

JOSHUA HANKS (possibly Mary Davis)
Son of Joseph Hanks and Ann Lee

That this Joshua Hanks is a son of Joseph and Ann Lee Hanks is supported primarily by family tradition. As more people participate in autosomal DNA testing and submit results to those online sources that allow for comparisons, we may find DNA connection that support Joshua having been a son of Joseph and Ann Lee Hanks. Until that day, the following are records of Joshua Hanks and his descendants.

The children of Mary Davis Hanks wife of Joshua include:
Elias/Eli P. Davis (hers by another husband?) b. c. 1815
Sarah/Sally White Hanks b. c. 1817 married Henry Shane
Washington Hanks b. c. 1824
Rebecca Hanks b. c. 1825
Thomas J. Hanks b. c. 1826
Yearly Hanks b. c. 1830
Solomon Hanks b. c. 1833

About 1909, the Bloomington, Illinois newspaper The Pantagraph interviewed Thomas Jefferson Hanks of Anchor, McLean Co., Illinois¹ and on 13 April 1909 printed his obituary (he died 11 April)² using many of the same paragraphs from the first interview. The following is a summary of the genealogical information from these two articles. Thomas Jefferson Hanks was “positive his father was Joshua Hanks, a brother of Nancy Hanks, mother of Abraham Lincoln.” He noted he had visited with Lincoln and other members of the Hanks family several times in Illinois. He was born in Rumley Virginia about 1815. *There is no Rumley Virginia or West Virginia. He probably meant Romney, which is the county seat of Hampshire Co. West Virginia.* His parents were Joshua Hanks and Mary Davis. When he was about 8 years old the family moved to Ohio and in the fall of 1864, he moved to Tazewell Co. Illinois about 3 miles from Hopedale. He married in the summer of 1846 in Ohio to Susan Elizabeth McDaniels and they had one daughter Sarah Ann Hanks Barker of Texas. He married second Nancy Price on 3 March 1881. This marriage record shows Thomas Hanks age 56 born Va., son of J. Hanks and Polly Davis wed Nancy Price age 64, daughter of John Goshen and Nancy Hoover, T. J. Hanks had a brother Solomon Hanks of Minier and a nephew Albert E. Hanks of Anchor. He died in 1909 at age 88 yrs. His daughter Sarah Ann Hanks Barker was born 1 May 1847 in Champaign Co., Ohio, married Amos Barker. The Barkers are on the Coryell Co. Texas 1910 census. She was buried in Riverside Cemetery, county unknown.

Joshua Hanks born between 1769 and 1774 (based on Ky. tax records) (*Note: It appears the Ky. tithables listed males beginning at age 21. It is possible Joshua remained in WVA. with brother Thomas when the family migrated to Ky. about 1784 and then came to Ky. and lived with his father the years he was counted on the tithables. He does not show up again on the Nelson Co. Ky. tax lists.*)

1790 (Atkinson Hills List 1790 Pottinger Creek, Nelson and Marion) Joseph Hanks and Joshua Hanks together 2 tithes.³ (*Most researchers have Joshua Hanks in Hampshire Co. Va. without ever having migrated to Ky. He could have 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.*)

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

¹Email from Gerald Haslam, THE PANTAGRAPH (Bloomington, IL), Sat, 6 Feb 1909, p 14

²Email from Gerald Haslam, THE PANTAGRAPH (Bloomington, IL), Sat, 13 April 1909, p 5

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

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. dated 8 January 1793

1795 Hardy Co., VA. Tax List – Thomas Hanks⁴ 1 – 4
1796 Hardy Co., VA. Tax List – Thomas Hanks⁵ 1 – 4, Joshua Hanks 1 - 0
1797 Hardy Co., VA. Tax List – Thomas Hanks⁶ 1 – 5, Joshua Hanks 1 - 0
1798 Hardy Co., VA. Tax List – Thomas Hanks⁷ 2 – 6, Joshua Hanks 1 - 0
1799 Hardy Co., VA. Tax List – Thomas Hanks⁸ 1 – 6
1800 Hardy Co., VA. Tax List – Thomas Hanks⁹ 1 – 5
1801 Hardy Co., VA. Tax List – Thomas Hanks¹⁰ 1 – 5

Thomas Hanks would not have had a child old enough to be a tithes in 1796. Joshua Hanks listed with him is most likely his brother Joshua as noted in Joseph Hanks' will.

1803 Hardy Co., VA. Tax List – Joshua Hanks¹¹ 1 – 1
1804, 1805, 1806 – No Hanks on lists¹²

I have not found documentation to connect Joshua Hanks, son of Joseph and Ann Lee Hanks to the Joshua who married Mary Walker in Hardy Co. on 5 June 1817.

Hardy County, W. Va. PP Tax¹³
1817 PP Tax List (read 1807 – 1819) Joshua Hanks 1 16up, 3 horse
1818 PP Tax List Joshua Hanks 1 16up, 4 horse

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 Crossroads, 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 Crossroads, Clark County, Ohio in 1832'." (*It is possible the person here should have been Thomas Hanks, a brother of Joseph Jr. rather than Joshua. Absalom Hanks is the son of Thomas Hanks b. 1759.*) Vienna Crossroads 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 for treating wounded and ill soldiers that had been brought by boat up the river. The only child of Joseph and Mary Hanks old enough to have children (grandchildren of Joseph and Mary) old enough to remember the Civil War, is Jacob Vertrees Hanks and possibly his sister Nancy Hanks Hosier.

⁴FHLC #2024575 Hardy County, West Virginia Personal Property Tax Lists 1786-1806

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¹²FHLC #2024575 Hardy County, West Virginia Personal Property Tax Lists 1786-1806

¹³FHLC #2024576 Hardy County, West Virginia Personal Property Tax Lists 1807-1819

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 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."

I am unable to find documentation to prove Joshua Hanks who married Mary Walker 1817 Hardy Co. migrated to Illinois or Ohio.

1820 Madison Co. Ill p. 121
John Ryan 130100-10101
Joshua Hanks 100010-1011

1830 Salem Tsp. Champaign Co. Ohio
John R. Hanks 200111001 – 10011

Joshua Hanks had letters at the post office in Champaign Co. Ohio in January of 1832.¹⁴

1840 Salem Tsp. Champaign Co. Ohio
Mary Hanks 01301 -0002001
Jonathan Hank 20001-010001

Sally Hanks married Isaac H. Shane on 21 Dec 1843 Champaign Co. Ohio, her brother Eli P Davis present. Sally and two of her sons are buried in Tazewell Co. Ill, which supports this Mary Hanks being the mother of Sarah/Sally and having migrated to Marion Co. Ill in 1850. The Elias b. 1815 on the 1850 census of Marion Co. Ill is likely Eli P. Davis mentioned as a brother of Sarah's. The births of Solomon and Elizabeth as Ohio support this being the Hanks in Champaign Co. Ohio.

1850 Marion Co. Ill Dist. 11
p. 69/37 Mary Hanks 63 Va.
Elias 35 Va (1815)
Rebecca 25 Va.
Solomon 16 Ohio
Elizabeth 6 Ohio

1860 Tazewell Co. Ill

¹⁴ Champaign Co. Ohio website, Newspapers, County Collustrator, Urbana, Ohio Jan 1832

Polly Hanks 73 Va.
Solomon 26 Ohio
Elizabeth J. 15 Ohio

1870 Little Mackinaw Tazewell Co. Ill
p. 157

Sol Hanks 34 Ohio
Polly 81 Va.
Nancy 15 Ill

Solomon Hanks 4 Aug 1830 – 1 June 1917 Tenn. Point Cemt.
Polly Hanks d. 1876, age 89 yrs.

Sarah “Sally” White Hanks

Sally Hanks married Isaac H. Shane on 21 Dec 1843 Champaign Co. Ohio, her brother Eli P Davis present.

1850 Champaign Co. Ohio

p. 349 Isaac Shane 47 Md.
Sarah 25 Ohio (1825)
William 7 Ohio
Washington 5 Ohio
John 3 Ohio
FM 3/12 Ohio

1860 Champaign Co. Ohio p. 239

Isaac Shane 55 Ohio
Sally 45 Ohio (1815)
J. M.(W.) 20 m Ohio
H. C. 18m Ohio
Samantha 16f Ohio (married Thorne)
D. W. 14m Ohio
A. J. 12m Ohio
C.C. 10m Ohio
J. W. 8m Ohio
Lydia 6f Ohio
Isaac 4m Ohio

Sally W. Shane died 9 Sept 1900, age 83-3-7 (2 June 1817), buried Tennessee Point Cemetery, Tazewell Co. Ill

Christopher Columbus Shane 6 Feb. 1858 Campaign Co., Ohio – 20 Oct 1928 Peoria, Ill. son of Isaac Shane and Sallie Hanks, buried Tazewell Co. Ill.

Thomas Jefferson Shane died 14 April 1943 Tazewell Co., Ill., son of Isaac Henry Shane and Sally White Hanks.

Washington Hanks

1850 Washington Tsp. Champaign Co. Ohio

p. 322 Washington Hanks 26 Ohio
 Margery 20 Ohio

Charles Stewart 13 Ohio
Marcellus 1m Ohio

Thomas Hanks

1850 Concord Champaign Co. Ohio p. 316

Thomas Hanks 25 Va. (married Susan Elizabeth McDaniel 11 June 1846 in Champaign Co. Ohio, her brother James D. McDaniel present)

Susan 25 Va.
Sarah 3 Ohio

1860 Pleasant Logan Co., Ohio Census p. 196

Thomas Hanks 37 Va.
Susan 39 Ohio
Sarah 14 Ohio
Christopher Shane 1 Ohio

1870 Little Mackinaw Tazewell Co. Ill

p. 158/28

Thomas Hanks 46 Va.

Susan E. 49 Va.
Sarah A. 22 Ohio
Christopher C. 11 Ohio

1880 Minier Tazewell Co. Ill

Amos Barker 29 Ill Me NY
Sarah wife 31 Ohio Ohio ----
Saphornig dau. 5 Ill Ill Ohio
Thomas Hanks father in law 54 Ohio Ky Tn

1900 Tremont Tazewell Co. Ill

Amos Barker May 1851 M26Ill NY NY
Sarah wife May 1847 M26 6/3 Ohio Ohio VA
Ella dau June 1883 16 Ill Ill Ohio

Yearly Hanks

1850 Marion Co. Ill Dist. 11

p. 66/31 Aaron Jones 26 Ohio
Mary (French) 32 Ohio married 1842 Champaign Co. Ohio
Amanda 7 Ill
Elizabeth 4 Ill
Moses 1 Ill
Yearly Hanks 20 Ohio

1860 Tazewell Co. Ill p. 421

Yearly Hanks 28 Va. 11 Sept 1851 Mary M. Brown in Tazewell Co.
Mary 27 Ill
Nancy M. 6 Ill
Hulda W. 4 Ill
Thomas 1 Ill

July 1863 Civil War Draft Registration Records – Groveland, Ill., Yearly Hanks, age 33, laborer, married, born Va.

1870 Groveland Tsp. Tazewell Co. Ill p. 102

Yearly Hanks	35 Va
Mary	33 Ill
Nancy	13 Ill
Hulda	13 Ill
Thomas	12 Ill
Effie	7 Ill
Anna	6 Ill
Jeanette	2 Ill
Polly	1 Ill

1880 Minier Tazewell Co. Ill

Yearly Hanks	50 Va Va Va
Mary	49 Ill NC NC
Children	

Effie Phoebe Buler born 23 Oct 1857 Groveland, Ill and died 16 Aug 1935 Peoria, Ill., buried Tazewell Co. Ill. Daughter of Yearly Hanks of Ky and Mary Davis of Ala.

Solomon Hanks

2 Sept 1875 Tazewell Co. Ill. Solomon Hanks mar. Mary Jane Westophar

1880 Minier Tazewell Co. Ill

Solomon Hanks	43 Ohio VA VA
Mary wife	22 Ill Ohio Ill
Albert son	14 Ill Ohio Ill
Charles son	3 Ill Ohio Ill
Chris brother	21 Ohio Va VA

1900 McLean Co. Ill

p. 2 Thomas J. Hanks 75 Va. (from index, illegible on record)

p. 138 Solomon Hanks 64 Aug 18xx D(divorced?) Ohio VA. VA

1910 Minier Tazewell Co. Ill

Solomon Hanks 73 M Ohio Va VA

Solomon Hanks 4 Aug 1833– 1 June 1917 Tenn. Point Cemt.

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