

Russell Brand's Genealogy



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Brand's genealogy is full of big holes and his early bio is spotty, at best. Wiki tells us nothing about his background, implying his parents are not from peerage lines, and Ethnicelebs also leads you away from asking if he is from the Brands, Barons Dacre, but he almost certainly is. Here are the top five clues there:

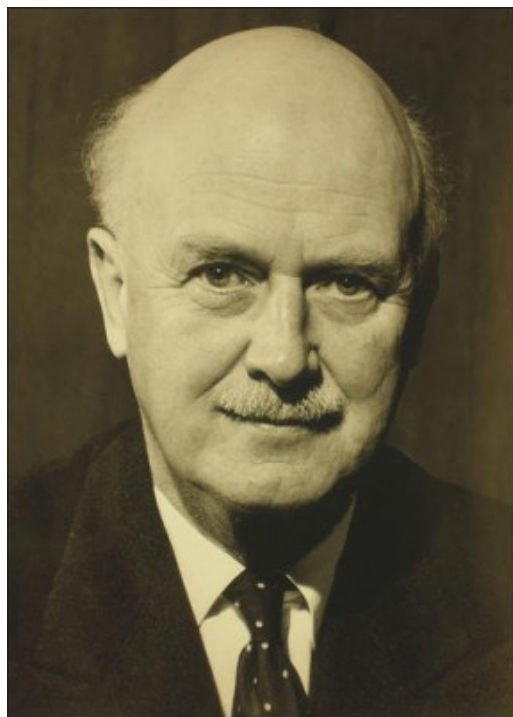
- 1) His mother is a Nichol or Nichols, and the peerage Brands from that area have been marrying Nicholls for centuries. See [Thomas Brand](#), b. 1717, the earliest listed in this line at Wiki, whose mother was Margaret Nicholl, of the Nicholls of Chipping Barnet.
- 2) Geni takes these Brands back a bit further, to this Thomas Brand's father, also Thomas Brand, who was from Fyfield, Essex. Where is Russell Brand from? Grays, Essex, about ten miles south of that.
- 3) These Brands are closely related to the Russells. See the 4th Viscount Thomas Brand, who married Leila Seely, daughter of Leila Russell. Her great-grandfather was the 6th Duke of Bedford.
- 4) [Brand's grandfather was a Truman](#), and they are also related to these same families in the peerage through the Campbells. And yes, this would link him to President Truman, who is listed in the British peerage despite allegedly being a US everyman.
- 5) Brand is also a Bennett, ditto, since they are also related to these families in the peerage, also through the Campbells. See Jane Susannah Campbell, for instance.

A reader asked me today if Brand is related to the Bronte sisters, since in a recent paper I showed they

were really van Brants/van Brunts from Holland. It is possible, since these Brands come out of nowhere in around 1700, suddenly marrying the daughter of Evelyn Pierrepont, 1st Duke of Kingston-upon-Hull in about 1745. Pierrepont was Lord President of the Privy Council, and his other daughters married earls or the sons of earls, including Montagus, Erskines, and Leveson-Gowers. So why did his fourth daughter marry this nobody Brand? Possibly because he was a rich banker or shipowner who had just arrived from Holland, being a van Brant or van Brunt. This is exactly the time the van Brunts of Holland were going to the US and marrying well there too, mainly in Connecticut.

Just so you know where Russell Brand came from, it isn't just the Russells, Dukes of Bedford. It is also the Montagu-Douglas-Scots, Dukes of Buccleuch, who married these Brands in 1899. It is the Hamiltons, Dukes of Abercorn, who married them at the same time. It is the Cavendishes, Earls of Burlington and Dukes of Devonshire, who married the Brands in 1868. Through them we also link immediately to the Somersets, Dukes of Beaufort, and Comptons, Earls of Northampton. Also the Boyles, Ponsonbys, Lascelles, van de Weyers, Crosbys, Gordons, Ropers, Lennards, Lambtons, Greys, Egertons, Phipps, Campbells, and everyone else at the top of the peerage, throughout Europe.

The Brands and Russells are not known for their looks, so where did Russell Brand get his?



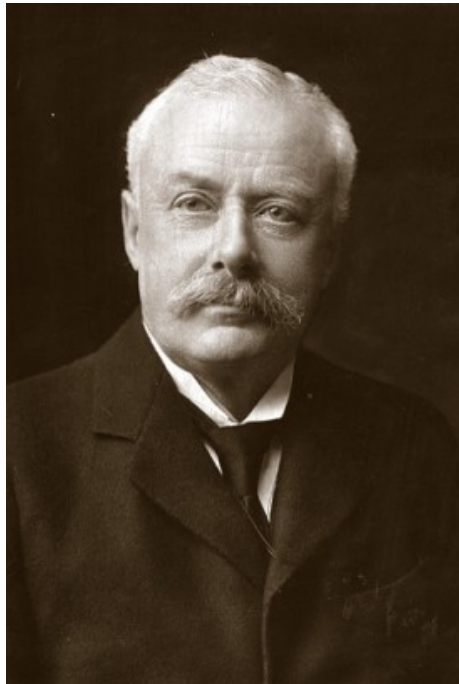
That's the Viscount Hampden, who died in 1965. So Russells' mother must be a great beauty, right? Not really:



Not unattractive, but not what we were expecting. Though who knows what she looked like 20 years ago. She has been through cancer. But I was expecting something like Gal Gadot. So I looked up his dad:



OK, that's where he got his looks, though not his hair. We can see it in the eyes and the long face. These guys look more like Russells than Brands:



That is the 11th Duke of Bedford, who died in 1940. The resemblance is striking. Russell Brand can be thankful he reverted back to that, rather than the 12th Duke:



He got his looks from his mother, Mary du Caurroy **Tribe**. Here is a famous du Caurroy, of the tribe:



He has Russell Brand's hair, but little else.

More indication Brand is peerage is his acceptance at age 15 to the Italia Conti Academy, the “School for the Stars”.

There is a big gap in his bio, between the time he was expelled from Italia Conti in 1992 and his first stand-up in 2000. What was he doing from age 16 to 24? Drugs, we are told, but is that all? Despite being tossed from the School for the Stars, he got tapped for TV parts anyway, appearing at age 18 in *The Bill* and *Mud*. Somehow he was hired in 2000 by MTV, but we aren't told why. What exactly was his entree there? In 2002 he appeared in two made-for-TV (by MI5) movies, *Cruise of the Gods* and *White Teeth*. So basically all doors were open to him from the beginning.

By age 30 he was performing for Queen Elizabeth. Why? Was she interested in his gay drug shame humor? Doubtful. Only cousins get these command performances that the Queen has to sit through, and Brand was a cousin of the Queen through the Bennetts and Russells.

I knew Brand was some sort of agent back to 2013, when he used a poster designed by Shepard Fairey for his Messiah Complex Tour, making sure to plug Fairey at each show. See [this old paper](#) from that same year where I out Fairey for the creepy spook he is.

Speaking of fairies, it is hard to believe they ever tried to sell Brand as straight, supposedly dating or marrying Katy Perry, Jemima Goldsmith and others. In that video at youtube of Messiah Complex, he doesn't hide that he is flamboyantly gay, even going out into the audience to look for a new boyfriend—who he finds in a bearded trucker in a flannel shirt. He kisses and mugs the guy, stopping just short of dry humping him. So we even know what he likes.

Another way we know Brand is from the upper levels of the peerage is his confidence in the presence of people like Bob Geldof. Geldof, also peerage, and with some powerful connections, is known to be grumpy and vindictive. Those from the lower levels are generally afraid of crossing him. But as we remember from the 2006 NME awards, Brand showed no such fear, landing the biggest cut on him of his career, the famous “he's been dining out on 'I Don't Like Mondays' for 30 years.” But as we saw above, Brand is from at least six dukedoms, so he almost certainly outranks Geldof. He can say whatever he wants. He was immediately invited back to host the 2007 BRIT Awards, so the Phoenician Navy didn't punish him.

And you see what that means, right? Like the Stones and Beatles, his accent is fake. He is just pretending to be a cockney lad from the streets, but we may assume he talks like Roger Moore when he is at home.

So what's my point with all this? Same as the previous times I have mentioned Brand: to warn you not to trust him. Just because he has moved from left to libertarian, some are thinking maybe he has come over to our side or something. Nope. These people never come over to our side, except to try to control the opposition. He is not your friend.

Here's an interesting background I spotted in a Friends show:



How about the three ramping lions? Why would Central Perk have a decoration like that? Just the Phoenicians signaling one another, as usual.

Just found another one, from five years earlier:



Same spot in Central Perk, but this time it is a coat of arms. I don't know which one.