (cane), both the small and the large type. Legend has it that the Russells and perhaps two or three other families camped on the road leading south from Boonesboro and followed animal trails through the woods and cane brakes in search of home sites.

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The presence of dense stands of bamboo or cane were indicative of the most fertile soil. Russell located a homesite about half a mile west of the campsite. He reported that it took four men three days to cut an ox-road through the canebrake to the homesite. Some of the cane was reported to be 16 feet tall. After the cane was cut and cured, it was burned to clear the roadway. Explosions from the burning cane sounded like heavy gunfire. J. B. Russell stated that wild deer, bear, and turkey were so plentiful that he didn't butcher a hog for ten years after he settled there.

The opening of a roadway to the new home formed a "Y" as it branched in a westerly direction from the existing road running south from Boonesboro. The roads follow about the same course today. After Russell cleared his land and got a successful farming operation under way he, with slaves to do much of the work, built and operated a general merchandise store near the forks of the road. The area was gradually settled, and Russell's store became known as Russellville. The community was later renamed New Town, and years later, when the post office was established, the name was changed to Clyde.

J. B. Russell was a Justice of the Peace, and at the time of the much discussed Wright murders, he held the inquest and presided at the trial of the accused.

Russell was a successful farmer and businessman. He was one of the first nurserymen of the area, a general farmer and a breeder of horses and mules. The land was new and fertile and the farm prospered, as did the general store. Until the Civil War J. B. Russell was a prosperous man.

He was a strong supporter of education and was a member of the board at the time the Cane Hill College was chartered. He believed that girls should have the same opportunities for education as boys. To this end he built and equipped a school for girls which became known as Cane Hill Female Seminary. The school was located near his store at Russellville which was in Cane Hill Township. When funds were being raised to build the Cane Hill College, Russell proposed to donate the Seminary property to the church provided \$500.00 was raised in his name for the College. The Female Seminary prospered and the attendance became so large that an additional building was needed. Cane Hill Seminary became as famous for the education of young women as Cane Hill College was for the education of young men. Both schools flourished until the Civil War caused them to close. During the war the buildings were burned.

James B. Russell was active in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where he served as an Elder for many years. He was very strict in seeing that his family attended church regularly. In addition to their seven children, the Russells reared eight orphaned children that were relatives. All received the same treatment and advantages. The young people rode horseback to church, and the neighbors seeing them pass on Sunday morning would say, "There goes Russell's Brigade."

THE RUSSELL FAMILY



Pulaski Russell



W. A. May



"Grandma" Yates

In addition to their own seven children, James B. and Ann Russell reared eight orphaned children of their kinfolks. These were two children of George Russell, brother of James B; four children of Letitia Coulter Meyers, who was Mrs. Russell's sister; and two children of Mary C. Russell and John J. May, daughter and son-in-law of J. B. Russell.

Shown on this page are three of the adopted children of James B. and Ann Coulter Russell. The pictures were supplied by the authors of the accompanying story of the Russells of old Cane Hill.

The children of James B. and Ann Coulter Russell were:

1. Mary Catherine, b. March 23, 1829; d. Feb. 10, 1851.
Married John James May. Their children were:
 1. James Thomas, b. May 27, 1845; d. Feb. 19, 1865.
 2. William Anderson, b. Aug. 17, 1847.
 3. John A., b. Apr. 4, 1849.
2. Elizabeth Ann, b. Aug. 20, 1830. Married James G. Craig.
Their children were:
 1. Charles Russell, b. Mar. 29, 1854.
 2. Edward Albert, b. Nov. 5, 1860.
 3. George McGrady, b. Sept. 17, 1862.
 4. James Samuel, b. Feb. 3, 1867.
3. Altavena, b. Sept. 11, 1835. Married J. T. Buchanan, Oct. 29, 1859.
Their children were:
 1. Mary, b. Aug. 16, 1862
 2. Naoma, b. Sept. 14, 1867
4. James McGrady, b. Feb. 17, 1837; d. July 11, 1931.
Married Mary Rebecca Beller July 20, 1859. Their children were:
 1. William Campbell, b. Dec. 22, 1861; d. Oct. 28, 1938.
 2. Evert Elba, b. Jan. 16, 1869; d. Aug. 15, 1948.
 3. Ola, b. May 24, 1871.
 4. Nona, b. July 15, 1876.
 5. Belle Izora Roberson (adopted), b. Jan. 1, 1886.
5. George Thomas, b. Nov. 15, 1838. Married Sarah Hagood.
Their children were:
 1. Charles
 2. James Maurice, b. Jan. 3, 1879.
 3. Mary G., b. Feb. 9, 1893.
6. Samantha, b. Jan. 14, 1840. Married George W. Morrow.
Their children were:
 1. Anne Elizabeth, b. July 1, 1867.
 2. William Robert, b. Apr. 9, 1869.
 3. Maggie May, b. Oct. 1, 1870.
 4. Stella Jane, b. Oct. 21, 1872.
 5. Hugh Oscar, b. Dec. 6, 1876.
 6. Ena, b. Aug. 7, 1879.
7. Samuel Pylant, b. Sept. 22, 1844; d. July 18, 1936.
Married Elizabeth Evelyn Yates. Their children were:
 1. Allie Elizabeth, b. Mar. 7, 1868; d. Apr. 25, 1958.
 2. James Ollie, b. Dec. 14, 1874; d. Feb. 9, 1957.

The orphaned children reared by the Russells were:

Malinda and Pulaski Russell, children of George Russell, a brother of James B.

Katherine, William, James, and Emma Meyers, children of Letitia Coulter Meyers, sister of Ann Coulter Russell.

William (Willie) and Thomas May, children of Mary Catherine Russell and John J. May, daughter and son-in-law of J. B. Russell.

The Civil War brought tragic changes to a prosperous community. There was great privation not only for lack of food but because of the loss of homes. In addition to the school buildings, all homes not occupied by soldiers or officers were burned. When word came that the houses were to be burned, the Russell women and some of the neighbors gathered bedding and personal effects and hid them in the Leach cave about one-half mile distant. Mary Beller Russell, wife of eldest son James McGrady, had been teacher and head of the music department at the seminary. When Northern soldiers appeared to burn the house, she persuaded them to carry her piano out in the yard. When this was done she sat down and played "Dixie" while the house burned.

All of the sons and adopted sons served in the Southern Army. Tom May was killed, together with Sam Inks, just west of Boonesboro by bushwhackers. James McGrady (Gee) Russell was in Fagan's Brigade, Brooks' Regiment, Earle's Company. He lost his right arm by cannonball in the battle of Prairie Grove. Samuel P. Russell was captured early in the war, along with other men in his company, while waiting to have their horses shod. He was imprisoned at Rock Island, Illinois, and almost starved to death. Many soldiers died in prison. Such were the conditions that many ate mice and rats, and even a bulldog that belonged to a guard disappeared.

The end of the war brought many problems. A resolution passed in Boonesboro in 1861 declared in favor of J. B. Russell, David Walker, C.W. Deane and James H. Stirman for delegates to the state convention. J.B. Russell also served in the sixteenth legislature from November 5, 1866 to March 23, 1867. In addition to this, he spent his years rebuilding his home and farm, and remained active in political and church work throughout his life.

He died August 16, 1899, and his funeral services were conducted by a nephew, Dr. Samuel Lafayette Russell, Cumberland Presbyterian minister and teacher, from Gaylesville, Alabama.

(Editor's note: If any of our readers are interested in other pioneer families of the Cane Hill area, they are invited to inspect Mrs. Richardson's "Early Families", a copy of which is available in our WCHS office. FLASHBACK has published much Cane Hill material. Our "Index" shows the following titles of articles; Battle, Cemetery, Churches, College, Classbooks of the 1870s, Doctors, Early Land Entries, First Settlers, Missionary Society, Moore Family Records, Old Mill, Postal History.

Several of our members are collecting material about Cane Hill, among them Mrs. Dismukes of Westville, Lacy McColloch of Washington, Conrad Q. Russell of Cane Hill, and Conrow R. Miller of Chattanooga. We will be glad to send addresses if you would like to contact them. --WJL)

THE RUSSELLS OF OLD CANE HILL



Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Russell



Elizabeth Ann Russell
(Mrs. Craig)



George (Buck) Russell



Samantha Russell
(Mrs. Morrow)

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THE ANCESTORS
of
LEONARD RUPERT PAXTON
and
STELLA RAWSON
his wife

THE
RUSSELL
LINE



THE RUSSELL LINE

- 1-JOHN RUSSELL, (1597-1680), The Emigrant, came from Ipswich, England to Cambridge Mass. He married in ELIZABETH _____ (-) and had
- 2-JOHN RUSSELL, (1626-1692), who married in 1650/51 REBECCA HEMBERG, (-1688) and had
- 3-SAMUEL RUSSELL, (1660-1746), who married in ABIGAIL WHITING, (1666-1733) and had
- 4-SAMUEL RUSSELL, (1693-1746), who married in 1718 DOROTHY SMITHSON, (1698-1755) and had
- 5-DOROTHEA RUSSELL, (1731-), who married in 1749 REV. JOHN RICHARDS, (1726-1811 or 1814) and had
- 6-THOMAS RICHARDS, (1753-1826), who married in 1779 CYNTHIA ANDROSS, (1761-1839) and had
- 7-HELENA RICHARDS, (1782-1864), who married in 1803 JESSE BRUCE Jr. (1776-1848) and had
- 8-LAURA BRUCE, (1819-1909), who married in 1846 RICHARD RAMSON, (-1864) and had
- 9-STELLA RAMSON, (1858-1936), who married in 1885 LEONARD RUPERT PAXTON, (1855-1935) and had
- 10-EDITH BRUCE PAXTON, (1901-), who married in 1927 VERNER GUY RICH, (1901-) and had
- 11-CAROL MARIE RICH
STELLA ELIZABETH RICH

JOHN RUSSELL, THE EMIGRANT.

John Russell probably lived in Ipswich, England where he was born about 1597. He came to Cambridge, Massachusetts, landing at Boston on October 3, 1635, in the ship "Defense", Captain Bostock, with his two sons, John and Philip. Rev. Thomas Shepard was on the same ship.

His wife Elizabeth* probably died before they left England as no mention of her death or news has been found in colonial records. He was made a freeman March 3, 1638, selectman, 1642, a surveyor of arms 1638, and 1643, clerk of writs 1645 and constable 1648. He remained in Cambridge until his son, Rev. John, was chosen as pastor of Wethersfield, 1648-49, when the father and two sons removed to that place. He was made a freeman in Connecticut, May 17, 1655.

He married secondly Mrs. Dorothy Smith, widow of Rev. Henry Smith, the first minister of Wethersfield and they lived in the homestead of her late husband. (An undocumented statement in the Hartford Times March 27, 1943 gives her maiden name as Dorothy Cotton.) Mr. John Russell senior moved to Hadley in 1660 after his son, Rev. John Russell, became minister.

The father became a freeman of Hadley March 26, 1661. He served as a jurymen 1662 and 1665 and March 31, 1663 he was chosen "clerk of the Trayn Band (Mr. Samuel Smith was lieutenant and Richard Goodman as Serjeant)"

He "was a glazier a trade that required some skill in the days of diamond glass."

May 8, 1680 Mr. Russell died at the age of 83 years leaving his second wife, Dorothy Smith Russell, who probably died in the home of Joseph Smith, her son, late in the year of 1694.

* Name of Elizabeth is given as the name of the wife of John Russell, the mother of John and Philip in The Colonial Clergy and the Colonial Churches of New England, by Frederick Lewis Weis, 1936.

THE RUSSELL FAMILY

1. JOHN RUSSELL, THE EMIGRANT, Came from Ipswich, England to Cambridge
Mass. in 1635.

b. 1577.

d. 1680, May 8, in Hadley Mass.

m. in England, to

Elisabeth -----

b.

d.

Daughter of

m. (2)

Dorothy (Cotton) Smith, widow of Rev. Henry Smith of Wethersfield Ct.

b.

d. 1694

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Children of JOHN & ELIZABETH (-----) RUSSELL.

1. JOHN RUSSELL, Clergyman

b. 1626 in England

d. 1692, Dec. 10 in Hadley.

m. 1649, June 28, to

Mary Talcott

b.

d. 1650/51

Daughter of John and Dorothy (Mott) Talcott of Hartford.

m. (2) before 1652 to

Rebecca Newberry

b.

d. 1688 Nov. 21 in Hadley, Mass.

m. (3) to

Phoebe (Grigson) Whiting, widow of Rev. John Whiting

b. 1643, Oct. 15

d. 1730, Sept. 19

2. PHILIP RUSSELL, Glasier.

b.

d. 1664, May 19, Hatfield, Mass.

m. (1) 1664, Feb. 4

Joanna Smith

b.

d. 1664, Dec. 29,

Daughter of Rev. Henry Smith.

m. (2) 1666, Jan. 10 to

Elisabeth Terry

b.

d. 1677, Sept. 19, slain by the Indians.

Daughter of Stephen Terry

m. (3) 1679, Dec. 25 to

Mary Church

b.

d. 1743, May 1.

REV. JOHN RUSSELL.

Rev. John Russell, son of John the Emigrant and his wife Elizabeth was born in England in 1626. He graduated from Harvard College in 1645 and probably remained in Cambridge until he was called to Wethersfield to succeed Mr. Smith in 1650.

He married first June 28, 1649 Mary Talcott, the only daughter and eldest child of Worshipful John and Dorothy (Mott) Talcott of Hartford. On May 16, 1650 he was made a freeman and same time that year he became the minister of the Wethersfield Church. Dissentions that had troubled Rev. Henry Smith continued to arise in the church and by 1659, Rev. John Russell and a considerable portion of his flock moved to Norwottrick, later named Hadley, Massachusetts, after receiving permission of the general Court of Massachusetts.

It has been said that Mr. Russell though ardent and resolute in his work at Wethersfield was also indiscrete at times. At Hadley he was an active and faithful pastor of his congregation. He preached the election sermon at Boston in May 1665 from Psalms 135:6 "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that Love Thee." His strength of character fearless in face of danger shows in his care of the regicides Whalley and Goffe who were concealed for many years in his home in Hadley. For many years he put much time and effort in trying to obtain a Hopkins school for his town.

Mary Talcott probably died soon after the birth of her first and only child, baptised September 23, 1650. A diary of Henry Walcott now in the Connecticut Historical Society indicates that John Russell was married to Rebecca Newberry, daughter of Thomas Newberry before 1652. She was the mother of four children. Rebecca Newberry Russell died November 21, 1688, aged 57 years and Rev. John Russell married Phoebe Grigson, born October 15, 1643. She was the daughter of Thomas Grigson of New Haven, and the second wife and widow of Rev. John Whiting of Hartford. (see Whiting line). After the death of Rev. John Russell she lived with her son, Joseph Whiting, in New Haven. She died September 19, 1730.

II REV. JOHN RUSSELL,

b. 1626, in England.
d. 1692, Dec. 10, in Hadley.
m. 1649, June 28, to

Mary Talcott.

b.
d. 1690/1

Daughter of John and Dorothy (Hott) Talcott, of Hartford.

m. (2) before 1652 to
Rebecca Newberry

b.
d. 1688 Nov. 21, in Hadley, Mass.

m. (3) to Daughter of Thomas Newberry of Windsor
Phoebe (Grigson) Whiting,

b. 1643, Oct. 15.

d. 1730, Sept. 19, in New Haven.

Daughter of Thomas Grigson of New Haven, widow of Rev. John
Whiting of Hartford.

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Children of REV. JOHN RUSSELL

By Mary Talcott.

1. JOHN RUSSELL,

b. (bapt.) 1650, Sept. 23 in Hartford, Conn.
d. 1670, Jan. 20, in Hadley.

By REBECCA NEWBERRY

2. JONATHAN RUSSELL, minister at Barnstable, Mass.

b. 1655, Sept. 15 in Hadley
d. 1710/11, Feb. 21, in Barnstable, Mass.
m. about 1680 to

Martha Hoody

b. about 1667

d. 1729, Sept. 23

Daughter of Rev. Joshua and Martha (Collins) Hoody of
Portsmouth, N. H.

3. SAMUEL RUSSELL,

b. 1660, Nov. 4, in Hadley
d. 1746, Jan. 19, in Brunford.
m. to

Abigail Whiting

b. 1666

d. 1733, May 7

Daughter of Rev. John and Sybil (Collins) Whiting of Hartford,
Conn.

4. ELIAZER RUSSELL.

b. 1663, Nov. 8, in Hadley, Mass.

d. bur. 1691, Jan. 2, in Boston, Mass.

(A goldsmith in Boston and according to his will was probably unmarried.)

5. DANIEL RUSSELL.

b. 1666, Feb. 8 in Hadley

d. 1667, Dec. 17 in Hadley.

REV. SAMUEL RUSSELL

Rev. Samuel Russell, second son of Rev. John and Rebecca (Hosberry) Russell born November 4, 1660 was graduated at Harvard College in 1681.

After graduation he taught the grammar school at Hadley. On September 12, 1687 he was called to the pastorate of the church at Branford, Connecticut. He ministered to his congregation the remainder of his life and "he became the second father of the town. His ministry, peaceful and prosperous, was prolonged forty-four years, though he was disabled from preaching during the last six years of his life."

According to tradition ten clergymen met in the south parlor of the house of Samuel Russell of Branford in 1701 to make a gift of books from their small libraries for "the founding of a college in this colony." As founders they asked the General Court the next week for a charter. October 9, 1701, the General Court passed "an act for liberty to erect a Collegiate School" wherein "youth may be instructed in the Arts and Sciences who through the blessing of Almighty God may be fitted for Publick employment both in Church & Civil State."

The original seat of the college was at Killingworth (Clinton) in the residence of the Rev. Abraham Pierson, first rector. The Bachelor of Arts degree was first conferred for work in course in 1703. In 1707 the college moved to Saybrook and in 1716 to New Haven. The first building was begun in 1717 and completed in 1718. The new building was named Yale College in honor of Elihu Yale, a retired East India merchant of New England ancestry then living in London who had made a substantial gift to the Collegiate School.

The idea of a college in Connecticut originated in the Oxford-bred mind of the Rev. John Davenport, who with his Puritan associates established the first settlement of the New Haven Colony in 1636.

Samuel Russell was one of the most active supporters and became one of the trustees of the new college.

REV. SAMUEL RUSSELL.

In May, 1699, he preached the election sermon and received the thanks of the General Assembly.

Rev. Samuel Russell married Abigail Whiting, born 1666, daughter of the Rev. John and Sybil (Collins) Whiting of Hartford, Connecticut.

He died June 25, 1731. His widow Abigail, died May 7, 1733.

- III REV. SAMUEL RUSSELL OF BRANFORD.
b. 1660, Nov. 4, in Hadley, Mass.
d. 1746, Jan. 19, in Branford, Conn.
m. to

Abigail Whiting

- b. 1666
d. 1733, May 7.
Daughter of Rev. John and Sybil (Collins) Whiting
of Hartford, Conn.

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Children of REV. SAMUEL & ABIGAIL (WHITING) RUSSELL.

1. JOHN RUSSELL, graduate of 1st class at Yale, 1704, Justice, 30 yrs.
Deputy (speaker of lower house 1731) of General
Assembly for 45 sessions, etc.
b. 1687, Jan. 24, in Hadley, Mass.
d. 1757, July 7, in Branford, Conn.
m. 1707, Dec. 17, to
Sarah Treadbridge
b. 1686, Nov. 26, New Haven, Conn.
d. 1761, Jan. 23
Daughter of Thomas and Mary (Winston) Treadbridge
of New Haven, Conn.
2. ABIGAIL RUSSELL
b. 1690, Aug. 10 in Branford, Conn.
d. after 1747, Dec. 2.
m. (1) 1716, March 4, to
Rev. Joseph Moss Jr. of Derby, Conn., as his second wife.
b. about 1680
d. 1732, Jan. 23, aged 52.
m. (2) 1733, Aug. 6 to
Rev. Samuel Cooke of Stratfield, Conn., as his fourth wife.
b.
d. 1747, Dec. 2
3. SAMUEL RUSSELL
b. 1693, Sept. 28, at Branford, Conn.
d. 1746, Jan. 19, at Guilford, Conn.
m. 1718, Nov. 10 to
Dorothy Smithson
b. 1698,
d. 1755, May. 1
Daughter of Samuel Smithson of Guilford, Conn. from
Lincolnshire, England.
4. THOMAS RUSSELL
b. 1695, Nov. 18 in Branford, Conn.
d. 1794, Sept. -- in Derby, Conn.
m. 1720, Nov. 21 to
Mary Hill
b. 1699, Sept. 13
d.
Daughter of Captain Joseph and Mary (Hobbs) Hill of Derby

5. DANIEL RUSSELL
 - b. 1698, June 19, in Branford.
 - d.
 - m. 1744, Nov. 15. On Branford First Church Records is entered the marriage of a Daniel Russell to a Rebecca Foster.

6. JONATHAN RUSSELL, a man of influence in Branford.
 - b. 1700, Aug. 21, in Branford, Conn.
 - d. 1774, July 24, in Branford, Conn.
 - m. 1722, Dec. 12, to
Barbara Barber
 - b.
 - d. 1737, Aug.

7. BENJAMIN RUSSELL, minister at North Stonington, Conn.
 - b. 1703, May 4 in Branford, Conn.
 - d. 1731, May 22, in North Stonington
 - m. 1727, June 14 to
Content Hewitt
 - b. bapt. 1703, April 3
 - d. 1749, Sept. 20
 Daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Fanning) Hewitt.

8. EPHRAIM RUSSELL, deacon, Lt. of the Trustees and member of Gen. Assembly
 - b. bapt. 1705, May, in Branford, Conn.
 - d. 1772, March 26
 - m. 1728, Jan. 23 to
Jorusha Harrison
 - b.
 - d. 1766, June

9. HENRY RUSSELL
 - b. bapt. 1708, Feb., in Branford
 - d. after 1731, Dec.
 - m. 1727, April 5, to
Dorcas Fenn
 - b. bapt. 1706, June 9, 1706
 - d. 1731, Dec.
 Son of James Fenn of Milford, Conn.

REV. SAMUEL RUSSELL
of Guilford

"Samuel Russell, second son of the Rev. Samuel and Abigail (Whiting) Russell, born September 23, 1693, graduated at Yale in Saybrook 1712; studied theology with his father; was tutor at Yale for two years from 1714. He preached at various places temporarily until he was ordained the first pastor of the church at North Guilford, Connecticut, June 15, 1725, where he served until his death January 19, 1746. He left an estate of \$3000, nearly one-fourth of it in books.

"He bore the character of a faithful and worthy minister"

He married, November 10, 1718, Dorothy Smithson, born 1698, daughter of Samuel Smithson of Guilford, Connecticut, from Lincolnshire, England, who died May 1, 1755."

Rev. Russell published a sermon in 1742.

IV REV. SAMUEL RUSSELL OF GUILFORD.

b. 1693, Sept. 23, in Branford, Conn.
d. 1746, Jan. 19 in Guilford, Conn.
m. 1718, Nov. 10 to

Dorothy Smithson

b. 1698
d. 1755, May 1.
Daughter of Samuel Smithson of Guilford, Conn., from
Lincolnshire, England.

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Children of REV. SAMUEL & DOROTHY (SMITHSON) RUSSELL

1. ELIZABETH RUSSELL

b. 1720, Dec. 22, in Guilford, Conn.
d. 1721, Sept. 22, in Guilford, Conn.

2. HANNAH RUSSELL

b. 1722, Sept. 26, in Guilford

d.
m. (1) 1741, Nov. 2^d, to

Samuel Stevens

b.

d.

m. (2)

Daniel Cross

b.

d.

3. SAMUEL RUSSELL

b. 1724 in Guilford, Conn.
d. 1790, Feb. 21, in Guilford, Conn.
m. 1758, March 8 to

Deborah Baldwin

b.

d. 1811, April 18
Daughter of Timothy Baldwin

4. THOMAS RUSSELL, Yale 1749, studied theology, became a physician

b. 1727, Oct. 16, in Guilford, Conn.
d. 1803, Pleasant, N. H.
m. 1760, Oct. 7, to

Mary Patterson

b. bapt. 1742, Jan.

d.

Daughter of John and Mary (Curtis) Patterson.

5. DOROTHEA RUSSELL

b. 1731, Jan. 7 in Guilford, Conn.

d.

m. 1749, Aug. 1, in Guilford.

Rev. John Richards

b. 1726, June 23, in Watertown, Conn.

d. 1811 or 1814

Son of Thomas and Susanna (Rutter) Richards, of
Watertown, Conn.

6. ANNEA RUSSELL

- b. 1730, May 1, in Guilford, Conn.
- d. 1783, March 22, in Guilford, Conn.
- m. 1753, June 3, to
John Redfield, physician in Guilford
- b. 1735, May 6
- d. 1813, May 14, in Guilford.

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7. LUCRENTIA RUSSELL

- b. 1735, June 23, in Guilford.
- d. 1814, June 14, in North Guilford.
- m. 1766, June 1, to
Jared Scranton, a farmer
- b. 1733, June 25
- d. 1816, Nov. 12,
Son of Ebenezer and Ann Scranton of North Guilford.

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