Russell Family

**William** Russell (c1605-1661) m. (1632) Martha _______ (d. c1694)

**John** Russell (1645-1733) m. Elizabeth Fiske

**Jonathan** Russell (1671-1746) m. Elizabeth _______

**Eleazer** Russell (b. 1717) m. (1739) Tabitha Prentice (b. 1718)

**Oliver** Russell (1752-1820) m. (1778) Betsy How (1760-1844)

**Betsy** Russell (1780-1820) m. (1797) Willard Brigham (1772-1835)

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**William** Russell (c1605-1661) and Martha (_______) Russell (d. c1694)

**William** Russell was born in England about 1605.

**Martha** _______ was born in England between about 1615 and about 1620.  

William Russell, a carpenter, was a resident of that section of Cambridge, Mass. known as Menotomy by 1645 and probably by 1642.

William Russell died in Cambridge on 14 Feb 1661.

Martha Russell married, as her second husband, Humphrey Bradshaw, on 24 Mar 1665 in Cambridge. He died in Cambridge on 9 May 1682, aged 68 years. She then married, as her third husband, Thomas Hall, in Cambridge on 24 May 1683.

Martha (_______) (Russell) (Bradshaw) Hall died about 1694.

William and Martha (_______) Russell had the following children:


ii. (probably) **Phebe Russell**, who died in Cambridge on 8 Jul 1642.


iv. **John** Russell, born in Cambridge on 11 Jan 1645, q. v.


viii. **William Russell**, born in Cambridge on 28 Apr 1655. He married Abigail Winship on Cambridge on 18 Mar 1682/83. She was the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Winship, born in Cambridge on 13 Feb 1656. She died in Cambridge on 31 Jul 1727.


x. **Joyce Russell**, born on Cambridge on 31 Mar 1660. She was baptized there on 13 May 1660. She married Edmund Rice in Sudbury, Mass. on 13 Oct 1680. He was the son of Edward and Agnes (Bent) Rice, q. v.

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**John** Russell (b. 1645) and Elizabeth (Fiske) Russell

**John** Russell (William') was born in Cambridge, Mass. on 11 Jan 1645. He was a housewright.

Elizabeth Fiske (David') was baptized in Cambridge before 1658.
John Russell married Elizabeth Fiske.  
Both John and Elizabeth Russell were living in 1731.

John and Elizabeth (Fiske) Russell had the following children:

- **i. Abigail Russell**, born in Cambridge on 12 May 1668
- **iii. Martha Russell**, born in Cambridge on 1 Aug 1675, died there on 7 Nov 1675
- **iv. Patience Russell**, died in Cambridge on 27 May 1688
- **v. Esther Russell**, born in Cambridge on 19 Dec 1700

Jonathan Russell and Elizabeth (_______) Russell

Jonathan Russell (John2 William') married Elizabeth _______. They lived in the part of Cambridge, Mass. that became the town of Lexington in 1713.

Jonathan and Elizabeth Russell had the following children:

- **i. Elizabeth Russell**, born in Cambridge on 15 Jul 1702, baptized in Lexington on 26 Jul 1702
- **ii. Mary Russell**, born in Cambridge on 1 Jan 1704/05, baptized there on 7 Jan 1704/05. A Mary Russell married Samuel Blodgett in Lexington on 16 Jun 1726.
- **iii. Jonathan Russell**, born in Cambridge on 5 Apr 1707, baptized there the next day
- **iv. child**, died in Cambridge on 11 Apr 1710
- **vi. Ruth Russell**, born on 24 May 1714 in Lexington, baptized there on 30 May 1714
- **vii. Eleazer Russell**, born in Lexington on 5 May 1717, q. v.
- **viii. Samuel Russell**, born in Lexington on 3 Feb 1722/23, baptized there on 10 Feb 1722/23
- **ix. Hester Russell**, born in Lexington on 22 May 1725, baptized there on 28 May 1725

Eleazer Russell (b. 1717) and Tabitha (Prentice) Russell (b. 1718)

Eleazer Russell (Jonathan3 John2 William') was born in Lexington, Mass. on 5 May 1717.

Tabitha Prentice (Nathaniel3 Solomon2 Henry') was born in Cambridge, Mass. on 30 Aug 1718.

Eleazer Russell married Tabitha Prentice in Lexington on 10 Jan 1738/39. Their first child was born less than a month later.

Eleazer and Tabitha Russell moved to Bolton, Mass. by 1751.

Eleazer and Tabitha (Prentice) Russell had the following children:

- **i. Martha Russell**, born in Lexington on 1 Feb 1738/39, baptized there on 1 Apr 1739
- **ii. Thaddeus Russell**, born in Lexington on 27 Jan 1741/42, baptized there on 31 Jan 1741/42. He married Elizabeth Pratt in Bolton, Mass. on 18 Jun 1764.
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Oliver Russell (1752-1820) and Betsy (How) Russell (1760-1844)

Oliver Russell (Eleazer Jonathan John William) was born in Bolton, Mass. on 22 Nov 1752.

Oliver Russell was a member of Capt. Daniel Barnes’s company of Marlborough militia who answered the Cambridge alarm on 19 Apr 1775, although they arrived too late to take part in the action on that day. He later enlisted in the Revolutionary Army for eight months.

Betsy How (Abraham Joseph Abraham) was born in Marlborough, Mass. on 12 Nov 1760.

Oliver Russell married Betsy How in Marlborough on 29 Oct 1778. Five months later, their first child was born.

Oliver and Betsy Russell lived in Marlborough for most of their married lives. Between 1782 and 1789, however, they recorded four children in the nearby town of Northborough.

Oliver Russell died in Marlborough on 28 Oct 1820, described as "a Revolutionary pensioner." He is buried in the Old Common Cemetery in Marlborough.

Betsy (How) (Russell) Goddard applied for a Revolutionary War widow’s pension on 13 Aug 1838. She died of "old [age] and palsy" in Marlborough on 1 Sep or 2 Sep 1844.

Oliver and Betsy Russell had the following children:

i. Abraham Russell, born in Marlborough on 31 Mar 1779


iv. Cynthia Russell, born in Northborough on 17 Apr 1785, undoubtedly died before the birth of her sister of the same name in 1789.

v. Jonas Russell, born in Northborough on 3 Jan 1787

vi. Cynthia Russell, born in Northborough on 8 Apr 1789

vii. Otis Russell, born in Marlborough on 14 Apr 1793. He married Levina Rice in Marlborough on 21 Aug 1817. She was born in Marlborough on 19 Oct 1800, the daughter of Eli and Lucy Rice.

viii. Lydia Russell, born in Marlborough on 23 Dec 1795. She married Ashbel Brigham in Marlborough on 5 Aug 1821. He was born in Marlborough on 1 Jul 1800, the son of Samuel and Persis Brigham.

ix. Relief Russell, born in Marlborough on 7 Oct 1797. She married Lovett Fay of Southboro, Mass. on 28 Jun 1824.

x. John Russell, born in Marlborough on 25 Jun 1799

xi. Oliver Russell, born in Marlborough on 24 Apr 1801

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1 Based on the birth dates of her first and last children.
2 Cambridge VR, 2:342, citing Cambridge church records, which gives no date but states that the marriage occurred in England.
3 Gozzaldi, History of Cambridge, Massachusetts, 655
4 If the Phebe Russell who died in Cambridge on 8 Jul 1642 was his daughter. Pope, Pioneers of Massachusetts, 396, says he was there by about 1636.
5 Cambridge VR, 2:725
6 Cambridge VR, 2:341; Gozzaldi, History of Cambridge, Massachusetts, 655
7 Cambridge VR, 2:482
8 Cambridge VR, 2:47; Gozzaldi, History of Cambridge, Massachusetts, 655
9 Savage, Genealogical Dictionary, 3:595
10 Cambridge VR, 1:616, citing Cambridge church records, with no date
11 He deposed in 1651 that he was aged 25 years. [Pope,
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Pioneers of Massachusetts, 396] 12 Cambridge VR, 2:341
13 Cambridge VR, 2:724
14 Cambridge VR, 2:725
15 Lexington VR, 67
16 Cambridge VR, 1:614, citing Cambridge church records, with no date
17 Benjamin Russell recorded children in Cambridge between 1667 and 1679 with a wife named Rebecca; one of these children was named Joyce, not a common name in 17th Century New England, but also a name given to a daughter of William and Martha Russell. There was also a Benjamin Russell who recorded a single child with a wife named Elizabeth; the birth and death records for the child, both dated in 1676, both give Elizabeth as the wife’s name. [Cambridge VR] A Benjamin Russell recorded children born in Concord in 1684 and 1686. [Concord VR] Concord VR, 82
18 Cambridge VR, 1:616
19 Lexington VR, 67
20 Cambridge VR, 1:617, citing Cambridge church records, with no date
21 Cambridge VR, 2:342
22 Cambridge VR, 2:742
23 Lexington VR, 67
24 Cambridge VR, 1:616, citing Cambridge church records, with no date
25 Cambridge VR, 2:725
26 Cambridge VR, 1:617
27 Cambridge VR, 2:342
28 Cambridge VR, 1:773
29 Cambridge VR, 2:724
30 Lexington VR, 67
31 Cambridge VR, 2:341
32 Cambridge VR, 1:616
34 Lexington VR, 67, which also shows her birth on 31 Mar 1660
35 Sudbury VR, 264
36 Cambridge VR, 1:616
37 Gozzaldi, History of Cambridge, Massachusetts, 650
38 Cambridge VR, 1:254; Lexington VR, 26
39 Gozzaldi, History of Cambridge, Massachusetts, 650
41 Cambridge VR, 1:614
42 Gozzaldi, History of Cambridge, Massachusetts, 650
43 Cambridge VR, 1:616
44 Cambridge VR, 2:724
45 Cambridge VR, 2:724
46 Cambridge VR, 1:613
47 The birth records of Lexington are intermittently sketchy for this period, so it is very likely that there were more children than shown here.
48 Cambridge VR, 1:615
49 Lexington VR, 68
50 Lexington VR, 68
51 Lexington VR, 68
52 Lexington VR, 1:773
53 Cambridge VR, 1:573
54 Lexington VR, 145
55 Lexington VR, 68
56 Lexington VR, 68
57 Lexington VR, 68
58 Lexington VR, 198
59 Lexington VR, 68
60 Lexington VR, 68
61 Lexington VR, 69
62 Lexington VR, 69
63 Lexington VR, 69
64 Lexington VR, 69
65 Lexington VR, 69
66 Lexington VR, 69
67 Cambridge VR, 1:573
68 Lexington VR, 145
69 Lexington VR, 67
70 Lexington VR, 67
71 Lexington VR, 67
72 Lexington VR, 67
73 Bolton VR, 166
74 Age based on death record, vide post
75 Bolton VR, 166
76 Bolton VR, 204, citing her gravestone
77 Bolton VR, 204
78 Bolton VR, 166. This could also be a second marriage for Tabitha (Prentice) Russell. There are no children recorded for Joseph and Tabitha Priest in Bolton.
79 Bolton VR, 72
80 Marlborough VR, 305
81 Marlborough VR, 388
82 Marlborough VR, 305
83 Marlborough VR, 388
84 Bolton VR, 72
85 Bolton VR, 72
86 Hudson, History of Marlborough, 169-170; White, Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files, 3:2985-2986, citing pension file W14808
87 Marlborough VR, 96
88 Marlborough VR, 305
89 Marlborough VR, 388
90 Marlborough Burial Ground Inscriptions, 26
91 White, Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files, 3:2985-2986, citing pension file W14808; Shrewsbury VR, 211
92 White, Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files, 3:2985-2986, citing pension file W14808
93 White, Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files, 3:2985-2986, citing pension file W14808
94 Marlborough VR, 361
95 Marlborough VR, 163
96 Marlborough VR, 163
97 Northborough VR, 59
98 Marlborough VR, 305; Howe, Howe Genealogies, 2:300-301
99 Northborough VR, 59
100 Northborough VR, 59
101 Northborough VR, 59
102 Marlborough VR, 163
103 Marlborough VR, 305; Howe, Howe Genealogies, 2:300-301
104 Marlborough VR, 157
105 Marlborough VR, 163
106 Marlborough VR, 305; Howe, Howe Genealogies, 2:300-301
107 Marlborough VR, 36
108 Marlborough VR, 163
109 Marlborough VR, 305; Howe, Howe Genealogies, 2:300-301; intention 5 Jun 1824 [Southborough VR, 139]
110 Marlborough VR, 163
111 Marlborough VR, 163