

**CHARLES HANKS (Christina Hargraves)
son of Joseph Hanks and Ann Lee**

Charles Hanks was born about 1769 in Richmond Co. Virginia. A marriage record in 1798 gives his age as 27yrs. which places his birth year about 1771. Had he been born in that year he would have to be a twin of his sister Elizabeth Hanks who was born 4 March 1771 and was the only child of Joseph and Nancy Lee Hanks in the NFP Registers. It seems unlikely that had he been a twin he would have been baptized with Elizabeth.

The first record I find of Charles Hanks, is the Nelson Co. Kentucky Tax List of 1788 (List of Cpt. Charles Reed on Pottinger Creek area of present Nelson and Marion) where Joseph Hanks and William Hanks and Charlie Hanks are listed together as 3 tithes.¹ (*Charles is not enumerated on the Nelson Co. Taxes after this date. His uncle Mark Lee has a presence in Natchez, Miss. in 1789. Mark Lee, his brother John Lee and their nephew Charles Hanks, took flatboats loaded with product down the Mississippi River, sold the goods and returned to Ky. The Attakapas Parish marriage document for Charles Hanks and witnessed by Mark Lee, states Hanks had been in the parish since 1791. Mark Lee migrated to Attakapas Parish, La. about 1790, and once established returned to Kentucky for his family and it is likely Charles Hanks was with him. According to the present owner of the Joseph Hanks (Sr.) Bible, there are family stories that claim Charles Hanks went west in a wagon and did one trip back to Ky. to visit family.*)

John Ripley Folk claims 400 superficial arpents on Aubry's Coulee (Creek), west side of Bayou Vermillion, Attakapas Co. bound on lower side by land claimed by Charles Hanks, claimed under a requete by the claimant with certificate of vacancy dated 7 Sept 1798 by Louis Co. DeBlanc Commandant.²

Charles Hanks married Christine Hargrave on 1 Feb 1798. The marriage document states Christina Hartgreve of this parish, daughter of Benjamin Hartgreve of NC. and Rebecca Gournay of VA. marrying Charles Hanks 27 years old of Richmond Co., Va. in this parish for 7 years and son of Joseph Hanks and Anne Lies of Richmond. The birth record of their first child shows Charles is of Kentucky and Christine of this parish. Other records have Charles Hanks of Maryland. *The Lee siblings, including Ann who married Joseph Hanks migrated from Richmond Co. Va. to the south branch of the Potomac (Hampshire/Hardy Co. West Virginia) which borders western Maryland. Many early records of the Catholic Church in Louisiana are written in Spanish or French. The Church will sometimes let you have a copy of the original, but more often will only provide a translation. I suspect the variance in previous locations as noted in the records i.e. from Va., Md., Ky. are based on the question asked by the recorder. "Where were you born?" "Where did you live?" "Where are you from?" will elicit three different responses. Charles Hanks was born in Virginia., lived in Maryland., and came to Louisiana from Kentucky.*

1810 Attakapas Parish, Louisiana Census³
Charles Hanks 31010 – 20010

1820 St. Martin Parish, Louisiana Census⁴
Charles Hanks 320201-11010

1830 St. Landry Parish, Louisiana Census⁵

¹ FHLC #6929 Nelson County, Kentucky Court List of Tithables 1785-1823

² American State Papers, Vol. 3, 1815-1824 Public Land Claims in Western District of Louisiana #86

³ FHLC #181355 Attakapas Parish, Louisiana 1810 Census Returns, page 49

⁴ FHLC #181357 St. Martin Parish, Louisiana 1820 Census Returns, page 168

⁵ FHLC #9687 St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, 1830 Census Returns, page 12 & 13

Thomas Hanks 02101-00001
Joseph Hackes 10000001-000100001
Widow Charles Hanks 0222 – 1001001

1840 St. Landry Parish, Louisiana Census⁶
Nathaniel Hanks 100121 - 00101001

Charles and Christina Hargraves Hanks had the following children:

Joseph Hanks (Charles Hanes and Christine Hartgrove) born 12 April 1799, baptized 7 May 1800⁷ of Attakapas married Suzanne “Sukey” Abshire of Attakapas, bond 25 June 1822 married 26 June 1822 Lafayette Parish⁸.

Children of Joseph and Suzanne Abshire Hanks:

Charles Hanks (Joseph Hanks and Susanne Abshire) bt. 17 Aug 1832 age 10 yrs. Laf. Ch. V4 p. 22 #65⁹
Christine (Joseph Heincks and Susanna Abshire) baptized 17 Aug 1832 age 7 Laf. Ch. V4, p. 22 #68¹⁰
Joseph Hencks (Joseph Hencks and Susanne Abshire) bt. 17 Aug 1832, age 3 Laf. Ch. 4 p. 22, #66¹¹
Jean Hanks (Joseph Hanks and Suzanne Abshire) bt. 6 Dec 1835 age 3 mo. Laf. Ch. V.4, #570¹²
Jefferson Hanks (Joseph Hanks and Suzanne Abshire) bpt. 17 Aug 1832 age 1 yr. Laf. Ch. 4-67¹³
Joseph Hanks (Joseph Hanks and Suzanne Abshire) bpt. 6 Dec 1835, age 3 yrs. Laf. Ch. 4-569¹⁴

Celeste (Sarah) Hanks born 27 Feb 1801, baptized 18 Oct 1807¹⁵ married 1818 Benjamin Weed (Wad), Protestants, not entered in the St. Martin Church registers¹⁶

Jean (John) Hanks born 15 Feb 1803, baptized 18 Oct 1807¹⁷

Charles Hanks born 3 July 1805, baptized 18 Oct 1807¹⁸

Thomas Hanks (Charles) born 25 Feb 1807, baptized 18 Oct 1807¹⁹ married 23 June 1828 Marcelite Breaux, widow of Zenon Bourgeois.²⁰

⁶ FHLC #9689 St, Landry Parish, Louisiana Census Returns, page 246

⁷ Rev. Donald J. Hebert, The Southwest Louisiana Records, Church and Civil Records, Vol. I-A (1750-1800) Complete Revision, St. Martin Church Records, Vol. 5 #246

⁸ Rev. Donald J. Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records Vol. 2B 1819-1825 Complete Revision Opelousas Court House Marriages #30

⁹ Rev. Donald J. Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records Vol. 2B 1819-1825 Complete Revision

¹⁰ Rev. Donald J. Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records Vol. 2B 1819-1825 Complete Revision

¹¹ Rev. Donald Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records Vol. 2C 1826-1830 Special Supplement 1831-1878

¹² Rev. Donald Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records Vol. III, 1831-1840

¹³ Rev. Donald Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records Vol. III, 1831-1840

¹⁴ Rev. Donald Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records Vol. III, 1831-1840

¹⁵ Rev. Donald J. Hebert, The Southwest Louisiana Records, Church and Civil Records, Vol. I-B (1801-1810) Complete Revision, St. Martin Church, Folio E, page 72

¹⁶ Rev. Donald Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records Vol. 2A, 1811-1818 Complete Revision, New Iberia Church Original Acts #63

¹⁷ Rev. Donald J. Hebert, The Southwest Louisiana Records, Church and Civil Records, Vol. I-B (1801-1810) Complete Revision, St. Martin Church, Vol. 6A, page 28

¹⁸ Rev. Donald J. Hebert, The Southwest Louisiana Records, Church and Civil Records, Vol. I-B (1801-1810) Complete Revision, St. Martin Church, Vol. 6A, page 28

¹⁹ Rev. Donald J. Hebert, The Southwest Louisiana Records, Church and Civil Records, Vol. I-B (1801-1810) Complete Revision, St. Martin Church, Folio E, page 73

²⁰ Rev. Donald Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records Vol. 2C 1826-1830 Special Supplement 1831-1878, Lafayette Court House Marriages #37

Anne Hanks (Charles Hanks and Christina Hargrave) born 15 March 1809, baptized 13 March 1810²¹ married 12 Dec 1826 John Clark Jr.²² Anne Hanks married 21 Oct 1834 Joachim Quebedeaux GC Ch. V.1, p. 99.²³ Nanette, widow of John Clark married 3 Oct 1834 Joachim Quebedeaux.²⁴

Benjamin Hanks (son of Charles Henx of Lower Bayou Vermillion and Christina Hrgrave) born 4 April 1811 and baptized 27 March 1812, grandparents are Joseph Henx and Anne Lee and Benjamin Hargrave and Rebecca Gwaltney.²⁵ Benjamin Hanes (Charles Hanes and Christine Hartgrove) married 12 Aug 1824 (should be 1834) Rachel Abshire.²⁶

Melanie Hanks (parents Charles Hanes and Christine Hartgrove) born 11 April 1814 and baptized 21 June 1818 (grandparents Joseph Hanes and Anne Lee, Benjamin Hargrave and Rebecca Gwaltney) sponsors Joseph Hanes and Emerente Primeau SM Ch 7 – 396²⁷ Married Jonas Fox 16 July 1840²⁸

Joseph Alford Hanks (parents Charles Hanes and Christine Hartgrove) born 3 March 1816 and baptized 21 June 1818 (grandparents Joseph Hanes (Hanks) and Anne Lee, Benjamin Hargrave and Rebecca Gwaltney) sponsors Benjamin Wade and Sarah Hanes (Hanks)²⁹ Alfred age 22 yrs. (Charles Hanks and Christina Hargrave) mar. 23 June 1840 Margaret Abshire age 22 yrs. ³⁰

Hilairi Hanks (parents Charles Hanes (Hanks) and Christine Hartgrove (Hargraves) born 7 March 1818 and baptized 21 June 1818, (grandparents Joseph Hanes and Anne Lee, Benjamin Hargrave and Rebecca Gwaltney) Sponsors: Pierre LaPointe fils (Jr.) and Anne Lee.³¹ Hilarie Hanks married Azema Leger.

Lataniel (Nathaniel) Hanks (Charles Hanes (Hanks) and Christine Hartgrove) baptized 8 November 1830 age 12 yrs.³²

Jean dit Johnson (Charles Hanks and Christine Hargrave) baptized 2 June 1834 age 11 yrs.³³ "Male nicknames usually appear in contemporary documentation as "dit" names. The "dit" literally means "called," but the French nickname signified much more than the modern American term "alias." In French Louisiana, individuals sometimes identified so completely with the nicknames, that the nicknames supplanted their original family names as their surnames. Even in the late twentieth century, Cajuns are often startled to find, upon reading obituaries, that the names by which friends and relatives had been known all their lives were nothing more than nicknames. These Acadian and Cajun "dit" names are often

²¹ Rev. Donald J. Hebert, The Southwest Louisiana Records, Church and Civil Records, Vol. I-B (1801-1810) Complete Revision, St. Martin Church, Vol. 6, #1036

²² Rev. Donald J. Hebert, The Southwest Louisiana Records, Church and Civil Records, Vol. I-B (1801-1810) Complete Revision, Opelousas Court House Marriages #82

²³ Rev. Donald Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records Vol. III, 1831-1840

²⁴ Rev. Donald Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records Vol. III, 1831-1840, Opelousas Court House Marriages #61

²⁵ Rev. Donald J. Hebert, The Southwest Louisiana Records, Church and Civil Records, Vol. 2-A, 1811-1818 Complete Revision, St. Martin Church, Vol. 6, #1302

²⁶ Rev. Donald J. Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records Vol. 2B 1819-1825 Complete Revision Opelousas Court House Marriages #175

²⁷ Rev. Donald J. Hebert, The Southwest Louisiana Records, Church and Civil Records, Vol. 2-A, 1811-1818 Complete Revision, St. Martin Church, Vol. 7, #396

²⁸ Rev. Donald Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records Vol. III, 1831-1840, Opelousas Court House Marriages #60

²⁹ Rev. Donald Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records Vol. 2A, 1811-1818 Complete Revision, St. Martin Church Records Vol. 7 #397

³⁰ Rev. Donald Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records Vol. III, 1831-1840, Lafayette Court House. Marriages #307

³¹ Rev. Donald Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records Vol. 2A, 1811-1818 Complete Revision

³² Rev. Donald Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records Vol. 2A, 1811-1818 Complete Revision, Lafayette Church Vol. 3, p. 278 #402

³³ Rev. Donald J. Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records Vol. 2B 1819-1825 Complete Revision, Lafayette Church Vol. 4 p. 86 #284

the only means of distinguishing family members who carried similar given names, especially when a man is identified solely by such a generic given name as "Jean", a name probably shared by his brothers."³⁴

Meliciare Hanks (parents Charles Hanks and Christine Hargrave) baptized 17 May 1834 age 7 yrs., sponsors Thomas Hanks and Marcelite Rian.³⁵

Melissiann Hanks married 29 Sept 1840 Rosemond Deo.³⁶

Abshire Cemetery in Kaplan Louisiana³⁷

Killed 30 April 1863 – Easton Abshire, Elear Abshire, Jack Abshire, Joseph Abshire, Martin Abshire, William Abshire, and Allan Hanks.

³⁴ http://www.acadianmemorial.org/ensemble_encore2/cajunroots.htm

³⁵ Rev. Donald Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records Vol. 2C 1826-1830 Special Supplement 1831-1878, Lafayette Church Vol. 4, p. 80 #264

³⁶ Rev. Donald Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records Vol. III, 1831-1840, Opelousas Court House #71

³⁷ Attakapas Gazette, 1986, Vol. 2