

JOHN HANKS I (Catherine)
(between 1687 and 1694 - c. 1739)
Son of William Hanks and Sarah Campbell of Richmond Co. Virginia

The first record of JOHN HANKS (son of William and Sarah Hanks) occurs on 7 July 1708 when he made choice of his brother William Hanks as guardian.¹ To choose a guardian, he had to have been between the ages of 14 and 21 giving him a birth year between 1687 and 1694. On 7 Aug 1717 John Hanks of Farnham fined for not attending church for one month.² John Hanks married Catherine by 1715 (year of birth of first child) and on 4 Aug 1740 sheriff to summon Catherine Hanks to show cause why her children should not be bound out by churchwardens as law directs.³ John was deceased at this time since Catherine is the one who is summoned.

Catherine Hanks witnessed the will of Luke Millner 6 Apr 1746.⁴

On 1 Feb 1779 on the motion of Joseph Hanks, a certificate is granted him for letters of administration on the estate of Katherine Hanks dec'd., appraisers include Thomas Smith, George Davis, Daniel Dobyns, and John Hammond. (no securities named).⁵ On 2 Aug 1779 an inventory and appraisal of the estate of Katherine Hanks was returned and recorded.⁶

Then on 7 Jan 1782 William Miskell, Griffin Fauntleroy, Daniel Dobyns and John Davis were ordered to appraise the estate of Katherine Hanks.⁷

On 1 Apr 1782 a report of Joseph Hanks, account of administration of estate of Katherine Hanks.⁸

Estate of Katherine Hanks in account with Joseph Hanks administrator...to sundry claimers who appear to be intitled to the balance equally---William Hanks, Eleanor Dodson, Betty Woolard, Caty Hanks, Joseph Hanks, John Hanks and Thomas Hanks....7 Feb 1779 by amount of sales of whole estate 121.16.⁹ (no date for filing account, unless it is the court record in April 1782)

23 Dec 1782 to the worshipful the justices of Richmond Co. agreeable to your order to divide the estate of Catherine Hanks in the hands of Joseph Hanks adm., we the subscribers having examined the several accounts and papers produced by sd. adm. and also examined him on oath relative thereto do find that the sum of 16 shillings specie and also 73 pounds, 6 shillings 3 pence paper money remains in the hands of the sd. adm. on 1 Feb 1779 to be equally divided as appears to us among the several claimers thereto particularly mentioned, signed William Miskell, Griffin Fauntleroy, John Davis.¹⁰ (*This record may have been recorded by the subscribers and not Joseph Hanks.*)

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¹ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 4

² Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 7

³ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 11

⁴ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Will Book 5, p.511

⁵ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 18, 1776-1784, p. 75

⁶ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 18, 1776-1784, p. 107

⁷ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 18, 1776-1784, p. 184

⁸ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 18, 1776-1784, p. 187

⁹ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Account Book No. 2 1784-1798, p. 28

¹⁰ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Account Book No. 2 1784-1798, p. 28

¹¹ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 18, 1776-1784, p. 281

The children of John and Katherine Hanks as listed in the North Farnham Parish Register are William Hanks born 8 Mar 1715, Eleanor Hanks born 18 Mar 1717, Elizabeth Hanks born 18 Oct 1720, Sarah Hanks born 7 Apr 1723, Catherine Hanks born 4 Oct 1723, Joseph Hanks born 20 Dec 1725, John Hanks born 4 May 1728, Thomas Hanks born 1 July 1732, and Alexander Hanks born 2 Dec 1734. Neither Eleanor nor Elizabeth is listed with parent names, but the division of estate of Catherine Hanks shows they were her children. The dates for Sarah and Catherine are both in 1723 according to the published version of the NFP Registers.

WILLIAM HANKS

William Hanks was born 8 Mar 1715^{12,13}

ELLEANOR HANKS

Eleanor Hanks was born 18 Mar 1717 /18^{14,15} and no parents were listed for her, however, she is on the same page and adjoining William Hanks b. 1715. The division of the estate of Katherine Hanks in 1782 names Eleanor Dodson as one of the legatees.

A daughter Judith Dodson is listed in the NFP Registers born 6 Jan 1741 to Greenham and Eleanor Dodson. According to researchers Jerry Dodson and Christie Garrett, this Eleanor is a daughter of John and Mary Winnifred Bryant. Greenham and Elenore Dodson moved to Amelia Co. about 1748, sold out in 1763 and are unknown after, except for a possible mention as having signed a loyalty oath in Pittsylvania Co. in 1777. Their possible children include Judith 1741, Hightower, Thomas, George, William and Eleanor. Eleanor Hightower daughter of John and Mary Hightower was born 10 Jan 1722. The will of John Hightower in Amelia Co. dated 16 Oct 1761 and probated 27 Sept 1764 names wife Mary, sons William, John, Joshua, Thomas, George, Richard and daughter Eleanor Dodson. A Greenham Dodson is on the 1820 Giles Co. Tn. census 000010-41010 and Elisha Dodson same 200010-20000

ELIZABETH “Betty” HANKS

Elizabeth Hanks was born 18 Oct 1720.^{16,17} Betty Woolard is named as one of the legatees in the division of the estate of Catherine Hanks. According to the NFP Registers a Richard and Elizabeth Woolard had Winifred 14 April 1755, Joseph 25 Feb 1758, and Richard 6 Oct 1766. Elizabeth Woolard of NFP left a will dated Feb 1788 and probated 1 Dec 1788 naming daughters Caty, Winifred Davis and sons Richard, John and Joseph. Granddaughter Betty Woolard, exec. friend Thomas Smith and witnessed by William Everett, Elijah Hanks and Lucy Warner. The inventory of Richard Woolard was taken 29 June 1774.

¹² FHLC #32637, Richmond County, Virginia, North Farnham Parish Registers, p. 117

¹³ FHLC #33746, Richmond County, Virginia, North Farnham Parish Registers, another copy, p. 41

¹⁴ FHLC #32637, Richmond County, Virginia, North Farnham Parish Registers, p. 117

¹⁵ FHLC #33746, Richmond County, Virginia, North Farnham Parish Registers, another copy, p. 41

¹⁶ FHLC #32637, Richmond County, Virginia, North Farnham Parish Registers, p. 117

¹⁷ FHLC #33746, Richmond County, Virginia, North Farnham Parish Registers, another copy, p. 41

SARAH HANKS

Sarah Hanks born 7 April 1723 (NFP Register) is not named as one of the legatees of Catherine Hanks in 1782 and was likely deceased by this time.^{18, 19}

CATHERINE "CATY" HANKS

Caty Hanks born 4 October 1723^{20, 21} and is still single in 1782 when her mother's estate was divided.

JOSEPH HANKS

See separate writeup.

JOHN HANKS

See separate writeup.

THOMAS HANKS

THOMAS HANKS, son of John and Catherine Hanks, was born 1 July 1732.^{22, 23} On 4 Sept 1764 Hunter, Campbell, and Co. agst. Thomas Hanks debt.²⁴ In Apr 1769 Thomas Hanks was paid by the estate of William Lee for his wife's share of the estate of Elizabeth Taylor.²⁵ On 5 July 1773 grand jury agst. Thomas Hanks presentment or for attachment.²⁶ Same agst. Sarah Lee presentment or for attachment.²⁷ Again, on 3 Aug 1779 grand jury agst. Thomas Hanks and Sarah Lee defendants, presentment dismissed.²⁸ Thomas and Betty Hanks had Joseph Hanks born 21 Feb 1764 and Nancy Hanks born 13 Sept 1766.²⁹

The will of Elizabeth Taylor dated 4 May 1747 and probated 7 Sept 1747 names daughters Dorothy Crutcher and Sary White, grandson William Lee, and great grandchildren (children of William Lee) Betty Lee, Anne Lee, Sary Lee, and Richard Lee.³⁰ Betty Lee and Ann Lee had not yet married in May 1747. In April 1769 William Lee's estate paid to Joseph Hanks for his wife's part of Elizabeth Taylor's estate, same to Thomas Hanks, same to Sarah Lee, and same to Richard Lee.³¹

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¹⁸FHLC #32637, Richmond County, Virginia, North Farnham Parish Registers, p. 118

¹⁹FHLC #33746, Richmond County, Virginia, North Farnham Parish Registers, another copy, p. 40

²⁰ FHLC #32637, Richmond County, Virginia, North Farnham Parish Registers, p. 116

²¹FHLC #33746, Richmond County, Virginia, North Farnham Parish Registers, another copy, p. 40

²² FHLC #32637, Richmond County, Virginia, North Farnham Parish Registers, p. 116

²³ FHLC #33746, Richmond County, Virginia, North Farnham Parish Registers, another copy, p. 40

²⁴ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 15

²⁵ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Account Book 1

²⁶ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 19, p. 26

²⁷ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 19, p. 26

²⁸ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 18

²⁹ FHLC #32637, Richmond County, Virginia, North Farnham Parish Registers,

³⁰ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Will Book 5, page 531

³¹ FHLC Film #33679 Richmond Co., Virginia Account Book 1 (1724-1783), p. 547

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ALEXANDER HANKS

ALEXANDER HANKS, son of John and Catherine Hanks was born 2 Dec 1734^{33,34} and was deceased by 1778 for on 6 July 1778 Hudson Muse vs. Alexander Hanks dec'd. abates.³⁵ And on 3 Aug 1779 William Muse agst. Alexander Hanks debt abates by def. death.³⁶ An Alexander Hanks, private in the 5th Virginia regiment, died at the Battle of Harlem Heights circa 1776. Alexander Hanks, pvt., Cpt. Burges Ball's Co. of 5th Va. Regiment of Foot, commanded by Lt. Col. Josiah Parker dated 9 June 1777, August 1776 through May 31, 1777, died 16 September 1776.³⁷

³² Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 18, 1776-1784, p. 281

³³ FHLC #32637, Richmond County, Virginia, North Farnham Parish Registers, p. 116

³⁴ FHLC #33746, Richmond County, Virginia, North Farnham Parish Registers, another copy, p. 40

³⁵ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 18, 1776-1784,

³⁶ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 18, 1776-1784, p. 109

³⁷ Fold3.com Revolutionary War Service Records