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RUSSELL PARISH (BEDFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA) CHURCH RECORDS

The collection includes lists of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, funerals and communicants for Russell Parish, Bedford County, Virginia. Also included are reports to the Virginia Convention, records of vestry meetings and a historical sketch of the parish. Russell Parish has included both Trinity and St. Stephen's Churches.

RUSSELL PARISH

Bedford County was formed in 1754 with the division of Lunenburg County. When Russell Parish was established in 1756, Bedford County included that area that was to become Campbell County in 1782 and much of the area that was to become Franklin County in 1786. From this parish, seven additional parishes were formed.

Russell Parish was named for John RUSSELL, fourth Duke of Bedford, and Secretary of State for Great Britain 1748-1751.

[Jewell T. Clark and Elizabeth Terry Long, *A Guide to Church Records in the Archives Branch Virginia State Library* (Richmond: Virginia State Library, 1981), p. 111; Charles Francis Cocke, *Parish Lines Diocese of Southwestern Virginia* (Richmond: Virginia State Library, 1960), p. 144.]