

WILLIAM HANKS II (Hester Mills)
Son of William Hanks I and Sarah

The North Farnham Parish Registers of Richmond Co., VA. record the birth of William Hanks, son of William and Sarah Hanks, on 14 Feb 1679/80.¹ William Hanks Jr. witnessed the assignment of Zach Nicholls to Thomas Glascock 21 Apr 1702.²

William Hanks II (Jr.) was administrator of his father's estate on 7 Mar 1704/5 and "upon the motion of William Hanks appraisal of the estate of William Hanks dec'd. is ordered".³ On 5 Oct 1705 an inventory and appraisal of the estate of William Hanks dec'd. was presented by William Hanks Jr. and petition of Richard White and Sarah, his wife, widow and relict of William Hanks dec'd. agst. William Hanks Jr. administrator.⁴ (*Because William was named administrator of the estate of William Sr. there is no will. Administrators were appointed by the court in the absence of a will and executors were named in the will. Under the laws of primogeniture, the eldest son would inherit the real estate and the balance of the estate would be divided among the heirs. Sarah would receive her thirds or her dower portion. A search of the lands owned by William Sr. show that William Jr. was the owner of the land that had belonged to William Sr.*)

Records of William and Hester Mills Hanks include the following:

On 3 Aug 1709 Benjamin Deverill agst. William Hanks for debt due by account.⁵ And on 5 Apr 1710 Thomas Draper agst. William Hanks dismissed.⁶ In July 1711 William Hanks married Esther/Hester Mills⁷, the daughter of John and Hester White Mills.

An indenture dated 1 May 1711 Edmund Ryan of Middlesex Co. sells to William Hanks of Richmond Co. 98 ac. formerly granted to Henry Wilson by patent dated 15 June 1664 and assigned to Edward Geffrey 1 Oct 1677 and assigned to son Thomas Geffrey (excepting 75 ac. part thereof and then theretofore held by the sd. Edward Geffrey to William Hanks) on 4 Oct 1705 and by sd. Thomas Geffrey the sd. 98 ac. sold to John Hall, late of Lancaster Co. by deed 1 Dec 1707 and by sd. Hall conveyed to Ryan the 30 May 1709.⁸ On 2 May 1711 Edmund Ryan acknowledged a deed to William Hanks.⁹ Indenture 16 July 1711 William Hanks of Farnham leases to George Smithey of same the plantation he (William) now lives upon.¹⁰ Indenture 5 Oct 1714 Thomas Geffrey to William Hanks 70 ac. being a part of a parcel of 450 ac. adj. the plantation of William Hanks.¹¹

Indenture 22 Jan 1726/7 William Hanks of NFP, planter, to Thomas White of same 75 ac. part of a patent of sd. William Hanks, other part in the patent of Henry Wilson and are now in possession of sd. William Hanks party to these presents and adjoining Paul Woodbridge, Henry Wilson, Alex Newman, William Hanks, father of sd. William Hanks, and Thomas Griffin, witnessed by John Woodbridge and Caron

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

²Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Deed Book 3, page 89

³Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 4

⁴Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 4

⁵Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 5

⁶Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 5

⁷Clayton Library, Houston, Texas, microfilm of original records, marriages located in Richmond County, Virginia Deed Book 6, Minister Returns

⁸Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Deed Book 5, page 322

⁹Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 5

¹⁰Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Deed Book 5, page 353

¹¹Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Deed Book 7, page 16

Brannon.¹² (Note: This land was purchased by William Hanks Sr. with an indenture dated 19 Feb 1703/4 (Richmond Co. Va. DB3, p. 125) from Edward Geffrey and Elizabeth his wife, of NFP to William Hanks Sr. of same 70 ac. adjoining sd. William Hanks, John Newman, Paul Woodbridge dec'd., and Robert Palmer and witnessed by Luke Hanks and Michael Connole.)

Indenture 22 Jan 1726/7 William Hanks of NFP to James Hinds sells 60 ac. in NFP adj. John Woodbridge and White, it being part of a dividend sold to William Hanks, late of County., dec'd, by indenture 4 May 1696 containing 100 ac.¹³ (An indenture dated 7 Feb 1689/90 (Rappa. Co., Va. DB8) from Paul Woodbridge to William Hanks of Farnham, carpenter, for 4000 pounds tobacco 100 ac. N side of a branch called Indian Town adjoining. Edward Jeffreys, Moratico Creek, Robert Palmer, and acknowledged by William Woodbridge, son of Paul dec'd. 2 Sept 1691.)

On 1 Feb 1726/7 William Hanks came into court and acknowledged his deed to Thomas White and William's wife Easter Hanks relinquished her dower, Same to James Hinds.¹⁴

Indenture 10 Aug 1728 William Hanks, carpenter, and Hester his wife of Farnham Par. rent to William and Penelope Ariskin...rent of a farm...recorded 2 July 1744.¹⁵

Circa 1730 William Hanks, carpenter, of NFP sold to Nathaniel Mason 50 ac. in NFP adj. Cpt. John Woodbridge and Wilmoth Bryan.¹⁶

William Hanks died 1 May 1732.¹⁷ His will dated 2 Apr 1732 and probated 1 June 1732 names wife Hester and sons William, Richard, James, John, and Thomas, requesting sons to stay until age 21 and daughters till age 18.¹⁸ On 7 June 1732 the LW&T of William Hanks was presented by Hester Hanks and William Hanks, execs. and ordered to return inventory.¹⁹

On 4 Mar 1733/34 Hester and William Hanks, exec. of LW&T of William Hanks dec'd., ack. deed to John Woodbridge.²⁰ An indenture dated 2 Mar 1733/34 by Hester and William Hanks, execs. of LW&T of William Hanks dec'd. late of NFP to John Woodbridge of same...Hanks discharged Woodbridge who fulfilled clause of LW&T of William Hanks wherein he desired exec. Woodbridge to sell land whereon John Hazzard did once dwell which was purchased of Edward Geoffrey cont. 70 ac., bought by deed 19 Feb 1703/4 adj. James Hines.²¹

On 1 May 1749 (Richmond Co., Va. OB12) the petition of Esther Hanks setting forth that Bridget Spriggs unjustly detained from her service one Darby Spriggs and praying relief in the premises is dismissed.²²

¹² Familysearch.org., Richmond Co. Va. Deed Book 8, page 376

¹³ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Deed Book 8, page 379

¹⁴ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 9

¹⁵ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Deed Book 10, page 227

¹⁶ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Deed Book 9, page 153

¹⁷ FHLC #33746 Richmond County, Virginia North Farnham Parish Registers,

¹⁸ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Will Book 5, page 181

¹⁹ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 9

²⁰ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 10

²¹ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Deed Book 8, page 687

²² Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 12

Hester Mills, wife of William Hanks II

The will of Richard White dated 31 Oct 1707 and probated 7 Jun 1708 names sons John, Thomas and William and daughters Hester Mills and Susanna Adcock and wife Sarah.²³

John Mills married Hester White and left a will in Richmond Co., Va. dated 30 Dec 1709 and probated 7 Feb. 1710/11 naming wife Hester, sons John, Richard, Thomas, George, James and daughters Hannah Mills, Hester Mills, and Elizabeth Green. Thomas White witnessed this will. Elizabeth Mills Green was born in 1682 (NFP Registers).

The children of William and Hester Mills Hanks according to the NFP Registers were:

William Hanks born 26 May 1712,

John Hanks, probably born 1714, is named in his father's will but not the parish registers

Hannah Hanks born 14 Feb 1717,

Sarah Hanks born 22 Feb 1720,

Richard Hanks born 14 Aug 1723,

Susanna Hanks born 18 Dec 1725 and married William Hightower 12 Oct 1743.

Thomas Hanks born 26 July 1728,

James Hanks born 12 Feb 1732,

WILLIAM HANKS III

(son of William and Hester Mills Hanks)

WILLIAM HANKS, son of William and Hester Mills Hanks, was born 26 May 1712²⁴ and married Sarah Durham on 26 Jan 1738²⁵. By 3 April 1754 William Hanks had "absconded" or moved from Richmond Co. By 19 Feb 1756 he is of record in Amelia Co., Va. along with most of his brothers and sisters and their families. William and Sarah Durham Hanks' children include Elijah Hanks born 17 Dec 1740, Million Hanks born 21 Aug 1742, Judith Hanks born 29 Dec 1744, Argill Hanks born 2 Feb 1746, Susanna Hanks born 19 Sept 1749, Hannah Hanks born 11 Feb 1752 and William born c. 1755 and died 1795 NC.

JOHN HANKS

(son of William and Hester Mills Hanks)

JOHN HANKS, son of William and Hester Mills Hanks, is the only known child not listed in the North Farnham Parish Registers. He was named in his fathers will. He is listed on the poll for William Fauntleroy on 12 Nov 1741²⁶ and must have been born by 1720 (polls were 21 yrs.). On 7 Mar 1739/40 John Hanks, son and heir of William Hanks plt. agst. William Erskiens def.²⁷ On 5 Aug 1740 John Hanks, son and heir of William Hanks dec'd., his action agst. William Erskin dismissed not prosecuting.²⁸ John and Mary Hanks had son Mott Hanks 21 Apr 1742²⁹ Migrated to Dobbs Co., NC.

HANNAH HANKS

(daughter of William and Hester Mills Hanks)

²³Wills of Richmond County, Virginia, Robert K. Headley Jr., 1983, Genealogy Publishing Co., p. 16

²⁴ FHLC #33746 Richmond County, Virginia North Farnham Parish Registers,

²⁵ FHLC #33746 Richmond County, Virginia North Farnham Parish Registers,

²⁶ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Account Book 1

²⁷ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 11

²⁸ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 11

²⁹ FHLC #33746 Richmond County, Virginia North Farnham Parish Registers,

Hannah Hanks, daughter of William and Hester Mills Hanks, was born 14 Feb 1717³⁰. A James and Anne Webb had a son James Hanks Webb who died 20 Nov 1750 NFP Register. (No further research has been done for Hannah.)

SARAH HANKS
(daughter of William and Hester Mills Hanks)

Sarah Hanks, daughter of William and Hester Mills Hanks, was born 22 Feb 1720³¹. She married James Draper and had Joshua, William, Thomas, and Virtue. Virtue Draper, daughter of James and Sarah Draper, was born 18 Oct 1746.³² The will of James Draper dated 4 Oct 1777 and probated 22 June 1780 names wife Sarah, sons Joshua, William, and Thomas and grandson Presley Johnson alias Draper and his mother Virtue Tuder.³³ Thomas Hanks' will in Amelia Co. Va. dated 26 Feb 1777, no probate date, inv. and appraisal recorded 22 May 1777 names nephew and godson Thomas Draper to inherit 50 ac. in Chesterfield Co., Va.³⁴ On 22 May 1777 appraisal of the real estate and personal estate of Thomas Hanks dec'd...delivered to us by Thomas Draper.³⁵ (*Virtue is an uncommon name and is unique to this family. Therefore, this must be the same James and Sarah Draper in Richmond Co. as in Amelia Co. and with Thomas Hanks naming a nephew Draper, this must be his sister Sarah Hanks*)

RICHARD HANKS
(son of William and Hester Mills Hanks)

RICHARD HANKS, son of William and Hester Mills Hanks, was born 14 Aug 1723³⁶ and is first mentioned on 2 June 1749 when he and brothers William and Thomas witnessed the will of George Glasscock.³⁷ An indenture dated 28 May 1750 by John Phillips who sold to Richard Hanks, carpenter, 45 ac. in NFP adj. Nathaniel Mason, Richard Mitchell, and John Phillips.³⁸ On 4 June 1753 he was sued by William Beale, surviving exec. of Daniel Hornby.³⁹ On 2 July 1753 Richard Hanks his petition agst. John Tayt dismissed.⁴⁰ An indenture dated 25 Sept 1753 from Richard Hanks, carpenter, to William Mason of Lancaster Co. for 45 ac. in NFP adj. Nathaniel Mason, Richard Mitchell, Richard Hanks, Caron Branon, and wife Mary Hanks relinquished dower.⁴¹ On 1 Oct 1753 Richard Hanks and Mary, his wife, acknowledged deed to William Mason.⁴² An indenture dated 31 Mar 1760 from William Sammons to Richard Hanks for 243 ac. in Nottoway Parish Amelia Co. Va. adjoining John Hightower.⁴³ On 21 May 1770 Richard Hanks, Charles Connally, Joshua Hightower and William Hames witnessed a deed from John Ragsdale of Lunenburg Co. to Thomas Hightower of Amelia for 180 ac. in Nottoway Par. adj. Joshua Hightower and William Hayms.⁴⁴ On 23 May 1770 in Amelia Co., Va. Richard Hanks witnessed

³⁰ FHLC #33746 Richmond County, Virginia North Farnham Parish Registers,

³¹ FHLC #33746 Richmond County, Virginia North Farnham Parish Registers,

³² FHLC #33746 Richmond County, Virginia North Farnham Parish Registers

³³ Familysearch.org, Amelia County, Virginia Will Book 2, page 368

³⁴ Familysearch.org, Amelia County, Virginia Will Book 3, page 226

³⁵ Familysearch.org, Amelia County, Virginia, Will Book 3, page 231

³⁶ FHLC #33746 Richmond County, Virginia North Farnham Parish Registers,

³⁷ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Will Book 5, page 510

³⁸ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Deed Book 11, page 1

³⁹ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 13

⁴⁰ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 13

⁴¹ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Deed Book 11, page 255

⁴² Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Deed Book 11, page 255

⁴³ Familysearch.org, Amelia County, Virginia. Deed Book 7, p. 313

⁴⁴ Familysearch.org, Amelia County, Virginia. Deed Book 11, page 130

a deed from Thomas Hightower Sr. to Joshua Hightower Jr.⁴⁵ On 4 Sept 1770 Richard Hancks of Amelia Co. sold to William Dunavant of Dinwiddie 243 ac. adjoining John Hightower.⁴⁶

SUSANNAH HANKS
(daughter of William and Hester Mills Hanks)

Susannah Hanks, daughter of William and Hester Mills Hanks, was born 18 Dec 1725⁴⁷. She married William Hightower on 12 Oct 1743⁴⁸. The will of William Hightower dated 16 May 1764 and probated 27 Sept 1764 in Amelia Co., Va. names wife Susanna to have land in Lunenburg Co. for widowhood, brothers John, Joshua, and George Hightower, and children, all under 21, John, Mary, William, Thomas, Daniel, Betty, Stephen, Susanna, and Presley.⁴⁹ The Revolutionary War Pension records of Thomas Hightower state that he was born 1751 in Amelia Co., Va. and died in 1803 in Greene Co., Ga.⁵⁰ **This Susannah Hanks is often mismatched with the Susannah who married Thomas Phillips in 1794. As one can see a girl born in 1725 would hardly marry in 1794 at age 68 and have several children. Susannah Hanks born 1749, daughter of William and Sarah Durham Hanks may never have married as she is on a 1795 Granville Co. deed as a witness.**

THOMAS HANKS
(son of William and Hester Mills Hanks)

Thomas Hanks, son of William and Hester Mills Hanks, was born 26 July 1728⁵¹. The will of Thomas Hanks dated 26 Feb 1777, no probate date, inventory recorded 22 May 1777 names nephew and godson Thomas Draper to inherit 50 ac. in Chesterfield Co., VA.⁵²

JAMES HANKS
(son of William and Hester Mills Hanks)

James Hanks, son of William and Hester Mills Hanks, was born 12 Feb 1732/3⁵³. I have found no further record of him in Richmond Co., Va. He may have been in Amelia Co., Va. by 1759 as his son Abraham, in a pension application, stated he was born in Amelia Co. in 1759. James' wife was Nancy and they were married by 1769 when she relinquished her dower rights to land he sold in Amelia Co. He was still living in Jan 1800 when he as Sr. and son James Jr. witnessed the will of Joseph Elder. His children include Abraham Hanks b. 1759 married Lucy Jennings and died in Lincoln Co. Tn., Tabitha Hanks who married Samuel Barnes in 1793, Sarah Hanks, James Hanks, and Thomas Hanks who married Nancy Brooks in 1792 and died in Pittsylvania Co., VA. See website by Gregory Hancks on this family.
<https://jameshancks.wordpress.com/>

⁴⁵ Familysearch.org, Amelia County, Virginia. Deed Book 11, page 132

⁴⁶ Familysearch.org, Amelia County, Virginia. Deed Book 10, page 208

⁴⁷ FHLC #33746 Richmond County, Virginia North Farnham Parish Registers,

⁴⁸ FHLC #33746 Richmond County, Virginia North Farnham Parish Registers,

⁴⁹ Familysearch.org, Amelia County, Virginia. Will Book 2, page 72

⁵⁰ Fold3.com, Revolutionary War Pension Records

⁵¹ FHLC #33746 Richmond County, Virginia North Farnham Parish Registers,

⁵² Familysearch.org, Amelia County, Virginia. Will Book 2, page 226

⁵³ FHLC #33746 Richmond County, Virginia North Farnham Parish Registers,