

Mary "Polly" Hanks, daughter of Abraham and Mary Combs Hanks

Mary "Polly" Hanks (Abraham, Abraham, Luke, Luke, William) was born about 1793. She had five illegitimate children, Thomas b. 1810, Willis b. 1815, Elza b. 1817 male, Sally b. 1821 and Alonzo b. 1829. She married Cornelius Ringo in 1831 in Edgar Co. Ill.

Baber believed Mary "Polly" Hanks was the widow of Abraham Hanks, the Mary Combs he had married in 1792 in Caswell Co. NC. If so, she was born before 1776 to have been at least 16 yrs. old in 1792 when she married Abraham Hanks. If she was the mother of Thomas J. Hanks born 1810, Willis Hanks b. 1815, Elza M. Hanks b. 1817, Sally Hanks 1821 and Alonzo Hanks 1829 as Baber has suggested, then she had the last three children well after the demise of husband Abraham Hanks who disappears from the records in 1814 and the last child at the advanced age of 53 or older. It is more likely these were the children of Mary "Polly" Hanks born 1793, daughter of Abraham and Mary Combs Hanks. Baber even remarks "there was such a disparity in the ages of their children that it is hard to know them from grandchildren."¹ These children are of record in Clark Co. Ill. at the same time Polly Hanks is there.

The 1810 census of Montgomery Co. Ky. shows Polly Hanks with two males 0-10, 3 females 0-10 and 2 females 16-26² on page 224 adjoining Nathan Frakes and John Ringo. Note: *Those enumerated could be Mary "Polly" Hanks b. 1793, Sarah Hanks (Varvell) b. 1788, Dulcena Hanks b. 1805, William Hanks b. 1807, Permelia Hanks b. 1810, Thomas Hanks son of Polly b. 1810 and one female 0-10.*

The 1820 Montgomery Co. census for Polly Hanks 21000-02011.³ The three males are Elza age 3, Willis age 5 and Thomas J. age 10, the female 26-45 is Mary "Polly" Hanks age 27, the female age 45 may be Mary Combs Hanks, widow of Abraham, mother of Polly. The two females age 10-16 could be Dulcena and Permelia.

An indenture dated 14 Sept 1828 from Mary Reynolds, widow of John Reynolds of Bourbon Co. KY. who sells to Polly Hanks of Mont. Co. for \$20.00 land on Harper's Creek "which was my dower".⁴ John Reynolds married 23 November 1811 Montgomery Co. KY. to Mary B. Noland.⁵

1829 Tax List-Polly Hanks 0 wm, 1 h, 50 ac. Harper, Myers⁶ 0 males
1830 Tax List-Polly Hanks 0wm 1h 50 ac. Harper⁷ 0 males, 1 horse

Polly is enumerated on the 1830 census as Mary Hanks 10201-0100001 in Montgomery Co. Ky.⁸ Enumerated are Polly Hanks age 37, Thomas Hanks age 20, Willis Hanks age 15, Elza Hanks age 13, Sally Hanks age 9, and Alonzo Hanks age 1 all children of Mary "Polly" Hanks unmarried.

¹ Baber, Adin, Nancy Hanks of undistinguished Families

² Ancestry.com. 1810 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

Original data: Third Census of the United States, 1810. (NARA microfilm publication M252, 71 rolls). Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

³ Ancestry.com. 1820 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Images reproduced by FamilySearch. Original data: Third Census of the United States, 1820. (NARA microfilm publication M252, 71 rolls). Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

⁴ FHLC #252352 Montgomery County, Kentucky Deed Book 14, page 150

⁵ Ancestry.com. Kentucky, Compiled Marriages, 1802-1850 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1997.

⁶ Houston, Texas, Clayton Genealogy Library microfilm, Montgomery County, Kentucky Tax Books 1797 - 1840

⁷ Ibid

⁸ Ancestry.com. 1830 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Images reproduced by FamilySearch. Original data: Third Census of the United States, 1830. (NARA microfilm publication M252, 71 rolls). Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

1831 Montgomery Co. Ky. Tax List-Polley Hanks Owm, 2h, 50 ac.⁹ On 13 June 1831 Polly Hanks of Ky. purchased 160 ac. in Edgar Co. Ill.¹⁰ Note: *This was when she moved her family to Edgar Co. Ill.* Mary Polly Hanks married Cornelius Ringo on 23 Nov 1831 in Edgar Co. Ill.¹¹

On 23 December 1835 Polly Ringo sold to Lewis Ringo all of Edgar Co. for \$200, 40 ac., N1/2 of E1/4 of NW1/4 of Sec. 2, Tsp13, N of Range 11W, recorded 12 April 1836, only Polly Ringo signed deed.¹² On 23 December 1835 Polly Ringo sold to Wm. Guyman all of Edgar Co., for \$200, 40 ac, S1/2 of E1/2 of NW1/4 of Sec 30, Tsp 13, N of R11W, recorded 14 April 1836, signed Polly Ringo.¹³

Summer 1835 Edgar Co. Ill Dulsenia Ringo and Polly Hanks were baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. On 10 June 1835 Levi Jackman visited the home of William Hanks at Paris, Edgar Co. On 18 June 1835 Baptized were William Hanks, Sarah Guyman and Thomas Guyman ordained a priest. On 23 June 1835 concluded to obey the gospel Polly Hanks and Sarah Varvel.¹⁴

On 5 October 1839 Mary Ringo of Edgar Co. sells to Thomas Wiseman of same for \$800, 80 ac., W1/2 of NW1/4 of Sec 20, Tsp 13, N of R11W, recorded 5 Oct, signed Mary Ringo.¹⁵ Mary Ringo of Edgar Co. Ill. purchased 2 parcels of 80 ac. each in Clark Co. Ill. on 2 Nov 1839.¹⁶ 20 May 1841 Mary Ringo purchased 160 ac. in Clark Co., Illinois. She is “of Edgar Co., Ill.”¹⁷

Thomas Jefferson Hanks, son of Mary “Polly” Hanks

Thomas Hanks was born about 1810 in Montgomery Co., Kentucky. Thomas J. Hanks of Edgar Co. Ill. purchased 40ac. in Clark Co. on 2 Nov 1839.¹⁸ 1840 Clark Co. Ill census enumerated alphabetically has Polly Ringo with 00101 – 0000001 and T. J. Hanks 30001 – 02001 page 86 (not on index) An indenture dated 28 July 1847 from Mary Ringo of Clark Co. to Thomas Jefferson Hanks, son of sd. Mary Ringo for \$1 sell to sd. Hanks the E1/2 of NE1.4 of Sec 23, Tsp 11, N of R11W “for the better maintenance and support of sd T. J. Hanks, ack. 28 July 1847.”¹⁹

Elza M. Hanks, son of Mary “Polly” Hanks

Elza M. Hanks was born about 1817 in Montgomery Co., Kentucky. He moved with his mother to Edgar Co. Illinois and then to Clark Co., Illinois where he married Nancy Brown on 23 July 1834.²⁰ On 11 March 1836 he purchased 40 ac. in Clark Co. and on 2 November 1839 he purchased an additional 40 acres.²¹ On 30 March 1846 Mary Ringo of Clark Co. Ill. sold to Elza M. Hanks 80 ac. in Clark Co.²² Elza M. Hanks of Clark Co. Ill. left a will dated 22 Jan 1866 naming daughters Mary A. H. Patten wife of Jacob Patten and Lydia J. Welch, wife of Samuel J. Welch. Wife Nancy was living with daughter Mary Patten in 1870 Clark Co. Ill.

⁹ Ibid

¹⁰ <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/> Bureau of Land Management Records, Edgar Co. Illinois

¹¹ <http://www.ilsos.gov/isavital/marriageSearch.do> Illinois State Archives, Illinois Statewide Marriage Index

¹² Familysearch.org, Edgar County, Illinois Deed Book 2, page 570

¹³ Familysearch.org, Edgar County, Illinois Deed Book 2, page 584

¹⁴ Saints, Stories and Sources: Levi Jackman Missionary Journal 1835-1844, compiled by Brad Jackman.

¹⁵ Familysearch.org, Edgar County, Illinois Deed Book 4, page150

¹⁶ <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/> Bureau of Land Management Records, Clark Co. Illinois

¹⁷ Ancestry.com, Clark Co. Illinois Land Office Records 1776-2015

¹⁸ <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/> Bureau of Land Management Records, Clark Co. Illinois

¹⁹ Familysearch.org, Clark Co. Illinois Deed Book 7, page 201

²⁰ <http://www.ilsos.gov/isavital/marriageSearch.do> Illinois State Archives, Illinois Statewide Marriage Index

²¹ <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/> Bureau of Land Management Records, Clark Co. Illinois

²² Familysearch.org, Clark Co. Illinois Deed Book 28, page 189

Willis Hanks, son of Mary “Polly” Hanks

William Hanks was born 1815 in Montgomery Co., Kentucky. Willis Hanks of Edgar Co. purchased 40 ac. in Clark Co. on 2 Nov 1839.²³ Willis B. Hanks will July term 1904 Edgar Co. Ill presented by wife Sarah E. Hanks who declared Willis died 1 August 1899 and left all property to widow and daughter Belle V. Hobbs of Paris Ill.

Sally Ann Hanks, daughter of Mary “Polly” Hanks

Sarah “Sally Ann” Hanks was born about 1821 in Montgomery Co., Kentucky. She married William Guyman 23 Dec. 1834 in Clark Co. Illinois.²⁴ According to descendants, William Guyman was born 23 Jan 1815 and died 30 May 1886. Sarah was born 21 Mar. 1822. The 1880 census of Hancock Co. shows Sarah born Ky. with both parents born in KY.

Alonzo Hanks, son of Mary “Polly” Hanks

Alonzo Hanks was born 1829 in Montgomery Co., Kentucky. He was living with brother T. J. Hanks in Clark Co. Ill. in 1850.

On 17 February 1845 Andrew J. Ringo and Sarah his wife of Edgar Co. sell to Epharim Jarvis of same for \$52, land in Edgar Co. being 1/11 part of their undivided interest in the real estate of Wm. Jarvis dec'd. Note: (*I find nothing to support Mary “Polly” Hanks having a son Andrew Jackson Hanks/Ringo. The 1820 Montg. Co. census shows Polly Hanks with 2 males 0-10 and 1 male 10-16 (Elza born 1817, Willis born 1815 and Thomas J. born 1810) However, Cornelius and Elizabeth Ringo had a son Jackson born about 1816 and he fits to have been the Ringo who married Sarah Jarvis. He was in Hancock Co. Ill. on the 1850 census with George W. D. Wade age 31 Ky., Andrew J. Ringo age 32 Ky. and wife Sarah age 35 Ky.*)

Census Records

1850 Clark Co. Ill census page 182

T. J. Hanks age 40 KY. (T. J. Hanks mar. Susanna Stephens 19 Apr 1855 Clark Co.)

Polly 36 KY,

Mary 19 Ill. mar. 26 Jan 1854 James L. Kiger (Mary Margaret)

Nancy 16 KY. mar. 3 July 1853 Jacob N. Fass

Thomas 14 KY.,

Willis 12 Ill,

Eliza Ann 8 Ill,

Albert 6 Ill,

James 7/12 Ill,

Alonzo 21 Ill.

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Elza Hanks 33 KY. (Elza M. Hanks married Nancy Brown 24 July 1834 Edgar Co. Ill.)

Nancy 45 Va.,

Jane 14 Ill. mar. 29 May 1853 Samuel J. Welsh (she is Lydia Jane)

Mary Ann 11 Ill. mar. 8 July 1858 Jacob A. Patten

1860 Edgar Co. Ill Census Page 593

²³ <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/> Bureau of Land Management Records, Clark Co. Illinois

²⁴ <http://www.ilsos.gov/isavital/marriageSearch.do> Illinois State Archives, Illinois Statewide Marriage Index

Jacob A. Patten 27 Pa. (Jacob A. Paten mar. Mary Ann Hanks 8 July 1858 Clark Co.)
Mary 21 Ill
Marguis 10/12 Ill

1860 Clark Co. Ill p. 307 Wabash Twp.

Elizabeth Hanks 45 Ky. m (the census taker wrote Elizabeth and noted "m" for male. This is Elza Hanks and family as noted on 1850 census. He is the postmaster.)
Nancy Hanks 55 Va.
Nancy Jane 9 Ill

p. 306 Wabash Twp.

Samuel Welsh 29 Ohio (Samuel J. Welsh mar. Lydia Jane Hanks 29 May 1853 Clark Co.)
Lydia Jane 24 Ill
No children.

p. 274 Darwin Twp.

Susanna Hanks 46 Ohio
with children Mary Ann Stevenson 19, Diadem Stevenson 14, Ann Stevenson 11, Alice Stevenson 9 and Joseph A. Stevenson 3 Ill.

1870 Clark Co. Ill

Susanna Hanks 54 Ohio with Stevenson children and son Joseph L. Hanks 13 Ill.

Jacob Patten 37 Pn
Mary 31 Ill
Marquis 10 Ill
William 8 Ill
Frank 3 Ill
Sarah Childers 14 Ohio
Nancy Hanks 65 Va. (wife of Elza Hanks)

1870 Edgar Co. Ill. census p. 144 Paris Twp.

Willis B. Hanks 32 Ill,
Elizabeth 33,
Belvenette 11f, (Belle Lee Hanks mar. Wm. Martin Hobbs 12 Nov 1884 Edgar Co.)
William A. 7,
Elza M. 30 male Ill. (Elza Hanks mar. Caroline M. Grady on 26 January 1871 in Clark Co., Ill.²⁵)

1840 Hancock Co. Ill Census

William Guyman m 20-30, 2 f 0-5, 1f 5-10, 1f 20-30

1850 Hancock Co., Ill census p. 370

William Guyman 35 NC
Sally A. 29 Ky.
Julia A. 14 Ill
Sarah 12 Ill
Martin 8 Ill
Washington 6 Ill
Jethro 2 Ill

²⁵ <http://www.ilsos.gov/isavital/marriageSearch.do> Illinois State Archives, Illinois Statewide Marriage Index

Samuel W. Guyman 20 Ill

1860 Hancock Co. Ill p. 865 Walter Twp.

William Guyman 44 NC

Sally A. 38 Ky.

Julia Laughlin 24 Ill

Sarah Guyman 22

Washington Guyman 16

Jefferson 12

Melissa J. 9

Alonzo 5

James F. 2

1870 Hancock Co. Ill p. 433 Warsaw

William Guyman 55 NC

Sarah Ann 49 Ky.

Melissa J. 18 Ill

Alonzo 15 Ill

James F. 12 Ill

Charles H. 9 Ill

John E. 8 Ill

Jefferson Guyman 22 Ill

Sarah 19 Ill.