

William Russell, Jr., and wife Mary Lightfoot Timeline

- 1740/1748 [1745] **Amelia Co., VA.** **William Russell Jr.** was born to William Russell Sr. and Mary, widow Cannon. I have chosen 1745 arbitrarily as a birth date.
- 1764 [Lunenburg Co., Cornwall Parish, became **Charlotte Co.** in 1765.] **William Russell [Sr.]**, 5 tithables, probably including sons with Mary **William Russell Jr.**, **Edward, Joseph, James.**¹
- Abt 1766 **Virginia.** William Russell Jr. married Mary Lightfoot.
- Abt 1767 **Virginia.** John Russell was born to William Russell Jr. and Mary Lightfoot.
- 01 Jul 1768 **Charlotte Co., VA.** For natural love and affection **William Russell [Sr.]** sold 403 acres to son **Edward Russell** for 5 shillings and 368 acres to son **William Russell Jr.** for 5 shillings. Deeds recorded 04 Jul 1768.²
- 03 Jan 1774 **Charlotte Co., VA.** **Mary Lightfoot Russell** gave her bond as guardian of **John Russell** (son of Mary and William Russell Jr.). **William Russell Sr.**, security.³
- 07 Feb 1774 **Charlotte Co., VA.** **Wm. Russell, i (intestate).**⁴ **William Russell [Sr.]** and **Mary Russell**, administrators of estate of **William Russell Jr.**, filed inventory of the personal estate. Appraisers: **John Cardwell, Bryan Farguson, Bullard Fowler.**⁵ William Jr. was age c. 29.
- 18 Jul 1774 **Charlotte Co., VA.** **Mary Russell** and **William Russell Sr.** made an account of distribution of the estate of **William Russell Jr.** to the widow and children.⁶
- 23 Sep 1774 **Charlotte Co., VA.** **Mrs. Mary Lightfoot Russell** [widow] married **James Cole Jr.** Surety: **Josiah Cole.**⁷
- 04 Sep 1775 **Charlotte Co., VA.** Account current of the estate of **William Russell Jr. deceased.** Admrs: **William Russell [Sr.]**. To **Mrs.[Mary] Cole late widow** of said **Russell**. Orphans not named.⁸
- 30 Mar 1782 **Charlotte Co., VA.** **Mary Cole** [formerly Mary Lightfoot] married **William Tucker.**⁹
- 05 Aug 1782 **Charlotte Co., VA.** **William Russell [Sr.]** was appointed guardian for **John Russell**, orphan of **William Russell [Jr.]**, replacing **Edward Russell**, he giving security, with Bryant Farguson & James Foster entering as his securities on his bond. On the motion of William Russell [Sr.], as

¹ Information received from Darren Altom, darrenaltom@yahoo.com, on 10 Jul 2010.

² Charlotte Co., VA, Deed Book 2, pp. 45-50.

³ Charlotte Co., VA, Court Orders 1:3.

⁴ Clayton Torrence, *Virginia Wills and Administrations 1632-1800: An Index* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1972), 369.

⁵ Charlotte Co., VA, Will Book 1, p. 110.

⁶ Charlotte Co., VA, Will Book 1, pp. 126-127.

⁷ Ancestry.com. *Virginia, U.S., Compiled Marriages, 1740-1850* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1999. Original data: Dodd, Jordan R., et al.. *Early American Marriages: Virginia to 1850*. Bountiful, UT, USA: Precision Indexing Publishers.

⁸ Charlotte Co., VA, Will Book 1, p. 126.

⁹ Charlotte County, Virginia, Marriage Register, Vol. 2, page 1.

guardian of John Russell, it is ordered that Thomas Spencer, Thomas Spencer, Jr., Jacob Morton, & Bryant Farguson, gentlemen, direct the laying out of land of **Mary Tucker**, late the widow of **William Russell [Jr.]**.¹⁰

- 1784 **Charlotte Co., VA. William Russell Jr.'s** estate paid **William Tucker** twice and he still held a bond payable in 1784 through 1789.¹¹
- 05 Apr 1788 **Charlotte Co., VA. William Russell Sr.** died.¹²
- 1789 **Charlotte Co., VA.** Some of **Mary Tucker's** land was sold to **Jacob Morton**. Book D (#6):89.
- 1792 **Charlotte Co., VA.** Some of **Mary Tucker's** land was sold to **Hugh Frazier**. Book D (#6):230. (Hugh Frazier married Ann Morton, a second cousin once removed to Quinn Morton. She also was a first cousin once removed of Jacob Morton.)
- 1795 **Charlotte Co., VA.** Some of **Mary Tucker's** land was sold to **Quinn Morton**. Book D (#7):127.
- Jan 1804 **Charlotte Co., VA. Mary (Russell) Daniel vs. John Russell etc., Thomas Russell**.¹³ **William Russell**, deceased, had two wives. By the first he had 5 children: **Edward, William, Joseph, James, & Mary (Russell) Daniel**. By the second wife, **Anne**, he had **Thomas, John, Nancy, & Peggy**. According to William Russell, Sr.'s will the estate went to Anne and her children. Mary Daniel alleges that this is not the correct will. In May 1803 Mary Daniel's husband, **Thomas Daniel**, died. William Russell, Jr., is dead. He left only one son, John. In addition, children by the second marriage are dead: **John** (who had no wife or children), **Nancy** (who married **John Hatchett** & had one son, **William**). Mary Daniel asks that her stepmother, the children of the second marriage, John Hatchett, and William Hatchett be defendants, and she asks for a trial by jury. She wants to know what they received from the estate. (Other names mentioned: Thomas A. Stephenson, Jacob Morton.)
17 Jan 1804: The sheriff of Charlotte Co. summoned Edward Russell, Joseph Russell, James Russell, John son of William Jr. deceased, Thomas Russell, Peggy Russell, Anne Russell the widow, John Hatchett & his son William Hatchett, all to appear in Chancery at the Court House, to testify **1 Mar 1804**, with £100 fines each should they not appear. Thomas Read, clerk.
11 Apr 1804: The summons was executed on Thomas Russell, Peggy Russell, Anne Russell the widow, John Hatchett & William, John's son. Edward Russell, Joseph Russell, James Russell, and John son of William Russell Jr. were not found.
- 04 Jan 1809 **Charlotte Co., VA. Robert Featherstone** married **Martha Russell**, daughter of **John Russell**. Surety: **Hezekiah Russell**.¹⁴ John Russell was the son of **William Russell Jr.**

¹⁰ Charlotte Co. Court Orders, 5:42-43, abstracted in Magazine of Virginia Genealogy 25(4):18, 1987.

¹¹ Charlotte, Virginia, Wills and Probate Records Will Books 1 and 2, 1765-1805, pages 271-272.

¹² Exact date of death is from Charlotte County, Virginia, Chancery Suits, Mary Daniel vs. John Russell etc., Thomas Russell, 1805-004, p. 12. Library of Virginia: <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/default.asp#res>.

¹³ Charlotte County, Virginia, Chancery Suits, Mary Daniel vs. John Russell etc., Thomas Russell, 1805-004. Library of Virginia: <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/default.asp#res>

¹⁴ Ancestry.com. *Virginia, U.S., Compiled Marriages, 1740-1850* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1999.

Hezekiah Russell was the son of John Russell and grandson of William Russell Jr.

01 Jan 1810 **Charlotte Co., VA. Hezekiah Russell** married **Elizabeth Featherstone**.¹⁵

¹⁵ "Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940", database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XRCT-53D> : 29 January 2020), Hezekiah Russell, 1810.