

Luke Hanks I (Elizabeth)
Son of William Hanks and Sarah (Campbell)

Because there were no other Hanks in Richmond Co., Va. in the late 1600's, it is reasonable to suggest the Hanks of Richmond Co. descend from one of the three sons of William and Sarah Hanks. To find all or most of the children of the three sons, I compared all records relating to possible children and separated the sets of children among the three sons based on the available records, naming patterns and possible birth dates. I placed the children of William Hanks, Luke Hanks and John Hanks by first placing the children named in the North Farnham Parish Registers, then using land and property, tax, wills and probate, court and other records in Richmond Co. Virginia to place those not mentioned in the NFP Registers. Following are the results for son Luke Hanks. Results for William Hanks and John Hanks are done in separate writeups.

Luke Hanks I (William), a son of William and Sarah Hanks, as noted in the 1705 division of estate between William's widow Sarah and his three sons William, Luke II and John Hanks¹, was born prior to 1685 for on 7 Feb 1705/6 in Richmond Co. court an espesiale imparlance was granted in the suit between William Hanks of Farnham., carpenter, plt. and Luke Hanks of Farnham, planter.² Luke would have been at least 21 years old to participate in this suit without a "next friend". On 1 June 1709 ordered that Luke Hanks officiate as constable for the coming year in the precincts between Totusky and Farnham Creeks.³

The following records pertain to Luke Hanks I in Richmond Co. Va. On 4 Jan 1711/12 Christopher Petty action of debt agst. Luke Hanks is defunct.⁴ On 9 Mar 1715 William Stone action of debt agst. Luke Hanks was dismissed.⁵ On 2 Nov 1716 Luke Hanks witnessed the will of Samford Jones.⁶ On 7 Aug 1717 Luke Hanks of Farnham fined for not attending church for one month.⁷ On 7 Oct 1719, Luke Hanks vs. Edmund Connell, exec. of Michael Connel.⁸ On 5 July 1727 judgment is granted to churchwardens of NFP agst. Sarah Hanks for having a bastard child and Luke Hanks of NFP obliged himself that the child lately born of Sarah Hanks shall not become a charge to the sd. parish.⁹

Luke Hanks I was married to Elizabeth as shown by the birth records of two children in the NFP Registers, **Alexander** born 3 Oct 1719¹⁰ and **Lucretia** born 1 June 1722¹¹. Other probable children as

¹ FHLC #33676 Richmond County, Virginia Wills and Inventories 1699-1709), page 88

² FHLC #33706 Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 4 (1704-1708), Feb. 1705 Court Session

³ FHLC #33706 Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 5 (1708-1711), June 1709 Court Session

⁴ FHLC #33706 Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 5 (1708-1711), Jan 1711/12 Court Session

⁵ FHLC #33707 Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 6 (1711-1716)

⁶ FHLC #33676 Richmond County, Virginia Wills and Inventories 1709-1717, page 309

⁷ FHLC #33707 Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 7 (1716-1717)

⁸ FHLC #33707 Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 8 (1718-1721)

⁹ FHLC #33708 Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 9 (1721-1732)

¹⁰ 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. In the preface King states "The original parish registers of North Farnham and Lunenburg are not known to be in existence. Instead we have two alphabetical arrangements which are of Eighteenth-Century origin and these have been referred to at times as the "original registers," but they obviously are not." "It is obvious that in transcribing the presently preserved alphabetized volumes, various errors were made and some of these will be apparent in the present arrangement. However, with certain reservations, I feel we can trust these transcripts for the most part." King also notes the issue with the calendar change which took place in 1751. Before the 1751 change adoption, the new year began on March 25 and ended on March 24. The change gave us January 1, 1752 as the new year with December 31 as the end of the old. King notes the clerks did not always use the "proper double date" prior to 1752 and suggests we take into consideration the double date issue for those born in January, February and March of 1752. Also, at issue between the original registers and the copies is the month of the record. Prior to the 1752 change March was the first month, April the second month and so on. The copy may have used the present calendar system of January as the first month, etc., writing out the incorrect month. Personal judgment along with additional records from wills, courts and land records might help to clarify discrepancies.

¹¹ Ibid

shown by court and probate records include **Sarah** 1711 who had a bastard child in 1727, **Luke II (Jr.)** born by 1715, and **Dawson** born about 1717.

Sarah Hanks (Luke, William) was born by 1711 to have been at least age 16 at the birth of her child. She is placed as a child of Luke and Elizabeth because he agreed to care for her illegitimate child and she does not fit in the family of William Hanks or John Hanks. On 5 July 1727 judgment is granted to churchwardens of NFP agst. Sarah Hanks for having a bastard child and Luke Hanks of NFP obliged himself that the child lately born of Sarah Hanks shall not become a charge to the sd. parish.¹²

Alexander Hanks (Luke, William) was born 31 Oct 1719¹³ and is present in the Lancaster Co., Va. court records on 10 October 1746 Alexander Hanks vs. Wm. Elliott by Petition for 370 lbs. tobacco due on balance found for plt. with Richard Nash of Richmond Co. witness for Hanks¹⁴ and on 11 July 1746 when Henry Tapscott sued **Alexander Hanks**¹⁵ and on 9 Nov 1750 when Martin Horn and Henry Tapscott sued Alexander Hanks.¹⁶ There are only two known Alexander Hanks in Richmond Co. Va., one born to Luke and Elizabeth c. 1719, the other a son of John and Catherine Hanks born 1734.

Lucretia Hanks (Luke, William) was born 1 June 1722¹⁷ – No further record.

Dawson Hanks (Luke, William) is first mentioned on 2 Feb 1741/2 when he was sued by Rawleigh Chinn.¹⁸ On 7 Apr 1746 Nicholas Flood agst. Dawson Hanks for debt dated Mar 1745/6.¹⁹ On 5 May 1746 James Gordon agst. Dawson Hanks debt due by bond with interest from 10 Nov 1744.²⁰ On 21 May 1756 in Lancaster. Co. Henry Tapscott sued Dawson Hanks.²¹ Note: *As with Luke Jr., Dawson's estimated age is based on the first records found for him. Assuming he was at least 21 in 1742 he was born by 1721 though it is more likely he was born c. 1717 in the gap between Luke and Alexander. Dawson is placed as a son of Luke Sr. because there is no fit for him (date-wise) in the families of William or John.*

Note: Separating Luke Hanks I from Luke Hanks II would explain some of the discrepancies in Baber's account of this family where he has combined the children of Luke Hanks I and II. It would explain the great gap (1722-1737) in the birth of sets of children, the Dale connection in Pr. Wm. Co. and the Harris/Harrison wife of Luke III.

Luke Hanks II (Jr.), (Luke I, William) was born about 1715 to have been at least 21 years old when he is first mentioned in court records of Richmond Co on 30 July 1736 when the claim of Luke Hanks Jr. of this county for taking up a runaway servant belonging to Sam Wiggins of Westmoreland Co. was filed.²² Because Luke Hanks is mentioned in this record as Luke Hanks Jr. we know there were at least two Luke Hanks present in Richmond Co. records in 1736. This supports my theory that Luke Hanks Sr. died by 1743, when the Sr./Jr. designation was no longer mentioned in the records. This then, makes it likely

¹² FHLC #33708 Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 9 (1721-1732)

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ Familysearch.org, Lancaster County, Virginia Court Order Book 9, 1843-1856

¹⁵ FHLC #32143 Lancaster County, Virginia Court Order Book 1721-1729, 1743-1752, July Session 1746

¹⁶ FHLC #32143 Lancaster County, Virginia Court Order Book 1721-1729, 1743-1752, November Session 1750

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ FHLC #33710 Richmond County, Virginia Court Order Book 11

¹⁹ FHLC #33710 Richmond County, Virginia Court Order Book 11

²⁰ FHLC #33710 Richmond County, Virginia Court Order Book 11

²¹ FHLC #32144 Lancaster County, Virginia Court Order Book 10

²² FHLC #33709 Richmond County, Virginia Court Order Book 10 (1732-1739), July Session 1736

Luke Hanks II (Jr.) was the father of the children born between 1737 and 1752. Luke II (Jr.) is placed as a child of Luke I because he does not fit in the family of William or John Hanks.