

**JOSEPH HANKS I (Ann Lee)**  
**Son of John Hanks and Catherine of Richmond Co. Virginia**

Joseph Hanks, a son of John and Catherine Hanks is of record in Richmond Co. Va. from his birth in December 1725 until 1782 when he is on the Hampshire Co., VA. tax lists. What ties him to Richmond Co. Va., the Patterson Creek area of now WVA. and Nelson Co. Ky. are the St. Martin du Tours Catholic Church records in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana that show Charles Hanks, a son of Joseph Heinks and Anne Lies, is of Richmond Co. Va., of Kentucky and of Maryland depending on which child of Charles Hanks is being baptized. Many of the early records of the Catholic Church in La. are written in Spanish or French. The Church will sometimes let you have a copy, but more often all you get is 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. So, Charles Hanks, son of Joseph and Ann Lee Hanks was likely born in Va., lived in Md., and was from KY. Patterson's Creek, the area of WVA. where the Hanks and Lees resided is on the border between Va. and Md. His Uncle Mark Lee with whom he migrated to La. was a resident of Md. while Uncle Peter Lee was on Patterson's Creek, now Mineral Co. W. Va. Joseph Hanks married Ann Lee, a daughter of William and Mary Thornton Lee of Richmond Co. Va. They had five sons and four daughters. All children were named in Joseph's will except Lucy who was already married by the time the will was written. Lucy was the mother of an illegitimate daughter Nancy Hanks who married Thomas Lincoln in Ky. and is the mother of President Abraham Lincoln.

**JOSEPH HANKS**, son of John and Catherine Hanks, was born 20 Dec 1725.<sup>1,2</sup>

On 6 Aug 1764 William Peachy agst. Joseph Hanks for 2 pounds dismissed.<sup>3</sup> On 9 Aug 1769 Joseph Hanks witness for Billington McCarty eight days.<sup>4</sup>

In Apr 1769 the estate of William Lee dec'd. paid Joseph Hanks for the legacy bequeathed to his wife by Elizabeth Taylor dec'd.<sup>5</sup> Elizabeth Taylor made bequests to her great grandchildren Richard Lee, Betty Lee, Ann Lee and Sary Lee in May 1747.<sup>6</sup> Joseph Hanks had married Ann Lee by 1757/1758 as their first child Thomas Hanks was born in 1759.

On 11 September 1772 Joseph Hanks witness for John Yerby 5 days.<sup>7</sup>

On 8 April 1773 Joseph Hanks made oath he attended the court 5 days as a witness for Yerby.<sup>8</sup> On 4 May 1773 Joseph Hanks agst. Francis Webb def. continued.<sup>9</sup> On 7 June 1773 Joseph Hanks agst. Francis Webb continued.<sup>10</sup>

On 5 July 1773 (OB 19) Joseph Hanks agst. Francis Webb.<sup>11</sup> (There is no other Joseph Hanks of record in Richmond Co. during this time.)

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<sup>1</sup> FHLC #33746 Richmond County, Virginia North Farnham Parish Registers, p. 40

<sup>2</sup> FHLC #32637 Richmond County, Virginia North Farnham Parish Registers, p. 116

<sup>3</sup> FHLC #33712 Richmond County, Virginia Court Order Book 15, 1762-1765, August Court 1764

<sup>4</sup> FHLC #33713 Richmond County, Virginia Court Orders Book 17, 1769-1773, August Court 1769

<sup>5</sup> FHLC #33679 Richmond County, Virginia Account Book 1, 1728-1783, page 547

<sup>6</sup> FHLC Film #33677, Item 1, Richmond County, Virginia Will Book 5, p. 531

<sup>7</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 17, 1669-1772

<sup>8</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 19, 1773-1776, p. 177

<sup>9</sup> FHLC #33714 Richmond County, Virginia Court Order Book 19, 1776-1784, page 11

<sup>10</sup> FHLC #33714 Richmond County, Virginia Court Order Book 19, 1776-1784, page 17

<sup>11</sup> FHLC #33714 Richmond County, Virginia Court Order Book 19, 1776-1784, July Court 1773

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).<sup>12</sup> On 2 Aug 1779 an inventory and appraisal of the estate of Katherine Hanks was returned and recorded.<sup>13</sup>

Then on 7 Jan 1782 William Miskell, Griffin Fauntleroy, Daniel Dobyns and John Davis were ordered to appraise the estate of Katherine Hanks.<sup>14</sup>

On 1 Apr 1782 a report of Joseph Hanks, an account of the administration of the estate of Katherine Hanks.<sup>15</sup>

*Note: Joseph Hanks completes his administration of his mother's estate in April of 1782. Census lists were usually taken in the late spring and summer. He appears on the 1782 census of Hampshire with 11 whites. Based on the number of whites with him I believe he took his family. See the list of children below. The Lees were already in the Hampshire area. Peter Lee married on Patterson's Creek in 1778. William Lee and Peter Lee, brothers of Anne Lee Hanks are also enumerated on the 1782 Hampshire Co. census. Mark Lee and Richard Lee appear in the records of Dunmore's War 1774 and appear to have resided across the state line from Hampshire Co. VA. in Maryland.*

Joseph Hanks is not listed on Richmond Co. VA. Personal Property Tax Lists in 1782. The 1782 Tax List of Hampshire Co., VA shows Peter Lee 1 white tithe, JOSEPH HANKS 1 wt., 0 slaves, 2 horses, and 3 cattle and William Lee 1 wt.<sup>16</sup> The 1782 Census List of Vincent Williams shows William Lee with 9w adjoining JOSEPH HANKS with 11w.<sup>17</sup> The list of Okey Johnson includes Peter Lee with 7 whites.<sup>18</sup> Names on the 1782 Personal Property list of Hampshire Co. who have association with Hanks or Lee in other areas include Jacob Boggard, Peter Putman, George Fryback Sr., Evan Thomas, Daniel Hole, Ezekiel Boggard, and Henry Suttles.

The estate of Katherine Hanks in account with Joseph Hanks administrator...to sundry claimers who appear to be entitled 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.<sup>19</sup> (no date for filing account, unless it is the court record in April 1782.)

23 Dec 1782 To the worshipful the justices of Rich. 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.<sup>20</sup> (*This record may have been recorded by the subscribers and not Joseph Hanks.*)

On 8 Apr 1783 in Richmond Co., Va. Archibald Ritchie vs. Thomas Hanks def., Hanks having privately removed himself out of the county, attachment of his (Thomas Hanks) estate in the hands of Joseph

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<sup>12</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 18, 1776-1784, p. 75

<sup>13</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 18, 1776-1784, p. 107

<sup>14</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 18, 1776-1784, p. 184

<sup>15</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book 18, 1776-1784, p. 187

<sup>16</sup> Hampshire Co., Virginia, now West Virginia, Tax List 1782, Microfilm of original located Clayton Library, Houston, Texas

<sup>17</sup> The First Census of Hampshire County, Virginia 1782, published by the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, Romney, MCMXXVII

<sup>18</sup> The First Census of Hampshire County, Virginia 1782, published by the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, Romney, MCMXXVII, Federal Writer's Project, Works Progress Administration

<sup>19</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Account Book No. 2 1784-1798, p. 28

<sup>20</sup> Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia, Account Book No. 2 1784-1798, p. 28

Hanks **who appeared** and was sworn saying he had the defendant's portion of his mother Catherine Hanks estate and no more.<sup>21</sup>

April 1783 the estate of Mr. George Davis dec'd. in account with John Davis exec., payments to various, sale by Thaddeus Williams, by Jos. Hanks.<sup>22</sup> The date April 1783 is adjacent to Thaddeus Williams name and there is no way to tell if those following are part of this date as well. Dates are from 1782 through 1787 for this estate and they are random on the pages. "An account of the sale of the late George Davis estate which was not divided, made on the 12 Nov 1782 and 8<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of January 1783 includes Turner Hanks who bought 8 hogs and Joseph Hanks who bought 1 rawhide, recorded 23 May 1787."<sup>23</sup>

The 1783 Hampshire Co. Va. tax list of Vincent Williams has William Lee 1w over 21, 1 w under 21 and Okey Johnson's list has Peter Lee 1white over 21.<sup>24</sup>

*There are no other Hanks families enumerated in Hampshire Co. VA. between 1782 and 1784. The presence of Peter Lee on Patterson Creek and William Lee in Hampshire Co., both brothers of Anne Lee Hanks and with Mark Lee in Maryland along with Richard and John Lee on lists for Dunmore's War, it appears the Lees migrated to the now Mineral Co. Va./now Alleghany Co. Md. area by 1774, with the Hanks family following in 1782.*

The 1784 Census List of Okey Johnson does not have Peter Lee and there is no list for Vincent Williams. The 1784 Tax List has William Lee 1w over 21 on Vincent Williams' list. The 1784 Tax List has Joseph Hanes with 0 white tithes over 21 on Okey Johnson's List adjoining Thomas Inks with 1 white tithe.<sup>25</sup> Okey Johnson's list was believed to have been on Patterson's Creek. *There is a Joseph Haines in Hampshire Co. on the 1782 lists. I only noted the Joseph Hanes entry because of Thomas Inks (Hanks?) adjoining and the fact that Joseph Hanes is not recorded as a tithe probably because he was over 60 which would fit Joseph Hanks who was born 1725 and would have been 59 yrs. old.* The 1786 list has William Lee on Vincent Williams' list which is recorded in Hardy Co., WVA.

Indenture 9 March 1784 Joseph Hanks of Hampshire Co. Va. to Peter Putman of same for 21 pounds 9 shillings money of Va. paid to sd. Joseph Hanks by Peter Putman.... receipt acknowledged. Sd. Joseph Hanks has sold to Peter Putman a certain parcel on Mikel Run, a drain of Patterson Creek in sd. County being part of a survey made for Peter Hardman from and under whom the sd. Joseph Hanks hath right containing 108 ac. for the conveyance hereof the sd. Joseph Hanks hath George Torey's bond \_\_\_\_\_ provided sd. Joseph Hanks shall pay to sd. Putman aforesd. sum with interest by 25 Sept next (1784) ensuing.... then these presents shall cease determine and become utterly void.... upon default Peter Putman can make sale to highest bidder. Witnessed by Samuel Dew, Betty Dew, and Philip Baker and proved 9 Nov 1784 by Baker.<sup>26</sup>

On 5 Apr 1785 Joseph Hanks Plt. vs. Richard Beale and Griffin Fauntleroy def. debt stating, "This day came the plaintiff as well **by his attorney** and the defendants in their proper person" and say they owe the debt.<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>21</sup> FHLC #33714 Richmond County, Virginia Court Order Book 18, 1776-1784

<sup>22</sup> Familysearch.org., Richmond County, Virginia Account Book #2, 1784-1798, p. 137

<sup>23</sup> Familysearch.org., Richmond County, Virginia Account Book #2, 1784-1798, p. 137

<sup>24</sup> Hampshire Co., Virginia, now West Virginia, Tax List 1783, Microfilm of original located Clayton Library, Houston, Texas

<sup>25</sup> Hampshire Co., Virginia, now West Virginia, Tax List 1784, Microfilm of original located Clayton Library, Houston, Texas

<sup>26</sup> FHLC #588702 Hampshire County, Virginia Deed Book 6, 1782-1785, p. 168

<sup>27</sup> FHLC #33714 Richmond County, Virginia Court Order Book 19, 1776-1784, page 241

The Nelson Co., Ky. tax lists of 1787 (Bounds of Pottinger and Baner Old Cos. Atkinson Hills List, prob. SW Nelson and adjoining Hardin Co.) has Joseph Hanks and William Hanks together 2 tithes.<sup>28</sup>

1788 (List of Cpt. Charles Reed on Pottinger Creek area of present Nelson and Marion) is Joseph Hanks and William and Charlie Hanks together 3 tithes.<sup>29</sup> (*Charles is never enumerated on the Nelson Co. Tithes after this date. His uncle Mark Lee has a presence in Natchez, Miss. in 1789 and I believe he and nephew Charles Hanks, along with brother John Lee, took flatboats loaded with product down the Mississippi River, returned to Ky. and did same again. Mark migrated to Attakapas Parish La. and Charles Hanks went with him. Mark went back to Ky. for his family and Charles Hanks went with him. According to a descendant who has the Joseph Hanks Bible, there are family stories that claim Charles Hanks went west in a wagon and did one trip back to Ky. to visit family. The area of La. where they settled is west of Natchez and the trip home to bring the family may have been how this story developed.*) Recent DNA matches from descendants of Thomas Lee of Jefferson Co. Miss. that match the Richmond Co. Va. Lees suggest John Lee 1805 Jefferson Co. Miss. is the father of Thomas Lee of Miss. and a brother of Peter and Mark Lee.

1790 (Atkinson Hills List 1790 Pottinger Creek, Nelson and Marion) Joseph Hanks and Joshua Hanks together 2 tithes.<sup>30</sup> (*Most researchers have Joshua Hanks in Hampshire Co. Va. without ever having migrated to Ky. If he was born in 1769, he would be 21 yrs. old on the 1790 tax list and most likely came with the family to Ky. He could have then returned to WVA. and this could have given rise to the stories of the return of Nancy Lee Hanks and her son Joseph to WVA. He is not listed on the tithables of Nelson Co. again nor have I found him in any other Nelson Co. records.*)

1791 (List of Tithables taken by Atkinson Hill, south and southwest Nelson) Joseph Hanks and William Hanks 2 tithes.<sup>31</sup>

*Peter Lee, Mark Lee, William Lee, Charles Lee and Richard Lee migrated from Richmond Co. Va. to Hampshire Co. WVA. or Alleghany Co. Md. and then to the Nelson Co. Ky./Mercer Co. Ky. area. It is probable John Lee another brother b. 1757 was with them. Joseph Hanks and wife Nancy Lee followed the same migratory path.*

The Nelson Co. Tax Lists for 1792 have Joseph Hanks with 1 white male over 21, 0 white males 16-21, 3 horses, 10 cattle and 150 ac. William Hanks is listed separately on the same date as 1 white male over 21 with 1 horse and no land.<sup>32</sup>

In 1793 William Hanks is listed with 1 white male over 21, 4 horses, and 10 cattle and in 1794 he has 3 horses and 3 cattle.<sup>33</sup> (*Joseph Hanks' will bequeaths 5 horses and 3 cattle to each of his children though Thomas Hanks, Charles Hanks and possibly Joshua Hanks are not residents of Ky. It appears that William paid the taxes on the horses and cattle until the girls were married, each taking their bequest and the boys received the horses.*)

Will of Joseph Hanks,  
Nelson County, Kentucky,

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<sup>28</sup> FHLC #6929 Nelson County, Kentucky Court List of Tithables 1785-1823

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In the name of God Amen I, Joseph Hanks of Nelson County, State of Kentucky being of sound mind and memory but weak in body and calling to mind the frailty of all human nature do make and demise this my last will and testament in the manner and form following to wit; Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas one Sorel Horse called Major. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Joshua one gray mare called Bonny. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son William one grey horse called Gilbert. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Charles one roan Horse called Dove. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph one horse called Bald and also the land whereon I now live containing one hundred and fifty acres. Item, I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth one heifer yearling called Gentle. Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Polly one heifer yearling called Lady. Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy one heifer yearling called Judy. Item, I give and bequeath unto my Wife Nanny all my whole Estate during her lifetime and after to be equally divided between all my children. "It is also my will and desire that the whole of the property first above bequeathed should be the property of my wife during her lifetime". And lastly, I constitute, ordain and appoint my wife Nanny and my son William as executrix & executor of this my last will and testament. Joseph his mark X Hanks

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of us this eighth day of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three. Witnessed by Isaac Lansdale, John David, and Peter Atherton.<sup>34</sup>

At a Court being and held for Nelson County on Tuesday the fourteenth day of May 1793 -----the last will and testament of Joseph Hanks dec'd was produced in Court sworn to by William Hanks one of the Executors therein named and was proven by the oaths of Isaac Lansdale and John Davis subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded.<sup>35</sup>

*Note: if my birth dates are correct these 9 children along with Joseph Hanks and his wife Nancy Lee comprise the 11 people enumerated on the 1782 census for Hampshire Co. Footnoted sources for the following are done on separate write ups for each child of Joseph and Anne Lee Hanks. NCR*

The known children of Joseph Hanks Sr. and wife Nancy Lee Hanks include:

1. Thomas Hanks- With son Thomas Hanks already in the Hampshire Co. area as shown by his pension record, the rest of the Joseph Hanks family followed in 1782 after Catherine had died and her estate was settled. Pension Record of Thomas Hanks of Logan Co. Ohio dated 31 July 1833, Thomas Hanks a resident of county, age 74 years, states he was drafted for 3 months in the fall of 1780 in Hampshire Co., VA. under the command of Capt. Daniel Richardson and returned home in March (1781), Sandford Carder and William Linten of Fayette Co. Ohio can prove this service. Also says he performed his duty for two months in the winter of 1781 under the command of Capt. Isaac Persons and Major Vincent Williams, spent guarding British prisoners at Winchester Barracks. After tour, he returned to Hampshire Co. where he resided until 1800 when he moved to Ross Co. Ohio and a few years since removed to Logan Co. where he now resides. States he was "born in the state of Virginia in 1759 according to the record he received from his father and continued to reside there until after he performed the services stated in this declaration."

2. Lucy Hanks may have been born in 1762. She had two illegitimate children Nancy Hanks b. about 1784 and married Thomas Lincoln and had President Abraham Lincoln and Sarah Hanks who had at least six illegitimate children and never married. Lucy married Henry Sparrow and had several Sparrow children. See Hanks DNA website.

3. William Hanks born c. 1765 (census records and tax lists), married 12 Sept 1793 Nelson Co. Ky. Elizabeth Hall.

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<sup>34</sup> FHLC #481453 Nelson County, Kentucky Will Book A, 1786-1807, page 102

<sup>35</sup> FHLC #9641 Nelson County, Kentucky Court Orders 1788-April 1789

4. Charles Hanks born c. 1767 (on 1788 Nelson Co. Ky. Tax List). In St. Martin Parish, Louisiana the marriage of Charles Hanks and Christina Hartgreve states “Charles Heinks of Richmond Co., Va., resident of La. 7 years, son of Joseph Heinks and Ana Lies, age 27 years, single to Christina Hartgreve married 1 February 1798.” *(born 1771, this date conflicts with the birth of his sister Elizabeth. She is the only one named in the NFP records. I think it more likely Charles was born before Elizabeth.)* The christening record at St. Martin du Tours Church in La. for Joseph Hanks born 1799 gives his parents as Charles Hanks of Kentucky and Christine Hargrave of this parish.<sup>36</sup> The record of a daughter Celeste (Sarah) gives parents Charles Hanks of Maryland and Christine Hargave of this parish.<sup>37</sup> Children Charles, Jean (John), and Thomas also have Charles Hanks of Maryland as the father.<sup>38</sup> A daughter Anne Hanks has Charles of Bayou Vermillion which is where they resided in La.<sup>39</sup>
5. Joshua Hanks born between 1769 and 1774 (based on Ky. tax records) *(Note: It appears to me the Ky. tithables listed males beginning at age 21.*
6. Elizabeth/Betty Hanks born 4 Mar 1771 Richmond Co. VA. (NFP Registers) (Elizabeth is the only child of Joseph and Ann listed in the registers.) She married 17 Oct 1796 Mercer Co. Ky. to Thomas Sparrow. This couple, who had no children of their own, raised Dennis Friend Hanks, illegitimate son of Nancy Hanks and Charles Friend. Nancy Hanks later married Levi Hall.
7. Mary/Polly Hanks born c. 1773 married 10 Dec 1795 Hardin Co. Ky. Jesse Friend
8. Nancy/Anne Hanks born c. 1775, had Dennis Friend Hanks 1799 and married 18 Oct 1802 Green Co. KY. to Levi Hall
9. Joseph Hanks born c. 1781 married 10 Nov 1810 Hardin Co. Ky. to Polly Young and died 1856 in Adams Co. Illinois.

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<sup>36</sup> Hebert, Rev. Donald J., Southwest Louisiana Records Volume 1-A (1750-1800) Complete Revision, 1996 Hebert Publications, Rayne, Louisiana 70578.

<sup>37</sup> Hebert, Rev. Donald J., Southwest Louisiana Records Volume 1-B, (1801-10810) Complete Revision, 1996 Hebert Publications, Rayne, Louisiana 70578.

<sup>38</sup> Hebert, Rev. Donald J., Southwest Louisiana Records Volume 1-B, (1801-10810) Complete Revision, 1996 Hebert Publications, Rayne, Louisiana 70578.

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*The following are notes from Genforum and Rootsweb regarding the property John Lee sold to Joseph Hanks who willed it to his wife for her life and then to son Joseph. More research needs to be done before publishing any information regarding this property. Nancy Royce*

From: Lineage of Lincoln by Barton

Nelson Co. Court Suit 1811 Zachariah Riley agst. Benedict Compton The contract made by John Lee to Joseph Hanks in 1787 was endorsed by the widow, Anne Hanks and her son Joseph to Joseph's older brother William Hanks in 1794. Know.....I John Lee of Nelson Co., Va. bound to Joseph Hanks of same for sum of 100 pounds dated 28 Feb 1787.....condition of obligation....John Lee do make to above named Joseph Hanks a good and lawful deed as soon as deed can be obtained from Joseph Barnett for the tract whereon John Lee now lives cont.150 ac. I do sign over all my right and title to above bond to William Hanks 10 Jan 1794 and signed Joseph Hanks and Ann Hanks.

From: Glenn Gohr

Subject: William Hanks and Joseph Nevelt in Nelson Co., KY

Date: Fri, 27 Mar 1998 06:07:58 -0600 (CST)

"The Joseph Hanks land was located in that part of Nelson which still belongs to that county, and not in what is now Hardin or Larue. The farm is on Rolling Fork, about two miles above the mouth of Pottinger Creek. Old settlers say that the mouth of the creek has shifted. It was part of an entry of one thousand acres entered by Joseph Barnet October 3, 1783. From Barnet it passed to John Lee, who, on February 23, 1787, contracted to sell these hundred and fifty acres to Joseph Hanks 'as soon as a deed can be obtained from Joseph Barnet.' This deed apparently, was never made. Joseph Hanks never had a good title to his rough little farm.

"William Hanks sold this land to Joseph Nevelt, taking in exchange an assigned treasury warrant, number 19256, on which June 12, 1784, James Love and Jonathan Colver had entered one thousand acres of land in Grayson County, Kentucky, near the falls of Rough Creek. William Hanks received his patent July 17, 1810 and is the only Hanks who appears to have lived on land secured by him from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Here, near the Falls of Rough, were born William Hanks' children, including John Hanks, who split rails with Abraham Lincoln."

(Source: Barton, William E. THE LINEAGE OF LINCOLN. Indianapolis, IN: The Bobbs-Merrill Company, 1929. pp. 188- 189)

From: Glenn Gohr

Subject: Joseph Nevelt in Nelson Co., KY

Date: Fri, 27 Mar 1998 06:09:59 -0600 (CST)

3rd day Feb. 1806: Know all men by these presents the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Joseph Nevelt and John Dawson or either of them shall sell and hereby convey or cause to be conveyed by general warranty deed 150 acres of land more or less it being all that land that said Joseph Nevelt bought of William and Joseph Hanks lying on the north side of the Rowling Fork between Joseph Adams' line and Thomas Bowling's line and bounded with the river ... Joseph Nevelt, John Dawson, Test. Thomas Shanks

Indorsement I: I hereby convey the written bond to Zachariah Riney for value received as witness my hand and seal this 27th day of November 1811; signed Benedict Compton

Test. John Ray

Indorsement II: I do hereby acknowledge that I have received full satisfaction for the within bond this 24th day of January 1812. Joseph Nevelt Test: Joseph Adams

Indorsement III: I do hereby assign all my right and interest of the within bond to Zachariah Riney for value received this 12th day of November 1814. Robert Nevelt, Eleanor Boling,

Margaret Riney Chancery Bundle, June 1819, Nelson Circuit Court.

(Source: Barton, William E. THE LINEAGE OF LINCOLN. Indianapolis, IN: The Bobbs-Merrill Company, 1929. pp. 349- 350.)

Nelson Co. Ky. Indenture 8 Feb 1792 Joseph Barnett sells to William Lee for 40 pounds sells a parcel of land cont. 325 ac. on the north side of the Rolling fork in Nelson Co. beginning at a Spanish oak and two beech on the bank of the rolling about one mile below the mouth of Pottinger creek, adj. Oldham's line on Pottinger Creek.<sup>40</sup>

Nelson Co. KY. This indenture made this 27 day of August one thousand eight hundred between Joseph Neville of Nelson County and State of Kentucky of the one part and Thomas Bowling of sd. County and state of the other part. Witnesseth that for the consideration of five pounds to him the sd. Joseph Neville in hand paid the receipt of which he doth hereby acknowledge have bargained and sold and by these presents doth bargain and sell unto the said Thomas Bowling a certain tract or parcel of land containing 230 ac. lying on the Rolling Fork including where he the sd. Bowling now lives and part of Barnett's Survey and bounded as followeth (to wit) Beginning at two beeches and a white oake corner to Hanks thence up the River as it meanders to an Iron wood Hickory and Beech standing on the bank of the Rolling Fork at the upper end of a slate riffle thence south 3 degrees east eighty poles to three beeches in the bend of a small branch thence North 87 east 284 poles to a stake in a line of the original survey including a marked hickory on a ridge thence with the original line North 6 degrees east 100 poles to two poplars and a beech on a hill side thence north 33 west 50 poles to a poplar in Hanks line thence south 85 west 186 poles to the beginning. To have and to hold the said 230 ac. etc....Witnessed by: James Love, Samuel Carter, James Carter.<sup>41</sup>

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<sup>40</sup> FHLC #482734 Nelson County, Kentucky Deed Book 4, 1790-1795, page 396

<sup>41</sup> FHLC #482735 Nelson County, Kentucky Deed Book 5, 1795-1801, page 650