

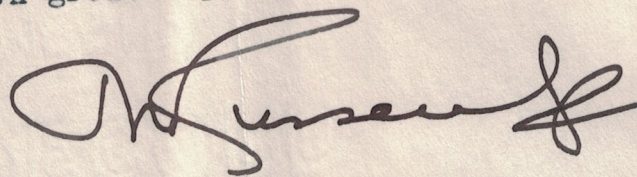
We are a very Happy Family and hope that the new house will stand for many years and be a new homestead for our tribe.

Our sons and daughters are the eleventh generation of Russells to live in Middletown. We love it here. However we have lived in other places. I spent three years in the West Indies, on the island of San Domingo, Monte Christi, and my wife went there with me for six months immediately following our marriage. We then came back to Middletown.

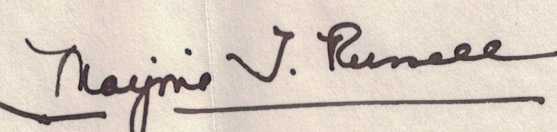
We are having a grand Christmas this year. The following people will be here for Christmas dinner.

Henrietta (Ingersoll) Russell, my mother.
Clara (Parmalee) Tilton, my wife's mother.
Walter Henry Tilton, my wife's father.
Margaerite (Tilton) Anderson, my wife's sister.
Walter Anderson, her son, age 16
Thomas Chester Ingersoll, my first cousin.
Lousise Ingersoll, his wife.
Jonathan Ingersoll, my mother's brother
Helen Ingersoll, his wife
Jonathan Ingersoll, Jr., their son age 7
Margaret Russell North, my sister.
Dr. John Paul North, her husband.
Thomas Hoops, (Bosun) My father's best friend.
Lloyd Hoops, his son.
Helen Hoops, Lloyds wife.
Lyman Hoops, " son 12
Tommy Hoops, " son 3
Marjorie Tilton Russell, my wife.
T. M. Russell, III, our son. 7
Samuel Russell, 2nd. our son. 4
Margaret Russell, Our twin daughters 7 weeks, two days.
Julia Russell,
T. M. Russell, Jr., myself.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt has just been re-elected President again and we hope for better times. Business and other industries are once more on the move. What the future holds we don't know, but are going forward with great hope.



P. S. My Mother is writing a little note to also be put in the cornerstone, of her impressions since the other cornerstone was placed in 1901.



December 24, 1936

My father, T. Macdonough Russell, was the writer of the note that is in this cornerstone in the envelope marked "From cornerstone of T. M. Russell House". He died suddenly July 30th, 1935 from a heart attack.

Of the persons alive and mentioned in his note we list the following data:

Samuel Russell, died 1928
Sarah C. (Clark) Russell, died 1929
Samuel Russell, Jr., died October 4th, 1935
Julia (Webster) living
Lucy Hubbard Russell (Dabney) living
Helen Pickering Russell (Auchincloss) (Rogers) living
Charles W. Dabney, died November 1936
Jonathan Ingersoll, died 192-
Tommy Jr. writing this.
Grace King (Skinner) Ingersoll, living (93)

We lived as a very happy family in the house in which I moved to in 1902 (the one mentioned in my father's note) until 1930, when my father moved to the old family mansion on the opposite corner, which now belongs to Wesleyan University. My sister, Margaret Hubbard Russell (North) was born in this house on April 2, 1905. *not the old one.* After my grandfather's death in 1928, and his wife's death in 1929, My father moved to the old house and lived there until his death in 1935. I then moved my family in and we are there at the present time for our final Christmas.

This new house, at Westfield, is on my uncle's estate Ridgewood, which I bought from my Aunt Julia last spring. It was started September 1st of this year and we hope to move in the middle of April 1937.

I married on July 6th, 1927, at Ridgefield, Connecticut, Marjorie Tilton, of New Haven. We have four children.

Thomas Macdonough Russell III, born June 1st, 1929
Samuel Russell, 2nd., born July 13th, 1932
Margaret Russell, Separate twins, born October 28th, 1936
Julia Russell, and still very wee. They are hanging up their stockings though.

My sister, Margaret Hubbard Russell, married ^{Dr.} John Paul North of Buffalo in July 1932. He is a surgeon and they live in Philadelphia. They are with us for Christmas.

We are moving to the country for two reasons, first that the taxes and upkeep on the old place are too high for us to be able to reside her, and secondly that we wish to be free from the automobile traffic and other nuisances of the city and we believe that it will be a grand place for the children.

The house is designed by Prentice Sanger and the contractor is P. Stephen O'Brien, the son of the mason on my father's house. The approximate total cost will be in the neighborhood of \$40,000.00

The Flag with the star in it was my father's private signal, and the flag, blue and white, is mine. The latter is the old house flag of Russell and Co., in the China trade, 1825.

Notes - December 24th 1936

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