

**WILLIAM HANKS III (Sarah Durham)**  
**son of William and Hester Mills Hanks**

WILLIAM HANKS III, son of William II and Hester Mills Hanks, was born 26 May 1712<sup>1</sup> and married Sarah Durham on 26 Jan 1738 in Richmond Co, Virginia.<sup>2</sup> William Hanks II, the father of William III, died on 1 May 1732.<sup>3</sup> On 7 June 1732 the LW&T of William Hanks was presented by Hester Hanks and William Hanks, execs.<sup>4</sup> Records after 1 May 1732 relate to William III. By the rules of primogeniture, William III as the eldest son inherited any real estate belonging to William II not otherwise noted in a will.

On 24 Feb 1738/9 William Hanks, carpenter, and Dominic Nugent planter both of NFP bound in the sum of 100 pounds to Joseph Durham ...Whereas William Smoot did by LW&T 4 Feb 1715 bequeath after the death of his wife Joan Smoot all his lands to his son in law Thomas Durham and his three (3) grandchildren Margaret, Joseph, and Sarah Durham in joint tenancy, but the sd. Thomas Durham dying before division was made...Joseph Durham, Margaret who married Dominick Nugent and Sarah who married William Hanks to divide land.<sup>5</sup>

On 5 June 1739 William Hanks agst. Mary Durham, exec. of Thomas Durham dec'd. for petitioners' part of his wife, Sarah's, estate as one of the daughters of sd. Durham.<sup>6</sup> On 6 Aug 1739 division of land between Joseph Durham, Thomas Hanks, and Dominick Nugent ordered recorded.<sup>7</sup>

Richmond Co., Va. Acct. Bk. 1 - p. 175 Poll for John Woodbridge 12 Nov 1741 includes William Hanks. On p. 179 William Hanks adm. of estate of Joseph Durham rec. June 1742. On 5 Apr 1742 William Hanks made oath that Joseph Durham died without a will and adm. granted him, security with John Woodbridge and appraisers were William and George Glasscock, William and Robert Downman.<sup>8</sup> On 5 May 1746 Henry Tapscott agst. William Hanks for debt.<sup>9</sup>

On 4 Dec 1752 William Hanks vs. John Hammond for assault and battery.<sup>10</sup> On 2 July 1753 William Hanks vs. John Hammond for trespass.<sup>11</sup> An indenture dated 2 Nov 1753 from William and Sarah Hanks of NFP, planter, to William Glasscock Jr. sell 95 ac. and witnessed by Nathaniel Mason, George Glasscock, and Thomas Durham.<sup>12</sup> On 5 Nov 1753 William and Sarah Hanks acknowledged a deed to William Glasscock Jr.<sup>13</sup> On 3 Apr 1754 William Hanks indebted to John Tarpley by bond with interest from 15 Sept 1753.<sup>14</sup>

On 3 April 1754 Thomas Durham vs. William Hanks...attachment by plt. of def. estate, he has privately removed himself out of this county or so absconds that ordinary process of law cannot be served by him.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> FHLC #33746 Richmond County, Virginia North Farnham Parish Registers

<sup>2</sup> FHLC #33746 Richmond County, Virginia North Farnham Parish Registers

<sup>3</sup> FHLC #33746 Richmond County, Virginia North Farnham Parish Registers,

<sup>4</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 9

<sup>5</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Deed Book 9, page 579

<sup>6</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 11

<sup>7</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 11

<sup>8</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 11

<sup>9</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 11

<sup>10</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 13

<sup>11</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 13

<sup>12</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Deed Book 11, page 264

<sup>13</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 13

<sup>14</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 13

<sup>15</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 13

On 4 Apr 1754 William Beale, exec. of Daniel Hornby, vs. William Hanks with both parties appearing in court.<sup>16</sup>

William Hanks III and his family migrated to Amelia County, Virginia sometime between early 1754 and early 1756.

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1754 Thomas Hanks (Raleigh Parish)  
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1762 James Hanks (Raleigh Parish) overseer  
1762 Richard Hanks (lower to middle Nottoway Co. area)  
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1764 Richard Hanks (middle Nottoway Co. area)

On 19 Feb 1756 in Amelia Co. Va. John Ornsby sells to Peter Williams 100 ac. adj. Charles Hudson, Richard Hudson and George Ford and witnessed by William Thomas, William Hightower and William Hancks.<sup>17</sup> On 27 June 1760 in Amelia Co. Va. William Hanks vs. John Hightower dismissed.<sup>18</sup>

William Hanks filled suit agst. Thomas Durham on 6 July 1756, on 5 Apr 1757, 6 June 1757, and 7 Mar 1758 in Richmond Co. Va.,<sup>19</sup> and again on 8 Sept 1763 William Hanks vs. Thomas Durham.<sup>20</sup>

Indenture 17 Oct 1768 Evan Ragland of Granville Co. to William Hanks of Dinwiddie Co., VA. sells 150 ac. on the north side Nutbush Creek and witnessed by Thomas Craft and Buckner Robinson.<sup>21</sup>

William and Sarah Durham Hanks migrated to Granville Co. North Carolina along with all their children sometime between 17 October 1768 and Spring of 1769.

1769 Granville County, North Carolina Tax list  
William Hanks 1 w tithe, 1 black, 0 carriages  
Elijah Hanks 1 w tithe, 0 blacks, 0 carriages

1771 Granville County, North Carolina Tax List  
William Hanks 2 taxable  
Elijah Hanks 1  
Richard Hargrove 1  
John Hargrove 1

1786 tax list - Argyle Hanks 102, William Hanks for self and father 1wm 21-60, 1 wm over 60/under 21, 1 female.

November Court 1787 Granville Co. NC Probate – I William Hanks of Granville Co., names exec. three sons Elijah, Argile and William, Lands over the ridge road to Elijah during his lifetime then to be sold

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<sup>16</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 13

<sup>17</sup> Familysearch.org, Amelia County, Virginia Deed Book 5, page 467

<sup>18</sup> Familysearch.org, Amelia County, Virginia Court Orders

<sup>19</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 14

<sup>20</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Order Book 15

<sup>21</sup> Familysearch.org, Granville County, North Carolina Deed Book I, page 26

and money divided among my living children. All the old deeded land bounded by the Ridge Road to William Hanks and his heirs, son Argil to have the slave Simon, daughter Hannah Moore to have slave Samuel, to son William and Susanna Hanks all the pewter I possess, to daughter Milly Barnes land she lived on then to go so her son William Barnes, written 10 July 1787, proven Nov. Ct. 1787.<sup>22</sup>

I believe the mention of Susanna in this will is his daughter and unmarried, rather than the wife of son William. Susanna was born in 1749 and unmarried in 1795. Susanna Hanks was a witness to the will of William Hanks dated 8 November 1794 and submitted for probate in May 1795 by Stephen Ellis and Susanna Hanks and so could not be the wife of Thomas Phillips. Susanna Hanks who married Thomas Phillips 10 December 1794 was most likely a daughter of Argyle Hanks by his first wife Million Hargraves.

**The children of William and Sarah Durham Hanks as listed in the NFP Registers were:**

**Elijah Hanks born 17 Dec 1740,**

**Million Hanks born 21 Aug 1742,**

**Judith Hanks born 29 Dec 1744, No further research.**

**Argyle Hanks born 2 Feb 1746,**

**Susanna Hanks born 19 Sept 1749, No issue.**

**Hannah Hanks born 11 Feb 1752, No further research.**

**William born c. 1754**

**Elijah Hanks, son of William and Sarah Durham Hanks,** was born 17 December 1740 in Richmond Co. Virginia. On 28 Dec 1773 bond by William Hanks and Elijah Hanks for Argyle Hanks to marry Million Hargraves in Granville Co., North Carolina,<sup>23</sup> 6 Nov 1787 Thomas Craft vs. Elijah Hanks (Granville Co. NC Court Minutes)

May Court 1789, Will of Thomas Craft of Granville Co., wife Elizabeth, son John, daughter Ann Hanks to have slave then to granddaughter Elizabeth Hanks, 18 Jan 1789.<sup>24</sup>

The will of Elijah Hanks dated 8 Nov 1797 and probated Aug 1798 names brother Argill Hanks' children, friend James Lyne, sons Samuel, David, Thomas, John, and William and daughter Betsey Hanks, witnessed by James Hargrave and Richard Hargrave. November court 1798 James Vaughan qualified as administrator of the will of Elijah Hanks annexed.<sup>25</sup>

Estate accounts of Elijah Hanks by James Vaughan administrator: Received the following articles of Elijah Hanks for the support of his children...livestock, corn, clothes etc., rec'd. by me Thomas Craft 1780, 1785 your wife and 6 children for 5 years, 1787 your wife and 2 children for 2 years.<sup>26</sup> (This likely means Ann Craft Hanks and her children were not living with Elijah but with her father.)

Inventory of the estate of Elijah Hanks dec'd. so far as have come into the possession of the adm. delivered to him by William Hanks son of Argyle Hanks this 15 December 1798 include carpenter tools, James Vaughan adm. 8 November 1798 adm. of Elijah Hanks to James Vaughan. 15 December 1798 Elijah Hanks estate account, Wm. Hanks son of Argil and others make returns.<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>22</sup> Familysearch.org, Granville Co., North Carolina, Film #18971, Record of Wills, etc. Vol. 2 1787-1792, page 38

<sup>23</sup> FHLC microfiche, North Carolina Marriages, Granville County

<sup>24</sup> Familysearch.org, Granville Co., North Carolina, Film #18971, Record of Wills, etc. Vol. 2 1787-1792, page 104

<sup>25</sup> Familysearch.org, Granville County, North Carolina Will Book 4, p. 236

<sup>26</sup> Familysearch.org, Granville Co., North Carolina Film #2208295 Granville Co. NC Estate Records

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Know...we Elijah Hanks and Stephen Sneed are bound unto Sally Hanks and Henry Fitts exec. of William Hanks dec'd. 10 July 1795, Elijah a writ agst. Sally and Fitts. To the sheriff of Granville Co. to summon Henry Fitts, Merryman Barnes and Sarah Frizzell, exec. of LW&T of William Hanks and John Frizzell exec. in right of his wife Sarah of the sd. William Hanks dec'd. to answer James Vaughan adm. of Elijah Hanks dec'd. of a plea of trespass on the \_\_\_\_, damage 500 £ issued 15 Feb 1800.<sup>28</sup>

Will of William Hanks dated 8 November 1794 names wife Sally to have 1/3 during widowhood or until son William Henry Hanks comes of age, son Wm. Henry Hanks whole estate, without heirs then to wife Sally, Execs. wife Sally and Henry Fitts and Merimon Barnes, witnessed by Stephen Ellis and Susannah Hanks. Filed May Term 1795.<sup>29</sup>

Information posted on GenForum 5 August 1999 by Laura Munson Cooper – “Rev. John Hanks’ Bible Dictionary currently owned by my Aunt.” Rev. John Hanks 1770-29 June 1839 Chatham Co. NC was the son of Elijah and Ann Craft Hanks of Granville Co. NC. John Hanks married Mary Jane “Jennet” Armstrong 8 Oct 1795 in Orange Co. NC.<sup>30</sup> Children named Archable Hanks 10 Nov. 1796, Martain Hanks 17 Oct. 1798, Wesley Hanks 31 Dec. 1800, Jennet Hanks 31 Jan. 1803, Elizabeth Hanks 10 Oct. 1805, Nancy Hanks 10 Nov 1807 (married John Holt 8 April 1828), John Hanks 19 April 1812, Jennett Hanks married 3 Feb. 1826 John M. Ray, Nancy married John Holt, Dr. John Armstrong Hanks mar. Euphemia Matthias Morris and Catherine B. Walker, Polly Hanks born 19 Mar 1815 marred Whitehead.

Indenture 23 April 1804 John Armstrong to John Hanks of Orange Co. sells 80 ac on Little River adj. William Woods.<sup>31</sup> Jane Hanks age 87 NC is enumerated with Dr. John A. Hanks age 37 NC on the 1850 Chatham Co. NC census.

David Hanks, son of Elijah Hanks was on the 1805 tax list of Person Co. NC.<sup>32</sup> At the May Court 1807 of Person Co. David Hanks recorded a deed of gift to his daughter Polly Hanks.<sup>33</sup> August Court 1807 David Hanks of Dollarhide to recover from James Vaughn, adm. of Elijah Hanks, 9 July 1807.<sup>34</sup>

Children of Elijah and Ann Craft Hanks include Samuel, David, Thomas, John, William and Elizabeth “Betsey” Hanks.

**Million Hanks, daughter of William and Sarah Durham Hanks**, was born 21 Aug 1742 and married Merimon Barnes prior to 1769 when the Hanks arrived in Granville Co. NC. Merimon Barnes was in Granville Co. by 1769. Merimon Barnes was born in Richmond Co. Va. 17 Sept 1741 (NFP Registers), son of Samuel and Winnifred Barnes. He was apprenticed to Alexander Dudley in 1758 and would have been released in 1762 at the age of 21. Merimon Barnes and Million Hanks could have married in Richmond Co. Va., Amelia Co. Va. or Granville Co. NC.

August 1786 Granville Co. Census: Meriman Barnes 1wm 21-60, 4wm under 21/over 60, 7 females

The will of William Hanks leaves to daughter Milly Barnes land she lives on, then to go so her son William Barnes, written 10 July 1787, proven Nov. Ct. 1787. Merimon Barnes was one of the executors

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<sup>28</sup> Familysearch.org, Granville Co., North Carolina Film #2208295 Granville Co. NC Estate Records

<sup>29</sup> Familysearch.org, Granville County, North Carolina, Film #18971, Will Book 3, page 191

<sup>30</sup> Familysearch.org, Orange County, North Carolina Marriages

<sup>31</sup> Familysearch.org, Orange County, North Carolina Deed Book 11, page 174

<sup>32</sup> Kendall, Katherine Kerr, Person County, North Carolina Compilations

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of the 1794 will of William Hanks, son of Wm. and Sarah Durham. 6 May 1803 Frances Hanks bond with Henry Redland and Merryman Barnes for guardianship of Argyle H. Hanks.

Merrimon Barnes married Amy Rowland 29 January 1798 in Granville Co. NC. His will dated 12 Dec 1809 and probated May Court 1810 names Samuel Barnes, William Barnes, George Barnes, Elizabeth Barnes, Sally Barnes, Susannah Barnes, Happy Barnes and Annah Barnes "no more of my estate than I gave them when they left me. To wife Amy and Lynthe Bryant Barnes, Leathy Green Barnes and Washington Lee Barnes remainder of my estate after death of wife. Grandson John Barnes Perdue at 21. Witnessed by Meredith Rowland and Lidia Stark. (Granville Co. NC Will Book 7, page 113)

Granville Co. NC tax list, no date, possibly before 1791

William Hanks	450ac, 3w
Meriman Barnes	55ac, 2w
James Vaughan	1w

1800 Granville Co. NC Census

Meriman Barnes	01001-01121
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1810 Granville Co. NC Census

William Barnes	00010-00100
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1820 Granville Co. NC Census

William Barnes	100001-10110
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William Barnes married 3 June 1821 Granville Co. Mary R. Slagland

1830 Granville Co. NC census

William Barnes	01210001-0011001
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1840 Granville Co. NC census

William Barnes	000110001-00010001
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1850 Granville Co. NC Census

William Barnes	80 NC
John	32 NC
Hillman	28 NC

William Barnes will was written 24 July 1850 and probated Nov 1850 names sons Hillman, John, William, Thomas and daughters Susan Collins and Frances Lathan. Susan Barnes married James A. Collins and Francis Barnes married Lyman Lathan.

**Argyle Hanks, son of William and Sarah Durham Hanks**, in Unrecorded Deeds and Other Documents of Amelia Co. 1750-1902 by Gibson Jefferson McConaughey is a deed dated 29 Dec 1772 from James Griggs of Amelia to William and Ann Glasscock of Dinwiddie that is witnessed by Argyle Hanks.

On 28 Dec 1773 Argyle Hanks married Million Hargraves in Granville Co., North Carolina, bond by William Hanks and Elijah Hanks.<sup>35</sup> On 20 June 1783 Argyle Hanks married Frances Hargraves.<sup>36</sup> In the court minutes of Granville Co. for May 1797 administration of the estate of Argyle Hanks was granted to

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Phanny (Fanny) Hanks wife of deceased with William and Israel Hargraves her security. In Feb 1803 (Court Minutes) administration of the estate of Nancy Hanks deceased was granted Doak Pruet and Frances Hanks, mother of the deceased relinquished her right to administer, security with Israel and John Hargraves. Then in May 1803 (Court Minutes) Frances Hanks was appointed guardian to Argil Hargrove Hanks, John Durham Hanks, Willis Mills Hanks and Green T or L Hanks. How nice of Fanny to give us these names in the Hanks line.

Milly Hanks who married Doak Prewitt 27 Sept. 1799<sup>37</sup> and Susanna Hanks who married Thomas Phillips 10 December 1794<sup>38</sup> were most likely daughters of Argyle Hanks by his first wife Million Hargraves.

1800 Granville Co. NC census  
Doak Prewet 00100-00100  
Thomas H. Phillips 00101-00010

2 May 1797 Adm. bond of Phanny Hanks, Israel Hargrove and Samuel Smith for \$2000. Condition of obligations if Phanny Harnks to adm. estate of Argyle Hanks deceased.<sup>39</sup> On 23 May 1799 James Lynn, James Lear and William Hewet to divide the personal estate of Argil Hanks....to Fanny Hanks and Nancy Hanks her daughter, to Polly Hanks, Sally Hanks and Milly Hanks, to William Hanks and Mille Hanks. To Argyle Hanks and John Hanks. To Green Hanks and Willis Hanks. November Court 1798 motion of Frances Hanks, adm. of Argyle Hanks.... Israel Hanks and James Hanks are appointed guardians to minor orphans and to attend to the division. August Court 1809 Petition of William Hanks, Polly Hanks, Johnson Munro and Sally his wife, Doak Pruit and Milly his wife., Argal Hanks, John Hanks, Green Hanks and Willis Hanks which sd. John, Green and Willis are minors by next friend Jos. Lyne. Argyle Hanks owned land on Nutbush in Granville Co. August Ct. 1809 William Hanks petitions for division of estate. Division to William Hanks adj. Fanny Hanks line, to Polly Hanks, to Johnson Munroe and wife Sally, to Doak Pruitt and wife Milly 120 ac. total, to Argul, John, Green, & Willis all minors Mary Ct. 1809 and rec. 30 Nov. 1809. Inv. of estate of Argyle Hanks with 318 ac. of land and 6 negroes etc. by Phaney Hanks. 6 May 1803 Frances Hanks bond with Henry Redland, Merryman Barnes for guardianship of Argyle H. Hanks.

Account of the sale of the residue of the perishable estate of Fanny Hanks dec'd. by Henry Woodworth ex. On 13 Jan 1830. Buyers include A H Hanks, John D. Hanks, Green S. Hanks, Chr. Haskins Jr.

Willis M. Hanks in his will left slaves to his mother and brothers, signed by Willis M. Hanks and Green S Hanks and witnessed by Fanny Hanks, recorded May Ct. 1817 Granville Co., and probated by Argile Hanks at Feb. Ct. 1816. Granville Co. N. Carolina Will Book 8, page 42

1810 Granville Co. NC census  
Thomas Phillips 00001-00001  
John Hanks 21001-10010

1820 Granville Co. NC census  
Thomas H. Phillips 000001-00001

May 1821 Granville Co. NC Wills and Probated Records ancestry.com petition of Susanna Phillips that Thomas H. Phillips departed this life intestate, adm. To Alexander Hamilton, small estate.

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<sup>37</sup> Ancestry.com, Granville County, North Carolina Marriages 1763-1869, N. Carolina Marriage Records

<sup>38</sup> Ancestry.com, Granville County, North Carolina Marriages 1763-1869, N. Carolina Marriage Records

<sup>39</sup> Familysearch.org, Granville County, North Carolina Court Minutes

