

Sarah Hanks (Andrew Varvell)
daughter of Abraham II and Sarah Harper Hanks
Sarah Hanks (Abraham, Abraham, Luke, Luke, William)

Baber notes: “by family knowledge of descendants of Abraham’s daughter, **Sarah (Hanks Varvell)**, who was born in about 1788, her mother was Sarah Harper. The obvious conclusion is, with lack of any other marriage record, that the wife of Abraham in 1784 was Sarah Harper...”¹ “Edgar County, Illinois descendants of William Hanks, who came to the state in 1830, and was a grandson of Abraham and Sarah, are able to name the mother of William as Sarah (“Granny Sallie” Varvell), and name her sisters as Polly and Nancy and her brother as Fielding.”² Baber continues “The family tradition is that the mother of Sarah died at childbirth, either at the birth of Sarah or a later baby. Dennis Hanks denied the existence of an aunt in Edgar Co. Ill.”³ “It is known that Sarah was an orphan and put out with the Ringo family. That the Ringo’s were of some connection is evidenced by the fact that Sarah’s family and the Ringo family continued to be associated together in Illinois.”⁴ (Note: *I have found no evidence for Sarah living with a Ringo family. Her sister Mary/Polly married Cornelius Ringo in Edgar Co. Ill in 1831.*)

“Sarah was born in Virginia or in North Carolina; she came to Montgomery County, Kentucky, where her children were born, surnamed Hanks. The explanation is: she married a Hanks cousin, and his first name was, probably, James; the marriage records of that county were destroyed in a fire at the courthouse that burned a part of the records at the time of a battle during the Civil War when Union soldiers and General John Hunt Morgan’s men were engaged. No associate nor secondary clue has been found. Nor, is it known what became of James; he was in the Battle of Tippecanoe and disappeared.”⁵ (Note: *Baber confused the family history of Sarah Hanks (Sparrow) with Sarah Hanks Varvell. He knows Sarah Hanks Varvell was born a Hanks since he claims she was the daughter of Abraham and Sarah Harper Hanks. But then he wants to give her a husband James Hanks for the birth of William Hanks and Permelia Hanks. He has James Hanks as a husband for both Sarah Hanks Sparrow and Lucy Hanks Sparrow and Sarah Hanks Varvell.*)

From Baber’s “Nancy Hanks, Destined Mother of a President” --- Baber notes Sarah Hanks was from Campbell Co. Va. and died in 1876 in Edgar Co. Ill. at age 90. We now know there was no connection between the Campbell Co., Va. Hanks and the Abraham Hanks family of Montgomery Co. Ky. See Gregory Hancks’ website The Hancks Family at Hatt Creek, <https://jameshancks.wordpress.com/>, a well-documented story of the Hanks family of Campbell Co., VA.

Sarah was married to Andrew Varvel in Montgomery Co., Ky. probably by June 1812 but at least by 14 Dec 1814 according to a deposition she gave to obtain a pension for Andrew’s 1812 Military service. On 15 July 1872 Edgar Co. Ill affidavit of William Hanks, resident of Edgar Co. states he was personally acquainted with Andrew Varvel and Sarah and has known them since before the war of 1812 and knows they were living together married before 24 Dec 1814....says that in 1829 Andrew and his wife Sarah

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War of 1812, Roster of Troops include Andrew Varvel, private, Cpt. George Pughs Co., 1st. Reg., POW Jan. 22 (River Raisin Battle January 18-23, 1813, Monroe, Mich.)⁷ **Varvel served 15 Aug to 15 Oct 1812 Cpt. Pugh's Co. Scott's Regiment.**⁸

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Sarah Hanks (Varvell) born 1788, a daughter of Abraham and Sarah Harper Hanks had three illegitimate children: **Dulcena Hanks** b. 1805 Ky. and married Lewis Ringo b. 1804/1805 a son of Cornelius and Nancy Frazier Ringo of Montg. Co. Ky., **William Hanks** b. 1807 Montg. Co. and married Mary O'Hair and lived in Edgar Co. Ill., and **Permelia Hanks** b. 1809 who married John Landsaw in Edgar Co. Ill. Sarah married Andrew Varvell about 1812 and is on the census with him in 1820. I think her daughters lived with Polly Hanks in 1820 and her son Wm. may have been with Fielding Hanks 1820.

William Hanks (Sarah, Abraham, Abraham, Luke, Luke, William) born Apr. 30, 1807 Montgomery County, Kentucky and died Nov. 6, 1875 Edgar County, Illinois¹⁴ He married Mary O'Hair (1809-1901) on 5 October 1827 at Morgan County, Kentucky¹⁵ and had children:

⁶ National Archives, Washington D. C. 6 Jan 2011, notes taken by Nancy C. Royce of original documents, Pension application forms of Sarah Varvel for her husband Andrew Varvel's service in War of 1812.

⁷ Ancestry.com Remember the Raisin: Kentucky and Kentuckians in the Battles and Massacre at Frenchtown, Michigan Territory

⁸ Ancestry.com, Kentucky Soldiers of the War of 1812

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¹² Baber, Adin, Nancy Hanks of undistinguished Family, page 34, Herndon's Lincoln p. 1

¹³ Baber, Adin, Nancy Hanks of undistinguished Family, page 34, Hitchcock papers, Ft. Wayne

¹⁴ Findagrave.com

¹⁵ Familysearch.org, Morgan County, Kentucky Marriages, digitized records

The following is copied from a bible published in 1836, Brattleboro: Published by Fessenden & Co., and in the possession of Mrs. C. Gerald Brann of Bloomington, Indiana, from online data by John Everett O'Hair Reckel:

James Sylvester Hanks 7 Sept. 1828- 6 June 1893

John Ellsberry Hanks 14 Aug 1830-1911 married Mariah Gregg

Nancy Jane Hanks 12 Sept 1832-1922 married 16 Sept 1852 Jesse Swango

Sibia Ann (Sibby) Hanks 6 May 1834-1899 married 11 Nov 1857 William Wells

Sarah Elizabeth Hanks 1 March 1836-6 July 1894 married 11 Nov 1857 Jno. Quinn

William Washington Hanks 5 March 1838- Feb 1880 married Keziah Steward

Stephan Greenville Hanks 4 Jan 1840- March 1883

Michael Asberry Hanks 1842/1880

Mary Ellen Hanks 1844-1924

Evaline Melvina Hanks 1846-1912

Caroline America Hanks 1848-1941

Nelson Tribbett Hanks 1852-1913

Henderson Jackson Hanks 1854-1886

Rosanna Hanks 1857-1859

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Baber cited Mrs. Hitchcock's correspondence with Nancy Jane Hanks Swango in 1919 who claimed her father William Hanks 1807-1875 had two aunts Polly and Nancy.²² William Hanks two sisters were Dulcena and Permelia.

"Another William Hanks, born 1807, and of the same generation as Abraham Lincoln, migrated to Edgar County, Illinois. In 1895, Mrs. Hitchcock corresponded with two of his daughters, about the

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²² Baber, Adin, *Nancy Hanks of undistinguished Families*

Hanks family there, and in one of the letters she received, is the following statement, 'My great grandfather, on my father's side, was Abraham Hanks. His wife's maiden name was Sarah Harper, both natives of Virginia.' "Sizemore to Hitchcock; 1895, Lincoln Library, Ft. Wayne, Ind.²³

From miscellaneous papers in the Lincoln Collection at the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne Indiana is a note (author unknown) William Hanks died 5 Nov. 1875 of Bright's Disease, native of Ky., parents of Virginia, as was also Fielden Hanks his Uncle who immigrated to Ky. in an early day.

"The information I sent to Rev. John Hanks of Iowa, I obtained from a relative of ours, William Hanks, a son of William Hanks, a son of Abraham Hanks according to his own account. He is quite an old man now about 90 years of age, but his memory is remarkable, and he seems to have the family history at his tongues end. In giving the name of Abram Hanks' children...(torn)... mentioned the name Nancy and said she ...(torn)...the mother of....²⁴ Unknown affidavit

William Hanks of Edgar Co. Illinois wrote his will on 3 October 1875 naming wife Mary, daughters Caroline A. Sizemore, Nancy J. Swango, Sibbie Ann Wells, Sarah E. Guinn, Mary E. Baber and Eveline McAllister. He noted he had 13 children and named sons James S. Hanks, John E. Hanks, William W. Hanks, Stephen G. Hanks, Michael A. Hanks, Nelson T. Hanks and Henderson Jackson Hanks. The will was probated in November 1875.

Mary Ellen Hanks 8 April 1844 – 13 December 1924 married 12 September 1861 to Adin Baber 17 November 1835 – 10 February 1902. They had Evaline 1862, Caroline 1864, Dexter 1867 and Maggie 1869.

Dexter Baber 14 June 1867 – 4 November 1965 married Effie Parker and they had Adin Baber 1892, Roy Tedford 1900.

Adin Baber 26 July 1892 – 7 October 1974 married 27 September 1924 Lois Mary Shoot 24 December 1892-2 August 1943. They had Nancy 1927 and Alice 1929.

Permelia Hanks, daughter of Sarah Hanks Varvell

Permelia Hanks Landsaw (Sarah, Abraham, Abraham, Luke, Luke, William) born 16 March 1807 according to her deposition given in 1874 Edgar Co. Ill. This year conflicts with her brother William Hanks who was born 30 April 1807. I believe it more likely she was born in 1809 as most of her census records show her born about 1810.

Permelia Hanks married John Landsaw on 19 May 1829 in Morgan Co., KY.²⁵ In Edgar Co. Ill. In her affidavit for Sarah Varvel's pension, Permelia Landsaw a resident of the county on oath says when she was a girl she lived at the house of Andrew Varvel and remembers that while she was living there Andrew Varvel was in the army...that he came home once while she was there living with his wife Sarah Varvel, that at that time they were living together as man and wife in Montgomery Co. Ky, then in Edgar Co. Ill until he died 10/12 years ago.....10 Feb 1874. It is apparent William Hanks (Polly O'Hair) and Permelia Hanks (John Landsaw) were the children of Sarah Hanks, daughter of Abraham and Sarah Harper Hanks, as descendants of William and Permelia claim Sarah as their grandmother.

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²⁵ Morgan Co. Ky. Marriages 1823-1835 By The Researchers

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The 1810 census of Montgomery Co. Ky. shows Polly Hanks with two males 0-10, 3 females 0-10 and 2 females 16-26³¹ on page 224 adjoining Nathan Frakes and John Ringo. This census may include Sarah Hanks age 22, Permelia Hanks age 1, William Hanks age 3, and Dulcena Hanks age 5 along with Polly Hanks age 17 and her first child Thomas Hanks born 1810.

The 1820 Montgomery Co. census for Polly Hanks 21000-02011.³² 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 16-26 are unknown and may have been sisters of Polly.

Andrew and Sarah Hanks Varvell, Sarah Million Combs, Polly Hanks Ringo, William Hanks and Permelia Hanks Landsaw all migrated to Edgar Co. Ill between 1827 and 1832.

Hanks Records in Kentucky and Illinois

1810 Montgomery County, Kentucky Census

p. 34	Fielding Hanks	30011-10110
	George Hanks	00100-10200 (his is the last name on page 34/258, almost illegible)
p. 30	John Hanks	10010-32210
p. 38	Polly Hanks	20000-30200
	Nathan Frakes	
	John Ringold	
p.?	William Hanks	12010-31010 1814

1820 Floyd Co., Ky. census³³

p. 6/12 William Landsaw
Andrew Varvel 100101 - 01000

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³¹ 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.

³² 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.

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p. 11/12 Daniel Varvell	130010	00100
Fielding Hanks	311110	11110

Morgan Co. Kentucky was created 1822 from parts of Floyd Co. The Hanks were in the new County.

Morgan Co. Kentucky Tax Lists

1823

Fielding Hanks 2000ac. Swift Camp Creek 1wm 21

Andy Varvel 1wm 21

1824

Fielding Hanks same

1825

Fielding Hanks 1700 ac. Swift Camp 1wm 21

William Hanks 1wm 21

Andrew Varvel 1wm 21

1826

Fielding Hanks same

William Hanks 1wm, 1 horse

And. Varvel 1wm

1827

Fielding Hanks same

William Hanks same

Ad. Varvel same

1828

Fielding Hanks 6480 ac. Swift Camp 1wm

William Hanks 1 wm

Jordan Hanks 1wm

William Hanks 1wm, 3 horse, (This is likely William Hanks, son of Sarah Hanks. He married Mary O'Hair on 5 October 1827 in Morgan Co. Ky.)

Andrew Varvel 1wm

1829

William Hanks 50 ac. S. Water 1wm

Jordan Hanks 1wm

Fielding Hanks 6480ac. 1wm

No Varvels

1830 Edgar Co. Ill census³⁴

p. 36 William Hanks (born 1800-1810) 10001 – 0001 (William Hanks married Polly O'Hair on 6 Oct 1827 in Morgan County, Kentucky ³⁵)

Andrew Varvel 0000001 – 000001

p. 38 John Landsaw 10001 – 0001 (Permely Hanks married John Lansaw on 19 May 1829 in Morgan County, Kentucky ³⁶)

³⁴ 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 DC

³⁵ "Kentucky Marriages, 1785-1979," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F4MV-36P>; accessed 27 December 2015), John Lansaw and Permely Hanks, 19 May 1829; citing Morgan, Kentucky, reference P 13-10; FHL microfilm 839,918.

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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.³⁷

1840 Edgar Co. Ill³⁸

p. 58 John Landsaw 111001 -11001
p. 66 Andrew Varvel 0000001 -001000100001 (Sarah Hanks born 1786-1800)
p. 69 William Hanks 322002 – 120001 (William born 1800-1810)

1850 Edgar Co. Ill³⁹

Andrew Varvell 53 Woodford Co. Ky.
Sarah Varvell 50 NC

1850 Edgar Co. Ill

John Landsaw 40 Morgan Co. Ky.
Permelia 39 Morgan Co. Ky
Elkana 18m Edgar Co. Ill
Sarah J 14 same
Jackson 10 same
Julia 8 same
Elizabeth 6 same
Mary A. 4 same
Caroline A 1 same

1860 Edgar Co., Ill⁴⁰

#738 Andrew Varvel 68 KY.
Sarah Varvell 65 Ky.
Permelia Landsaw 50 Ky.
Elkana 25m. Ill
Andrew J. 21 Ill
Elizabeth 16 Ill
Mary E. 14 Ill
Emily 12 Ill
Caroline 10 Ill

1870 Edgar Co. Ill.⁴¹ Sims Twp.

Permelia Landsaw 55Ky
Sarah Varvell 82 Ky (1788)

³⁷ Saints, Stories and Sources: Levi Jackman Missionary Journal 1835-1844, compiled by Brad Jackman.

³⁸ Ancestry.com. 1840 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, 1840. (NARA microfilm publication M252, 71 rolls). Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington DC

³⁹ Ancestry.com. 1850 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, 1850. (NARA microfilm publication M252, 71 rolls). Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

⁴⁰ Ancestry.com. 1860 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, 1860. (NARA microfilm publication M252, 71 rolls). Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

⁴¹ Ancestry.com. 1870 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, 1870. (NARA microfilm publication M252, 71 rolls). Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington DC

The pension application of Sarah Ann Million Combs (born 13 February 1756 Overwharton Parish Va.) dated 10 Jan 1843 states she is age 90, of Edgar Co., Ill., married William Combs 4 Dec 1775 in Pr. Wm. Co., Va., has one son born 11 Jan 1777, her husband died in fall of 1780, since death of husband she has resided in Stafford Co., VA., next in SC, next in Russell Co. Va., next in Montgomery Co., Ky. and last 6 yrs. in Edgar Co., Ill. John Million, her brother, resident of Madison Co., Ky. deposed 29 Mar 1843 on her behalf. Sarah Varvell on 12 Apr 1843, age 50 of Edgar Co., Ill. deposed before James M. Miller states she is personally acquainted with Sarah Ann Combs a resident of Edgar Co. and has known her ever since the earliest recollections of her childhood and first became acquainted with Sarah Ann Combs in Russell Co., Va. where her only child William Combs then resided and still lives as she believes. That Sarah Ann Combs has always been reputed to be the widow and relict of William Combs of Stafford Co. Va. a Rev. War Soldier. That she (Sarah Varvell) was personally acquainted with Sarah Ann Combs while she resided in Russell Co. Va. next in Montgomery Co. Ky. and next in Edgar Co. Ill where she now resides and that she has resided in these three counties and these three only since she knew Sarah Ann Combs.⁴²

1850 Edgar Co. census⁴³

William Hanks	43 Montgomery Co. KY.
Mary	41 Morgan Co. Ky.
John E.	19 Edgar Co.
Nancy J.	18 mar. 16 Sept 1852 Jesse Swango
Sibba	16 mar. 12 Nov 1857 William T. Wells (Edgar Co.)
Elizabeth	14
William	12 mar. 6 Apr 1865 Keziah Stewart
Greenville	10
Michael	8 mar. 18 Aug 1863 Estella Shafer
Mary E.	6 mar. 12 Sept 1861 Adin Baber
Eveline	4 mar. 19 Dec 1865 Thomas E. McAlister
Caroline	2
George W. Hanks	23 Montgomery Co. Ky. mar. 11 Dec 1845 Julia A. Adams
Julia A.	23 same
Sally A.	3 Edgar Co.
Henry	10 Edgar Co.
James Hanks	22 Morgan Co. Ky. mar. 4 Sept 1848 Mary E. Zink
Mary	19 Edgar Co.
Mary Delila	1 Edgar Co.

1860 Edgar Co. Ill p. 688 Buck Twp.

Willis Hanks 22 Ill, (Willis B. Hanks married Sarah Lyons 14 Sept 1859 Edgar Co. Ill.)

Sarah E. 22 Ill,

James Hanks 10 Ill. (This James is the son of T. J. Hanks)

p. 637 Kansas Twp.

James Hanks 31 Ky (James S. Hanks married Mary E. Zink 7 Sept 1848 Edgar Co.)

⁴² Fold3.com, Revolutionary War Pensions, Virginia, William Combs, p. 29

⁴³ Ancestry.com. 1850 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, 1850. (NARA microfilm publication M252, 71 rolls). Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington DC

Mary A. 29 Ill
Mary D. 10 Ill (Mary D. Hanks mar. Samuel R. Smith 30 Aug 1867 Edgar Co.)
Emily J. 7 Ill (Emily J. Hanks mar. Charles W. Owens 12 Mar 1873 Edgar Co.)
Sarah A. 6 Ill
Usher F. L. 2 Ill male

p. 480 Simmons Tsp.

#736 William Hanks 53 Ky.

Mary 50 Ky.
William W. 22 Ill (Wm. W. Hanks mar. Kesiah Stewart 6 Apr 1865 Edgar Co.)
Stephen G. 21 Ill
Michael A. 18 Ill (Michael Hanks mar. Estella Shafer 18 Aug 1863 Edgar Co.)
Mary E. 16 Ill (Mary E. Hanks mar. Adin Baber 12 Sept 1861 Edgar Co.)
Eveline 14 Ill (Eveline M. Hanks mar. Thomas E. McAlister 19 Dec 1865 Edgar Co.)
Caroline 11 Ill
Nelson 9 Ill (Nelson Hanks mar. Ella Sizemore 14 Apr. 1875 Edgar Co.)
Henderson J. 6 Ill (Henderson J. Hanks married Alice Brown 8 Feb 1876 Edgar Co.)
Albert Hanks 18 Ill

#737 James Kiger 25 Ill (James Kiger mar. Mary Margaret Hanks 26 Jan 1854 Clark Co.)

Margaret 27 Ill
John W. 5 Ill
Thomas J. 3 Ill
Elizabeth 2 Ill
Nancy A. 3/12 Ill

National Archives, Washington D. C. 6 Jan 2011 abstracted from originals by Nancy C. Royce.

Documents pertaining to the pension application of Sarah Varvel based on the War of 1812 service of her husband Andrew Varvel.

Enclosed please find application of Mrs. Sarah Varvel for securing pension. The records of the county were burned during the late rebellion and we cannot get the record marriage, but we have supplied it by the evidence of a neighbor. Yours truly, Sarah Varvel

Andrew Varvell #9115, widow Sarah, Gillespies and Pughs Co., Ky. Militia, warrant #8025-80-55, issued 15 Aug 1812 to 14 Feb 1813 and in Cpt. Gillespies Co. from 18 Feb through 7 March 1815. War of 1812, Dept. of Interior Pension Office 8 Jan 1873. Claim for pension by Sarah Varvel #9115, 10 Sept. 1872 viz. add widow of marriage, death of soldier and cont. widowhood of claimant since that event. Paris, Edgar Co., Ill 14 Jan 1873 application to furnish further information asap.

2 Aug 1873 Michael O'Hair a resident of Edgar Co. Ill. sworn he has been for the last 52 years acquainted with Andrew Varvel and Sarah his wife and knows they have been living together as man and wife for the last 52 yrs. (1821), that Andrew Varvell died in the spring of 1864 and his widow Sarah remains a widow, knows facts being a close neighbor.

Affidavit of proof that records of Montgomery Co. were burned.... letter from Sarah requesting information.... letter from Montgomery Co., Ky. Clerk stating records were burned. 5 Aug 1873. 6 Aug 1873 Sarah swears courthouse burned 1863 and no one living was a witness to wedding.

15 July 1872 Edgar Co. Ill affidavit of William Hanks, resident of Edgar Co. personally acquainted with Andrew Varvel and Sarah and has known them since before the war of 1812 and knows they were living together married before 24 Dec 1814.... says that in 1829 Andrew and his wife Sarah Varvel moved from Ky. To Edgar Co. Ill and lived here until about April 1864 when Andrew Varvel died.... close personal neighbor of theirs since before war of 1812.

19 June 1874 Edgar Co. Ill. personally appears Sarah Varvell age about 85 yrs., resident of Sims Tsp. declares she is the widow of Andrew Varvel etc.... that she was married under the name of Sarah Hanks on some day before war of 1812 and has not remarried.... also appeared William Hanks and Daniel B. O'Hair residents of Edgar Co.....saw her make her mark 19 June 1872

20 April 1874 Permelia Landsaw being sworn says she has heretofore given evidence in the case of Sarah Varvel...that she is 66 yrs. of age since 16 March last, that she remembers distinctly of Andrew Varvell going away to the army while she lived there at the house of Andrew Varvel and she has no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

9 Mar 1874...William Hanks, resident of Edgar Co. on oath states he is 67 yrs. of age and on 30 April 1874 he testified in the case of Sarah Varvell....

Edgar Co. Ill. Permelia Landsaw resident of county on oath says when she was a girl she lived at the house of Andrew Varvel and remembers that while she was living there Andrew Varvel was in the army...that he came home once while she was there living with his wife Sarah Varvel, that at that time they were living together as man and wife in Montgomery Co. Ky, then in Edgar Co. Ill until he died 10/12 years ago.....10 Feb 1874