

JOSEPH HANKS JR. (Mary Young)
son of Joseph Hanks and Ann Lee

Joseph Hanks Jr. the youngest son and last child of Joseph and Ann Lee Hanks of Nelson Co. Ky. was born in Jan. 1781 probably in Richmond Co. Va. He married Mary Young in Hardin Co. KY. on 10 Nov. 1810. The bondsman was Jacob Vertrees, an apparent best friend of Joseph's as he named his first child Jacob Vertrees Hanks. Joseph Hanks had lived in Hampshire Co. WVA., Nelson Co. Ky, Hardin Co. Ky., Breckinridge Co. Ky., Crawford Co. Ind. and Adams Co. Ill where he died in 4 April 1856 and is buried in Melrose Chapel Cemetery. He and Mary Young Hanks had the following children (not all are documented):

*Jacob Vertrees Hanks b. c. 1812 married 30 Jan 1835 Harrison Co. Ind. to Elizabeth Adams
Nancy Hanks b. 2 April 1818 married 16 Mar 1841 Adams Co. Ill to William Hosier
Mary Ann Hanks b. 23 Sept 1827 married 9 Nov 1846 Adams Co., Ill Chauncey Hoosier
Amaltha Hanks b. 22 Aug 1830 married 27 Dec 1849 Adams Co. Ill to William H. Loper
John Hanks b. 22 Nov 1822 married Emma Atkison
Joseph Hanks b. 14 May 1825 married 14 May 1851 Adams Co. Ill to Martha Bartholomew
Isabel Hanks b. 9 Mar 1833
Caroline Hanks b. 1836 married James Hall
Susanna Hanks b. 15 Jan 1816*

Records of Joseph Hanks, son of Joseph and Ann Lee Hanks of Richmond Co. Virginia

Joseph Hanks Sr. by will bequeathed to son Joseph Hanks "one horse called Bald and land whereon I now live cont. 150 ac."¹ Wife Nanny Hanks inherited all estate during her life 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 life."² (Joseph Hanks' will dated 8 Jan 1793 and probated 14 May 1793 Nelson Co. KY.)

The 1792 Nelson Co. Tax List shows Joseph Hanks (Sr.) with 3 horses, 10 cattle and 150 ac. and William Hanks with one horse.³ The 1793 List shows William Hanks with 4 horses and 10 cattle.⁴ It is apparent that William was in possession of the horses and cattle, but not the land. In 1794 he was taxed on 3 horses and 3 cattle.⁵

The following summary is from information provided to Hanks-L by Glenn Gohr in 1998 and my notes pertaining to John Lee both taken from Barton's Lineage of Lincoln. I hired a researcher in Nelson Co., Ky. to find these papers and she informs me they are no longer in Nelson due to a courthouse fire. Joseph Hanks gave a deposition on 8 March 1817 in Breckinridge Co. Ky. on the banks of the Ohio River as a witness in a chancery suit in Nelson Co. between Zachariah Riney and the heirs of Benedict Compton. He declared that sometime in 1799 he spoke with Joseph Nevelt concerning the title to a tract in Nelson Co. willed to him by his father and then in the possession of sd. Nevelt. About 2 yrs. later Nevelt came to him to purchase his right to the land and Hanks sold him his good will for about \$15.00. The land had been sold to Joseph Hanks Sr. by John Lee in 1787 and in 1794 "was endorsed by the widow, Anne Hanks and her son Joseph, to Joseph's older brother William". It appears from Barton that both the widow Anne and son Joseph Hanks signed the title on 10 Jan 1794.

¹ FHLC #481453 Nelson County, Kentucky Will Book A, 1786-1807, page 102

² FHLC #481453 Nelson County, Kentucky Will Book A, 1786-1807, page 102

³ FHLC #6929 Nelson County, Kentucky Court List of Tithables 1785-1823

⁴ FHLC #6929 Nelson County, Kentucky Court List of Tithables 1785-1823

⁵ FHLC #6929 Nelson County, Kentucky Court List of Tithables 1785-1823

A male had to be 21 to sell property. When Nevelt came to Joseph in 1801 to purchase rights to the land, Joseph was surely close enough to 21 for no one to question him. If he were born 1781 then he was 20. He would have been 13 when he signed over his rights to William in 1794. From what I know of legal proceeding, I find it hard to believe Joseph could sign this young. It is more likely mother Nancy made the assignment and Joseph at 21 would complete the legalities. The 1781 birth year agrees with the tombstone record.

In 1805 Joseph Hanks appears on the Hardin County, Ky. tax lists with 300 ac. in Breckinridge Co. KY. (This 300 ac. is part of the 1000 ac. acquired by William Hanks in 1804. According to Barton in his Lineage of Lincoln, "William Hanks sold land (the 150 acres) to Joseph Nevelt taking in exchange treasury warrant #19256 on which 12 June 1784 James Love and Jonathan Colvin had entered 1000 ac. in Grayson Co. near the falls of Rough Creek. William Hanks patented this land on 17 July 1810...")

25 June 1806 Know all men by these presents, that I William Hanks of Hardin Co. for 200£ current money paid by Joseph Hanks do sell to Joseph Hanks all the land, horses, cows, good household stuff and implements and furniture of all kinds hereinafter mentioned to wit: 700 ac. on Rough Creek, Breckinridge Co., 4 horses one sorrel mare about 14 yrs. old, one gray mare and colt about 8 yrs. old, the colt a bay folded on 8 May last, the other black mare colt 1 yrs. old May 8th. Head of cows viz. two cows and calves, calves 1 yr. old last spring, one two yr. old last spring, 2 beds and bed clothing, 11 head hogs, 13 geese, iron kettle, 2 pots, 1 oven, 2 pewter plates, 2 discs, 1 plow, 2 axes, all of which sd. Goods now in my possession. Recorded 25 June 1806.⁶

Joseph continues to appear on the tax lists of Hardin Co., KY in 1806 through 1816. In Aug 1808 Hardin Co., Ky. Joseph Hanks is a purchaser at the estate sale of George Watt. Though he is listed on the 1810 tax list, I was unable to find him on the 1810 census.

On 10 Nov 1810 he married Polly (Mary) Young in Hardin Co. KY. with bondsmen Jacob Vertrees and Charles Helm.⁷

The 1820 census of Crawford Co. Indiana has Joseph Hanks age 26-45, female age 16-26, one male 0-10 and three females 0-10. By 1830 he had migrated to Adams Co. Ill. where he remained till his death.

From Baber's "Nancy Hanks, of undistinguished families" is a short note on the family of Thomas Hanks of Ohio, believed to be the son of Joseph and Ann Lee Hanks. "A granddaughter of Joseph Jr., son of Joseph, once wrote, "the Hanks family at Vienna Cross Roads, Clark Co., Ohio, are the descendants of Joshua Hanks, brother of Joseph. We found a grandson of Joshua Hanks in the hospital at Quincy during the war and he told us the story of his family in such a way, that we knew he was a relative."

"Another grandson wrote 'Absalom, a son of this same Joshua settled at Vienna Cross Roads, Clark County, Ohio in 1832'." Vienna Cross Roads was the location of the post office for Harmony, Clark Co. Ohio. Joseph Hanks, son of Joseph and Ann Lee Hanks settle in Adams Co. Ill. in or near Quincy by 1830. During the Civil War, Quincy was the home of several hospitals who treated wounded and ill soldiers who had been brought by boat up the river. The only child of Joseph and Mary Hanks old enough to have children old enough to remember the Civil War is Jacob Vertrees Hanks and possibly Nancy Hanks Hosier.

1830 Adams County, Illinois
Joseph Hanks 1101001-201101

⁶ www.hccoky.org, Hardin Co. Kentucky Website, Deed Book C, p. 242

⁷ www.hccoky.org, Hardin County, Kentucky, Marriages

1840 Adams Co., Ill census
Joseph Hanks 001101 – 1312001
Jacob V. Hanks 10001 – 00001

Adams Co. Ill. Marriages on Ancestry.com
Nancy Hanks 1817-1890 married Adams Co. Ill 16 March 1841 William Hosier
Isaac Hanks married 22 Dec 1842 Adams Co. Ill to Sarah Fruit
Mary Ann Hanks married 19 Nov 1846 Adams Co. Ill. to Chauncey Hosier
Amaltha Jane Hanks married 27 Dec 1849 Adams Co. Ill to William Loper

1850 Adams Co., Ill census
Joseph Hanks age 65 Va.,
Mary 52 Ga.,
John 26 Ind.,
Joseph 24 Ind.,
Isabela 15 Ill.,
Caroline 13 Ill.

Jacob V. Hanks 38 Ky.
Eliza 29 Ky
William 11 Ill
Mary E. 8 Ill
Jacob W. 7 Ill
Martha 2 Ill
John B. 7/12 Ill

Joseph Hanks married 14 May 1851 Adams Co. Ill to Martha Bartholomew Adams Co. Ill. Marriages

Adams Co. Illinois Wills and Probate Records 1772-1999, Vol. 4-5, 1850=1866 – Know.... we Jacob V. Hanks, Ntl. Pease and Joseph Hanks Jr. of Adams Co. Ill. on 6 June 1856 file for probate with will annexed, Joseph Hanks Sr. of Adams Co. died about 4 April 1856. Joseph Hanks of Melrose Tsp., Adams Co., Ill. will dated 5 Mar 1856 names wife Mary, son Joseph Jr.

1860 Adams Co. Illinois, Melrose
Joseph Hanks 36 Ind
Martha 26 Ind
Elizabeth 8 Ill
Joseph 5 Ill
Gaac? 2m Ill
John Bart 23 Pa.

Mrs. Mary Hanks 37 Ky. (This age is incorrect. She should be 62)
Isabella 27 Ky.
Caroline 22 Ky.
John D. Hosier 16 Ill
Joseph Hosier 13 Ill
John Hanks 37 Ind.

Jacob V. Hanks 48 Ky
Elizabeth 40 Ky

William	21 Ill
Mary	18 Ill
Jacob M.	14 Ill
Martha A.	12 Ill
Elizabeth	8 Ill
Emma	6 Ill
Rosa	3 Ill
Lucy	7/12 Ill
Jeretta Reed	61m Ky
Caroline Jackson	15 ?

Mary E. Hanks married 26 Jan 1865 Adams Co. Ill. to Philip Noble. (daughter of Jacob V. Hanks)

1870 Adams Co. Illinois, Melrose

Mary Hanks	76 Ga
J H Hanks	48 Ind
Isabella	37 Ill
J. B. L. Hosier	22 Ill
Wm. L. Hall	60 KY
Mary Hall	42 Ill
J. C. Hosier	20 Ill

Jacob Hanks of Adams Co. Ill, 1831/1832 Black Hawk War, Corporal, Reg. 2, Co. 3. Jacob M. Hanks, private, Co. A, 137th Ill. Infantry, Single, born about 1843. Adams Co. Ill., Civil War, mustered out on 24 Sept 1864 at Springfield Ill., age 21, resident of Qunicy Adams Co. Ill.

1870 Chariton Co., Missouri

Jacob V. Hanks	58 Ky
Elizabeth	50 Ky
Jacob M	27 Ill
Mary E. Noble	27 Ill
Martha Hanks	22 Ill
Eliza Hanks	19 Ill
Emma Hanks	16 Ill
Rosa Hanks	13 Ill
Lucy A. Hanks	10 Ill
Adjoining	
Mary Bean	75 Md
Thomas McRath	29 Ire
William Boyce	28 Md
Lizzie Noble	5 Ill
Wm. P. Noble	2 Ill

In February 1941, a year after a newspaper article on the Adams Co. Ill Hanks family, Warren called on Mrs. Elizabeth Boyce age 88, daughter of Jacob Vertrees Hanks and granddaughter of Joseph Hanks Jr. youngest son of Joseph Hanks Sr. She told Warren the story about her grandfather Joseph's carelessness. A very valuable horse was injured while the brother Joshua was in Richmond Co. At the time of the interview Boyce was living at 2523 Slate St. San Diego Co. CA.⁸

⁸ From miscellaneous papers in the Lincoln Collection at the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne

1880 Virginia, Storey Co. Nevada
W. J. Hanks 41 Ill KY Ky
Elda R. 27 Utah NY Eng
William 3 NE
Bessie 1 NE
J. V. Hanks father 68 Ky Va Ga

1880 Chariton Co., Missouri
Elizabeth Hanks 60 Ky Mass <d
J. M son 36 Ill Ky Ky
Emma J. dau 25 Ill Ky Ky
Rosa dau 25 Ill Ky Ky
Lucy dau 20 Ill Ky KY
Martha Boyce dau 30 Ill Ky Ky
Eliza Boyce dau 27 Ill Ky Ky
William Boyce grandson 10/12 July Mo ? Ill
William Noble grandson 12 Ill Ky Ill

Jacob Vertrees Hanks 1812-1894 Fremont Co. Colorado
Jacob McKendree Hanks 7 June 1843 – 21 Aug 1901 Fremont Co. Colorado

From Cemeteries of Adams Co. Illinois Vol., I by the Green River Genealogy Society
Melrose Chapel Cemetery Rt. 96 south of Quincy
Joseph Hanks Sr. died 4 April 1856 age 79 yrs.
Mary Hanks wife of Joseph died 24 Jan 1872 age 80 years.

The birth year of Joseph Hanks, son of Joseph Hanks of Nelson Co. as shown in various records.
Birthdate Jan 1781 as noted by Elizabeth Adams Hanks, wife of Jacob Vertrees Hanks, son of Joseph Hanks Jr. in letter dated 24 March 1896.
Tombstone Record – died 4 April 1856 age 75 yrs. birth year 1781
1850 census – age 65 born Va., birth year 1785, Hanks were in Ky. by 1785
1840 census – age 30-40 born 1800-1810
1820 census – age 26-45, birth year after 1775
1801 sold rights to Nelson property – age 21 born 1780.

Barton was likely the first to publish the story that Joseph and his mother returned to Va. to live with relatives and Joseph came back to Ky. after her death. But Barton also has Joseph in Christian Co. Ky. in 1810 with several children though Joseph did not marry until 1810 in Hardin. From the above records it seems reasonable that Joseph Hanks Jr. remained in Ky. after the death of his father Joseph Hanks Sr.

From a typed paper belonging to the Lincoln Museum, Ft. Wayne, Ind. (now at Allen Co. Library) are notes by Mrs. M. A. Wilson and Elizabeth Hanks written in 1895 and 1896 regarding the family of Joseph Hanks Jr. Though to whom the letters were sent is unknown, they may have been to Barton as the information noted above regarding Joseph and his mother were mentioned by Mrs. M. A. Wilson. However, she also mentions Nicholay and Hay and may have obtained her information from that source. Elizabeth Hanks (wife of Jacob Vertrees Hanks, son of Joseph Hanks Jr.) says “Father Joseph Hanks was born Jan. 1781 in Kentucky. Mary Young was born 1793 in the state of Georgia. Father Hanks was 75 years old in January and he died April 4th, 1856. I was 76 years old last Saturday the 21st. of March.” All of this information can be substantiated with other public records. Mrs. M. A. Wilson notes in her statements. “The mother of Joseph Hanks was Lucy Lee of Virginia.” “Joseph Hanks also told my mother that his sisters married Levi Hall, Jesse Friend and Thomas Sparrow.” “Old cousin John Hanks

spent a whole year in the home of my uncle Joseph Hanks near Quincy Ill. Father and Uncle Joe have visited Dennis Hanks in Eastern Illinois.”

1900 Fremont County, Colorado

Elizabeth Hanks Mar 1820 80 M 59yrs. 13/7 Ky Mass Ky
Rose E. dau July 1857 43 s Ill Ky Ky
Lucy E. dau Mar 1861 39 d Ill Ky Ky

J. M. Hanks June 1844 55 M 11yrs Ill Ky Ky
Mattie wife Sept 1857 42 M 11yrs 0/0 Ind Pa NJ

John Wilson Jan 1850 50 M 18yrs Md Md Md
M. A. wife Nov 1847 52 M 18yrs 0/0 Ill Ky Ky

Deed Abstracts relating to Riney and land purchased of Hanks family. Provided by Hattie Clements (researcher) of Nelson Co., Ky.

27 Sept 1813 – Indenture Thomas Bowling and wife Eleanor to Thomas Jackson of Nelson Co. for 40 pounds sells 40 ac. on the north side of the Rolling Fork and witnessed by Zack Riney and Zadock Hill.

2 Nov 1813 – Robert and Ann Clark to Joseph Nevitt of Nelson Co. 200 ac. of land on the north side of the Rolling Fork on Cane Run beginning at a corner of James Barnett containing house and barns.

6 Mar 1813 – Robert Barnett of Lincoln Co. Ky. to William Rainie of Hardin Co. sells 100 ac. on the north side of the Rolling Fork a part of James Barnetts 1278 ac. survey and witnessed by Zack Riney and Thomas Bowling.

18 Set 1809 William and Eleanor Harding to Joseph Nevitt all of Nelson 100 ac. more or less on the north side of the Rolling Fork on the waters of Cain Run.

26 Mar 1814 – Joseph and Jane Nevitt of Hardin Co. to John Hanson Burch of Nelson 80 ac. on the Rolling Fork opposite the mouth of Knob Creek.

27 Aug 1800 Joseph Nevitt to Thomas Bowling 230 ac. on the bank of the Rolling Fork adj. Hanks...Bk. 5, p. 650

Robert Barnett and James Barnett of Lincoln Co. to Joseph Nevitt 230 ac. on the bank of the Rolling Fork adj. Hanks...Bk. 5, p. 649

29 Aug 1800 Robert and James Barnett of Lincoln Co. to Thomas Bowling 250 ac. on north side of the Rolling Fork adj. Bowling...Bk. 5, p. 651

19 April 1790 Appraisal of estate of John Lee...Bk. 3, p. 137

8 Feb 1792 Joseph Barnet to William Lee 325 ac. on north side of the Rolling fork near the mouth of Pottinger Creek...Bk. 4, p. 396 (Note by Clements...This is the first land sold on the north side of the Rolling Fork, maybe land of Joseph Hanks earlier.)