

JAMES HANKS (Nancy)
(son of William and Hester Mills Hanks)
Hatt Creek

James Hanks, son of William and Hester Mills Hanks, was born 12 Feb 1732/3¹. I have found no further record of James in Richmond Co., Va. He was in Amelia Co., Va. by 1759 as his son Abraham, in a Rev. War pension application, stated he was born in Amelia Co. in 1759. James Hanks wife was Nancy unknown. He died sometime after September 1800. Their known children include Abraham Hanks who married Lucy Jennings, Thomas Hanks who married Nancy Brooks, James Hanks Jr., Tabitha Hanks and Sarah Hanks. It is possible there were other children.

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1754 Thomas Hanks (Raleigh Parish)

1754 William Hanks (Raleigh Parish)

1755 Thomas Hanks (Raleigh Parish)

1755 William Hanks (Nottoway Parish below Deep Creek)

1756 William Hanks (Nottoway Parish below Deep Creek same)

1762 James Hanks (Raleigh Parish) overseer

1762 Richard Hanks (lower to middle Nottoway Co. area)

1763 Richard Hanks (Nottoway Parish below Deep Creek)

1764 Richard Hanks (middle Nottoway Co. area)

On 26 Oct 1763 William and James Grigg sell to James Hanks 100 ac. in Amelia Co. on the east side Irby's road adjoining Hutchings, Ford, Bland, Tucker, and Clark.² On 3 June 1768 John and Martha Appling sell to James Hanks 100 ac. on the south side Barebone Creek adjoining Marshall, Stuart, and Worsham.³

January Court 1769 Whereas James Hanks sued out of this court on a judgment of the sd. court an execution agst. the estate of John Hamlin for 5 pounds 13 shillings with interest from 9 August 1767 to time of payment.... sheriff took sufficient estate of Hamblen to satisfy debt.⁴ (*Note: This is most likely why many online family trees have James Hanks' wife as Nancy Hamblen. However, the record is for a debt not an inheritance.*) On 19 Mar. 1769 James Hanks and wife Nancy of Amelia Co. sell to Thomas Mitchell of Dinwiddie Co. 200 ac. in Amelia Co. on the east side Irby's road adjoining Hutchins, Ford, Bland, and Tucker, 27 April 1769 Nancy relinquished dower.⁵

On 14 Oct 1773 James Hanks witnessed a deed from Thomas Gravin of Charlotte Co. to Daniel Walker of Amelia Co. for land on Meherrin River.⁶ On 26 Oct 1774 James Hanks sold to Samuel Thompson 100 ac. in Amelia Co. on Barebone Creek adj. Stewart, Worsham, and Mitchell.⁷

In Bedford Co., VA. an indenture dated 27 Mar 1780 from Josias Campbell of Bedford Co. to James Hanks of same sells 376 ac. on both side Hatt Creek, north side of the south fork of sd. Campbells Spring Branch, Dougherty's line, Sturman's corner, Mitchell's line.⁸

¹ FHLC #33746 Richmond County, Virginia North Farnham Parish Registers

² Familysearch.org, Amelia County, Virginia Deed Book 8, page 335

³ Familysearch.org, Amelia County, Virginia Deed Book 9, page 357

⁴ Familysearch.org, Amelia County, Virginia Order Book 12

⁵ Familysearch.org, Amelia County, Virginia Deed Book 10, page 228

⁶ Familysearch.org, Charlotte County, Virginia Deed Book 3, page 531

⁷ Familysearch.org, Amelia County, Virginia Deed Book 13, page 80

Campbell Co., VA. was created from Bedford Co. in 1781 making the Hatt Creek area a part of Campbell Co.

Campbell Co. land tax lists show James Hanks with 300 ac. for 1783. (James has a total of 376 ac.) James Hanks and Edward Robertson were executors of the estate of William Hart 11 Feb 1785.⁹

An indenture dated 17 July 1787 from James Hanks of Campbell Co. who sells to Daniel Walker of Charlotte Co. (see above) 150 ac. in Campbell Co. on the east branches of Hatt Creek adjoining Mitchell and Sturman and witnessed by Thomas Hanks, Sarah Hanks, and Tabitha Hanks.¹⁰

Campbell Co. land tax lists show James Hanks with 300 ac. for 1787 and 1788 and 150 ac. 1789 through 1798. (James has a total of 150 ac. plus 76 ac. not mentioned)

Indenture 25 December 1793 Thomas Sturman of North Carolina to Thomas Hancks of Campbell Co. Va. sells 220 ac. in Campbell Co. on both sides of Hatt Creek adj. William Dodson, Abram Hancks, James Hancks, the meeting house land, his own land, Wm. Sturman's land and Thomas Mackoy, witnessed by Charles Walker, Valentine Sturman, Wm. Sturman and James Hanks and rec. 3 July 1794.¹¹

On 2 May 1794 Thomas Hancks of Campbell Co. sold to Freeman Moore of Nottoway Co. 90 ac. in Campbell Co. on the east side of Hatt Creek adj. Mark Moore, James Hancks, John Cobb and Thomas Mackoy and witnessed by James Hanks and Abram Hancks and on 4 Sept 1794 Nancy Hanks, wife of Thomas Hanks, relinquished dower.¹² On 2 May 1794 Thomas Hanks sells to Mark Moore 90 ac. on the west side of Hatt Creek adj. Freeman Moore, James Hanks, the Meeting House land, Alexander Driscolls, William Sturman, and Thomas Mackey, witnessed by James Hancks and Abram Hancks.¹³

Indenture 3 June 1795 James Hancks and Thomas Hanks sell to Abraham Hancks of Campbell Co. 50 ac. on both sides Hatt Creek and witnessed by James Brooks, James Hancks, and William Moore.¹⁴

Campbell Co. land tax lists of 1795 show Thomas Hanks 40 ac. and James Hanks 150 ac., 1796 has Abraham Hanks with 50 ac. conveyed by Thomas Hanks, James Hanks 150 ac., James Hanks Jr. 150 ac. conveyed by Abraham Hanks. About 1795 James Hanks Sr. is no longer on the personal property tax lists. James Jr., Abraham and Thomas are on these lists until 1806 when Jr. no longer appears.

Indenture 4 Feb 1798 James Hanks of Campbell Co. sells to William Pamplin of Lunenburg 76 ac. on south side Hatt Creek.¹⁵ (*This may have been the 76 ac. of the original 376 ac. that is not mentioned on the tax lists.*) Indenture 26 Feb 1798 from Trustees for Hatt Creek congregation to Abraham Hanks 90 ac. on Hatt Creek excepting 3 acres for meeting house and witnessed by Thomas Hanks, William M Kinney, and James Hanks and ack. 10 Sept 1798 by Thomas and James Hanks.¹⁶

⁸ Familysearch.org, Bedford County, Virginia Deed Book 6, page 406

⁹ Familysearch.org, Campbell County, Virginia Will Book 1, page 84

¹⁰ Familysearch.org, Campbell County, Virginia Deed Book 2, page 252

¹¹ Familysearch.org, Campbell County, Virginia Deed Book 3, page 499

¹² Familysearch.org, Campbell County, Virginia Deed Book 3, page 452

¹³ Familysearch.org, Campbell County, Virginia Deed Book 3, page 453

¹⁴ Familysearch.org, Campbell County, Virginia Deed Book 3, page 562

¹⁵ Familysearch.org, Campbell County, Virginia Deed Book 4, page 441

¹⁶ Familysearch.org, Campbell County, Virginia Deed Book 4

On 26 May 1798 James Hancks Sr. sold to Thomas Hancks of Campbell Co. 100 ac. on both side Hatt Creek.¹⁷

Campbell Co. land tax lists of 1798 show Abraham Hanks with 50 ac. conveyed by Thomas Hanks, James Hanks 150 ac., James Hanks Jr. 150 ac. conveyed by Abraham Hanks, 1799 show James Hanks with 50 ac., Abraham Hanks 50 ac. and Thomas Hanks with 90 ac. and 100 ac. conveyed by James Hanks.

On 9 Sept 1799 James Hanks of Campbell Co. sells to James Hood of Pr. Edward Co. 150 ac. on a branch of Hatt Creek adj. Wm. Pamphlet, Thomas Hanks and Abraham Hanks.¹⁸

Campbell Co. land tax lists of 1799 show Thomas Hanks with 90 ac. and 100 acres from James Hanks.

Indenture 15 Jan 1800 Joseph Elder of Campbell Co. to James Hanks Jr. of same sell 145 ac. on Austin Branch and witnessed by James Hanks Sr., William Weaver, and Thomas Hanks.¹⁹ On 16 Jan 1800 Campbell Co. James Hanks Sr. and James Hanks Jr. witnessed the will of Joseph Elder and gave oath on 8 Sept. 1800 for probate.²⁰

James and Nancy Hanks had two known daughters:

Tabitha Hanks married Samuel Barnes 1/5 Nov 1793 permission by father James Hanks.²¹ Tabitha was born after 1772 as she had her father's permission to marry. An indenture dated 17 July 1787 (Campbell Co., Va. DB2, p. 252) from James Hanks of Campbell Co. who sells to Daniel Walker of Charlotte Co. (see above) 150 ac. in Campbell Co. on the east branches of Hatt Creek adjoining Mitchell and Sturman and witnessed by Thomas Hanks, Sarah Hanks, and Tabitha Hanks.²² (a witness had to be at least 14 yrs. old to sign a document.)

Samuel H. Barnes (son of James and Tabitha Hanks Barnes) married Jane Scott 25 September 1815 in Pitts. Co., VA.²³ They had Cynthia Ann Barnes and William A. Barnes and Jane Scott Hanks married second Nashville Gladwell in Nov. 1849.

1850 Cumberland Co. KY. census
Nashville Glidewell 64 VA.
Jane 57 Va.

Sarah Hanks

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¹⁷ Familysearch.org, Campbell County, Virginia Deed Book 4, page 40

¹⁸ Familysearch.org, Campbell County, Virginia Deed Book 5, page 4

¹⁹ Familysearch.org, Campbell County, Virginia Deed Book 5, page 137

²⁰ Familysearch.org, Campbell County, Virginia Will Book 2, page 1

²¹ Familysearch.org, Campbell County, Virginia Marriages 1785-1940

²² Familysearch.org, Campbell County, Virginia Deed Book 2, page 252

²³ Ancestry.com, *Virginia, Marriages, 1785-1940*. Salt Lake City, Utah: FamilySearch, 2013.

²⁴ Familysearch.org, Campbell County, Virginia Deed Book 2, page 252