

ABRAHAM HANKS I (Jemima Million)
1741/42 – between 1783 and 1785
Son of Luke Hanks II and Elizabeth Ann Dale

As any Hanks researcher knows, Adin Baber is the authority in Hanks family genealogy. Therefore, going against his work is not something easily done. However, having practiced this hobby for about 45 years now, I know mistakes are easily made and new records are found all the time. A periodic re-research is a necessity if one wants a factual family history. When I started my research on this line, I found a fellow researcher, Steve Whitlock, who is a wizard with computer research, who kept me honest by debating/arguing various findings and who found the most important document relating to Abraham Hanks I. He found the records from Dumfries Store in Pr. William Co. Va. that proved Abraham Hanks had married Jemima Million thus allowing my theory of two Abraham Hanks to come to fruition. He also suggested Abraham II married Sarah Harper as his first wife. It's great to have partners like Steve, who make these seemingly off hand remarks allowing so much to fall into place. He has done this so many times with Hanks research and Lee research. I have enjoyed my association with him over the years and look forward to many more. Thank You Steve Whitlock.

Abraham Hanks I, (Luke II, Luke I, William), a son of Luke II, was born after 1741 as he was bound out 1 Nov. 1762 (*apprenticeships were usually served until 21 yrs. of age*) to William Glasscock.¹ He was bound to his brother Turner Hanks in June 1763 when the court ordered him discharged from his former master William Glasscock Jr. and bound over to Turner Hanks.² This change in apprenticeship could have been to allow Abraham Hanks to marry. He married Jemima Million and they may have married in 1764 as a son Abraham Hanks was born about 1765/1766.

*Luke Hanks II married first Elizabeth and had Turner born 8 June 1737,³ Luke born c. 1739, Sarah born c. 1741, **Abraham c. 1743**, Mary born c. 1745, and Moses born c. 1747. By wife Sarah he had Martha born 26 May 1752⁴. Elizabeth, first wife of Luke Hanks, may have been a Dale, a daughter of Abraham and Winnifred Dale of Richmond Co. Va. Perhaps this is where the Luke line picks up the name Abraham, from Grandfather Abraham Dale. Luke Hanks III and his brother Abraham may have migrated together with Robert Dale to Pr. William Co. Virginia.*

The heirs named in Robert Dale's will (dated 1778) include brothers William Dale, Reuben Dale, Abraham Dale, Isaac Dale and Thomas Dale. Lucy Smith may have been a sister and Luke Hanks was the son of Elizabeth Dale Hanks. Elizabeth Ann Dale was born 1717, married Luke Hanks II and had died by 1750/1751. Robert Dale also names Robert Dale, a son of brother Reuben Dale and Lilly/Viley Dale, a daughter of Thomas Dale. Robert's widow Elizabeth Dale married Thomas Evans and in 1784 Luke sold Evans the 160-ac. left to Luke by Robert Dale. Luke likely sold this land due to his migration to South Carolina. Phyllis Winthurst who researches John Hutchison says John Hutchison and Robert Dale were tenants of Cuthbert Bullitt on Kettle Run, Pr. William/Fauquier Cos. and that Isaac Dale, living in Shenandoah Co. sold his rights and interest in this estate.

The Abraham Hanks born after 1741 in Richmond Co. Va. is likely the same as the Abraham Hanks in Pr. William Co. 1771 through 1782, having followed his brother Luke Hanks to this county.

¹ FHLC # 33712 Richmond County, Virginia Court Order Book 15, 1762-1765,

² FHLC # 33712 Richmond County, Virginia Court Order Book 15, 1762-1765,

³ The Registers of North Farnham Parish 1663-1814 and Lunenburg Parish 1783-1800 Richmond County, Virginia compiled and published by George Harrison Sanford King, Fellow, American Society of Genealogists, Fredericksburg, Virginia 1966 Southern Historical Press Inc.

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Abraham Hanks of Prince William Co., Va. married a daughter of Robert and Keziah Million of Stafford Co. Va. as shown by the Ledgers from Dumfries Store in Pr. Wm. Co., Virginia. Jemima Million, daughter of Robert and Keziah Million was born in 1750 and is the only daughter old enough to have been the wife of Abraham Hanks Sr. He was married to her by Oct. 1771 as shown by the store ledgers.

Dumfries Store Ledger Index, Prince William Co., Virginia

Abraham Hanks, son of R. Million	1773-74	Q229
	1774-75	R186
	1775-76	S(V)177
Alexander Hanks, son of R. Million	1771-72	O268
Grace Million	1758-64	DP 79, 115
Richard Million	1758-59	B47
Richard Million Jr.	1762-63	E152
Robert Million	1760	C160, C(M0160)
	1762-63	E89
	1765	G17
	1765-66	HV220
Robert Million Sr.	1765-66	HV220
	1767-68	Kv208
	1768-69	L28
	1771-72	O44
	1773-74	Q47
	1774-75	R224
	1775-76	S(V)115

The Records of John Glassford and Company, Dumfries, Virginia⁵

Ledger 1771-1772, part 2

p. 263 1771 Oct 1, Abraham Hanks son in law to Rb. Million, to Balance transferred from Ledger...245...L5.7.5 (The index for this record shows Alexander Hanks but the entry is Abraham Hanks. Also the page number on the index is 268 but the actual page is 263)

p. 267 1771, Oct 1, Dr. William Bullitt, Balance transfer from Ledger...265...L17.8...Lucy Grigsby

Ledger 1773-1774, part 1⁶

p. 47 1773, Sept. 13, Robert Million by Balance transferred from Ledger...50...L2.3.0

p. 47 1773, Apr 19, By Warrender Ford, Balance ...238lb. tobacco...L1.9.9

Ledger 1773-1774, part 2⁷

p. 229 1772 Sept 13, Abraham Hanks, son in law to Rb. Million, Balance transferred from Ledger to Ledger R 186...L5.7.5

Ledger 1774-1775, part 1⁸

p. 186 1775 Sept 15, Abraham Hanks son in law to R. Million, to Balance from Ledger 2...229...L5.7.5...transferred to Ledger S

p. 224 1775, Feb. 7, To Warrender Ford Jr....214 Crop....224.... purchase of fabric, women's hats, buttons and other household items. R. Million charged with purchases.

⁵ FHLC #1550078 The Records of John Glassford and Company, Dumfries, Virginia

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⁷ FHLC #1550078 The Records of John Glassford and Company, Dumfries, Virginia

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Ledger 1775=1776⁹

p. 115 (consists of two pages that go together) first page has Robert....1775 Sept 1..balance 1.11.1, Nov. 3...balance 1.10.11, Dec. 18...balance 0.2.2, second page has Million 1776, Oct 7, Balance due this day..3.4.2 (Warrender Ford Jr. is on this page)

p. 177 (consists of two pages that go together) first page has Abraham, 1775 Sept 1, to Balance from Ledger R...5.7.5, second page has Hanks 1776 Oct 7 Balance due this day 5.7.5

18 Dec 1774 Pr. William Co., Virginia Estate accounts of Anthony Kitchen - Abraham Hanks rent, Carter wells bond¹⁰

Abraham Hanks traveled with William Calk to Boone's Fort, Ky. in 1775. Abraham Hanks in Pr. William Co., Va. on 13 March 1775 set out for Ky. from Pr. Wm. Co., Va. with William Calk.¹¹ On the 13th of April 1775 Hanks and Drake, another man with the group, decide to turn back.¹² "Hanks and Drake had not gone far back over the Wilderness road...when they met another band of pioneers going to Kentucky. The two Virginians...joined this band and reached Boone's fort shortly after Colonel Henderson and his followers."¹³

Indenture 7 Nov. 1775 Andrew Brown of full age bound himself to Wm. Calk of Pr. Wm. Co. as a servant for 7 yrs. witness John Matthews, Abraham Hanks, Warner Ford.¹⁴ On 7 Nov 1775 in Pr. Wm. Co., Va. Abraham Hanks witnessed an indenture between Andrew Brown and William Calk in Pr. William Co.¹⁵ Hanks on 17 March 1777 paid 10 pounds on a note held by William Calk and apparently the debt was never paid as the note was never surrendered.¹⁶ By April of 1784 Calk had brought his family to Kentucky with him, settling at Boonesborough (Madison Co. KY. formed 1786).¹⁷

Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly Vol. 36, No. 1, p. 36, The Ten Thousand Name Petition, Transcribed by Jean Pickett Hall. "The final petition regarding religious freedom presented to the House of Burgesses by the Baptists was read 13 June 1775." Notes at the beginning of the list show "Mary Hiatt of Loudon has identified page 103 as Loudoun Fairfax Border. Page 103 Jacob Fares was a delegate at Goose Creek representing Beaver Creek Baptist Church on 13 October 1787 with Joseph Anthony. Page 105...16 October 1776 list has Warriner Ford, Abram Hanks, Robert Million, William Harding, George Harding, Aaron Botts, Joseph Botts, Peter Hansbrough, Charles Thornton and others.¹⁸

Sale of estate of James Simms dec'd. 4 May 1778 Buyers: Charles Harding, Abraham Hanks,¹⁹

⁹ FHLC #1550079 The Records of John Glassford and Company, Dumfries, Virginia

¹⁰ June Whitehurst Johnson, Pr. Wm. Co., Va. Will Book G. and Order book 1769-1771, 1985, p. 212

¹¹ Lewis H. Kilpatrick, The Mississippi Valley Historical Review, Vol. 7, Issue 4 (March 1921), 363-377, The Journal of William Calk, Kentucky Pioneer, page 364

¹² Lewis H. Kilpatrick, The Mississippi Valley Historical Review, Vol. 7, Issue 4 (March 1921), 363-377, The Journal of William Calk, Kentucky Pioneer, page 368

¹³ Lewis H. Kilpatrick, The Mississippi Valley Historical Review, Vol. 7, Issue 4 (March 1921), 363-377, The Journal of William Calk, Kentucky Pioneer, page 370

¹⁴ Sparacio, Va. Co. Court Rec., Deed Abstracts of P. Wm. Co. Va. 1774-1784, Deed Book T 1774-1779, p. 183

¹⁵ The Antient Press, Deed Abstracts of Prince William County, Virginia 1784-1787. Page 183

¹⁶ Lewis H. Kilpatrick, The Mississippi Valley Historical Review, Vol. 7, Issue 4 (March 1921), 363-377, The Journal of William Calk, Kentucky Pioneer, page 370

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¹⁸ <http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage> Early Virginia Religious Petitions October 16, 1776, Miscellaneous, "Ten-thousand name" petition by Dissenters from whole state, for ending established church, and for institution of religious equality.

¹⁹ June Whitehurst Johnson, Pr. Wm. Co., Va. Will Book G. and Order book 1769-1771, 1985. p. 212

Indenture 7 Sept 1778 John and Lydia Shanks of Fauquier and Thomas Homes of Pr. Wm. parcel of land in Pr. Wm. cont. 173 ac. convey to Shanks by John Moffitt. Witness John Lee Wright Jr., Lewis Reno Jr., Abraham Hanks acknowledged 7 Sept 1778²⁰ On 7 Sept 1778 Abraham Hanks witnessed the deed of John and Lydia Shanks of Fauquier to Thomas Homes of Pr. William for land in Pr. William.²¹

The 1782 Pr. Wm. Co. Va. tax lists have Abram Hanks with 1 w tithe, 1 horse and 0 cattle.²² The 1783 Pr. William Co., Va. tax lists show Abraham Hanks with 1wm 21, 1 horse, and 4 cattle.²³ There are no Hanks listed on the 1784, 1785 and 1787 lists.²⁴ Tithes were usually 16 and older. Abraham does not have any males over 16 for the two years he is enumerated.

June Court 1783 Mage vs Clark & Hanks Michael Mage } plaintiff William Clark and Abraham Hanks }
defendants } in case. The matter in dispute between the parties being referred to the final determination of Alexander Lithgow and Robert Lawson and their award to be made the Court's judgment now report to the court here that the defendant's oath that plaintiff the sum of five pounds two shillings current money. It is therefore considered by the court that the plaintiff recovers of the said defendants the said sum of five pounds two shillings current money together with his costs by him about his suit in that behalf laid out and expanded and the defendants in money.²⁵

On 23 Sept 1783 in Stafford Co., Va. the will of George Tolson of Overwharton Parish names wife Elizabeth and children, executors to be wife, John James and Aaron Botts, and witnessed by William King, Abraham Hanks and William Millian. The will was proved on 9 May 1785 by William Million who declared he saw William King now out of the state and **Abram Hanks since deceased** attest the same...²⁶ Abraham Hanks died sometime after September 1783 and before May 1785.

Abraham Hanks I was born after June 1742 to have been under age 21 when he was apprenticed to his brother Turner in June 1763. He was married to a daughter of Robert Million by 1 October 1771, most likely Jemima who was born in 1750. He went with Calk to the Montgomery/Madison Counties area of Kentucky in 1775 and is of record in Pr. Wm. Co. Va. from 1771 when he is noted as the son in law of Robert Million to September 1783 when he is a witness to the will of George Tolson. He died by 9 May 1785 when William Million one of the witnesses to the Sept. 1783 will of George Tolson declared "he saw William King now out of the state and Abram Hanks since deceased attest the same" as witnesses to the will.

Based on the tax information it appears Abraham Hanks I was deceased between September 1783 and Spring/Summer of 1784 when the tax lists were usually taken. If Jemima became pregnant as late as June 1784, the child could have been born as late as Feb 1785. Records in Henry Co. Kentucky show a marriage between Peter Jones and Nancy Hanks in April 1804 with her mother Jemima Hanks granting permission and Abner Ford as surety. Abner Ford was the son of Warriner/Warner Ford who had married Cynthia Million, a sister of Jemima Million Hanks. Nancy Hanks had to be under 21 to need permission, therefore, born after April 1783.

²⁰ Sparacio, Va. Co. Court Rec., Deed Abstracts of P. Wm. Co. Va. 1774-1784, Deed Book T 1774-1779, p. 462

²¹ The Antient Press, Deed Abstracts of Prince William County, Virginia 1784-1787. Page 462

²² FHLC #33139 Prince William County, Virginia Personal Property Tax Lists

²³ Microfilm of original found at Clayton Library, Houston, Texas, Prince William County, Virginia Personal Property Tax Lists 1783

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²⁵ Transcribed by RELIC volunteer Kenna Cathcart, from Prince William County Court Order Book 1778-1784, a continuation of transcriptions in Northern Virginia Genealogy, v. 5-9 (2000-2004). RELIC, Prince William Public Library System, Bull Run Regional Library, 8051 Ashton Avenue, Manassas, VA 20109.

²⁶ Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Virginia County Records, Deed and Will Abstracts, page 252 Wills 1780-1786

According to Adin Baber, Abraham Hanks married Sarah Harper and had Abraham 1770 who married 1792 Polly Combs in Caswell NC, Luke 1771 married Celia, William 1775 married Margaret Wilson, Eliza. Loyd, George 1782 married Sibby Harper, Fielden 1783 married Lydia Harper, Nancy 1784, John 1786 married Amy Swift, Sarah 1788 married James Hanks, Andrew Varvell, Mary 1790. Based on the above information, which Baber had not found, it is apparent the Abraham Hanks who migrated to Caswell Co. NC and later Montgomery Co. Ky. was the son, probably the eldest of Abraham Hanks I and his wife Jemima Million.

The children of Abraham and Jemima Million Hanks include:

Abraham Hanks II born about 1765 (separate writeup)

Luke Hanks born about 1769

William Hanks born about 1772

John Hanks born about unknown

Nancy Hanks born about 1784

Jemima Million Hanks did not marry again after the death of her husband Abraham Hanks. She apparently migrated with her Million relatives to Madison Co. Ky.

**Nancy Hanks, daughter of Abraham and Jemima Million Hanks
Born about 1783/1784**

Nancy Hanks married Peter Jones, April 16, 1804, in Henry County, Kentucky. The marriage bond was signed by her mother, Jemima Hanks, and by Abner Ford. (Note by A. Baber: *Not by Abner Hanks as Baber has in his books. This fact is emphasized for the reason that when an Index of Marriages was made years ago the name Hanks was used instead of Ford; this error has been copied by those who did not refer to the original bond, and even the name * Abner* has been slurred over to Abram. This Nancy has been listed as a daughter of both Abner and Abram Hanks. It is not so: she was the daughter of Jemima Hanks.*)

Henry Co., Ky. Tax Books²⁷

1800 – No Hanks or Jones

1801 – Peter Jones 01000 wm21, wm16-21, blacks, cattle, horse

1802 – Peter Jones 01001

1803 – Peter Jones 10002 (born about 1782)

1804 – Peter Jones 10002

Nancy Hanks to Peter Jones 16 April 1804 Henry Co. Ky.²⁸

²⁷ Clayton Library, Houston, Texas Microfilm, read by Nancy Royce

²⁸ Ancestry.com., All Kentucky Marriages