

**WILLIAM HANKS (Elizabeth Hall)**  
**Son of Joseph Hanks and Ann Lee**

William Hanks, a son of Joseph and Ann Lee Hanks, was born about 1765 in Richmond Co. Virginia. He migrated with his father about 1782 to the South Branch of the Potomac area of now West Virginia, Hampshire/Hardy Co. About 1784/1785 he migrated with the Joseph Hanks family to the Nelson Co. area of Kentucky where in 1793 he married Elizabeth Hall. He lived in Nelson Co. Ky., Green Co. Ky., Grayson Co. Ky., Hardin Co. Ky. and Macon Co., Ill. where he died after 1850.

A. J. Hanks, pioneer of Des Moines Co. was born in 1815 in Grayson Co., Ky. and is a son of William and Elizabeth Hall Hanks. The father was a native of Richmond, Va. and a brother of Nancy Hanks Lincoln.<sup>1</sup>

William Hanks is first of record on the 1787 tax list of Nelson Co. Ky. enumerated with his father Joseph Hanks.<sup>2</sup>

1788 Nelson Co. tax list – William Hanks listed with father Joseph Hanks and brother Charles Hanks<sup>3</sup>

1791 Nelson Co. tax list – William Hanks listed with father Joseph Hanks<sup>4</sup>

1792 Nelson Co. tax list – William Hanks 1 horse, Joseph Hanks 3 horse 10 cattle, 150 ac.<sup>5</sup>

By Joseph Hanks Sr's will dated 8 Jan 1793 William is left one gray horse called Gilbert and the executorship along with Joseph's wife Nanny.<sup>6</sup> On 14 May 1793 Wm. Hanks filed an executor's bond on the estate of Joseph Hanks, security with Isaac Lansdale and John Lee.<sup>7</sup> (Nancy Lee had a brother John Lee born 1757 Richmond Co., VA.)

On 2 Sept 1793 bond (married 12 Sept 1793) with Charles Morgan for William Hanks to marry Elizabeth Hall in Nelson Co. Ky., the daughter in law (stepdaughter) of Caleb Hazel.<sup>8</sup>

On 5 Sept 1793 Nelson Co. Ky., Wm. paid taxes on 4 horses and 10 cattle<sup>9</sup> (which may comprise the livestock belonging to the estate of his father)

According to secondary sources, William was assigned the rights to the 150-ac. tract belonging to his father's estate by the widow Anne Hanks and her son Joseph Hanks on 10 Jan 1794. *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*

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<sup>1</sup> Portrait and Biographical Album of Des Moines County, Iowa, published 1888 Acme Publishing Co., Chicago.

<sup>2</sup> Familysearch.org, Nelson County, Kentucky, List of Tithables 1785-1795

<sup>3</sup> Familysearch.org, Nelson County, Kentucky, List of Tithables 1785-1795

<sup>4</sup> Familysearch.org, Nelson County, Kentucky, List of Tithables 1785-1795

<sup>5</sup> Familysearch.org, Nelson County, Kentucky, Tax Books 1792-1894

<sup>6</sup> FHLC #481453 Nelson County, Kentucky Will Book A, 1786-1807, page 102

<sup>7</sup> FHLC #9641 Nelson County, Kentucky Court Orders 1788-April 1789

<sup>8</sup> Familysearch.org, Film#9666, Nelson County, Kentucky Marriage Bonds

<sup>9</sup> Familysearch.org, Nelson County, Kentucky, Tax Books 1792-1894

*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.*

1794 Nelson Co. tax list – William Hanks 3 horses and 3 cattle.<sup>10</sup>

1799 Nelson Co. tax list – William Hanks 3 horses, John Hanks 0 horses<sup>11</sup>

No Hanks deeds in Nelson Co. between 1784 and 1818.<sup>12</sup>

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John Hanks, son of William Hanks, letter to Herndon... date unknown...I was born in Ky. on 9 Feb. in Nelson Co. four miles of Beardstown. My father moved to Hardin County in 1806.<sup>13</sup> There are no deeds involving William Hanks in Hardin Co. KY. 1795 to 1803.<sup>14</sup>

1795 Hardin Co., Ky. tax list – William Hanks 3 horse, 4 cattle

10 Dec 1795 Mary Hanks (sister of William) married Jesse Friend in Hardin Co. KY.

1796 Hardin Co., Ky. tax list – William Hanks 2 horse, 3 cattle

1797 Hardin Co., Ky. tax list – William Hanks 1 horse

1800 Hardin Co., Ky. tax list – William Hanks 1 horse

1801 Hardin Co., Ky. tax list – William Hanks 1 horse, no land noted

1803 Hardin Co., Ky. tax list - William Hanks 1 horse

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Green Co. Kentucky was created in 1792 from Lincoln Co. and Nelson Co.

1801 tax list of Green Co. Ky. - William Hanks with 1000 ac. on Rough Creek, Hardin Co., grantee J. Barnett, 1 horse, 2 cattle.<sup>15</sup>

1802 Green Co. tax list – William Hanks 850 ac. Rough Creek, Breck. Co., 1 horse, 2 cattle<sup>16</sup>

18 Oct 1802 Nancy Hanks married Levi Harrell (Horrell, Hall). Bond signed by Levi Hall and Wile Hanks (Green Co., Ky. 1<sup>st</sup> Marriage Book A, bond not recorded)

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The William Hanks with no real property is the son of Abraham and Jemima Million Hanks.

1804 Hardin Co. tax list - William Hanks 2 horses

William Hanks 1 horse, 1000 ac. Callemeasa R. Breck. Co. J. Barnett patent

1805 Hardin Co. tax list - William Hanks 3 horses

William Hanks 1 horse, 700 ac. on Mire Creek, Breck. Co., patent J. Barnett,

Joseph Hanks 1 horse, 300 ac. on Mire Creek, Breck. Co., patent J. Barnett,

1806 Hardin Co. tax list - William Hanks 3 horses

William Hanks 1 horse, 700 ac. on Mire Creek, Breck. Co., patent J. Barnett,

Joseph Hanks 1 horse, 300 ac. on Mire Creek, Breck. Co., patent J. Barnett,

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

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<sup>10</sup> Familysearch.org, Nelson County, Kentucky, Tax Books 1792-1894

<sup>11</sup> Familysearch.org, Nelson County, Kentucky, Tax Books 1792-1894

<sup>12</sup> Familysearch.org, Nelson County, Kentucky, Grantee/Grantor Indexes 1784-1875

<sup>13</sup> Lincoln Collection, Allen County Public Library, Ft. Wayne, Indiana

<sup>14</sup> [www.hccoky.org](http://www.hccoky.org), Hardin County, Kentucky, Deed Index

<sup>15</sup> Familysearch.org, Green County, Kentucky Tax Lists

<sup>16</sup> Familysearch.org, Green County, Kentucky Tax Lists

colt a bay folded on 8 May last, the other black mare colt 1 yrs. old May 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.<sup>17</sup>

1807 Hardin Co. tax list - William Hanks 4 horses  
William Hanks 0 horse  
Joseph Hanks 0 horse

1817 Hardin Co. Ky. tax list – James Hanks 1wm, 1h, Tuckers Co.  
Caleb Hazel 1wm, 2h, Tuckers Co., 90 ac.  
Thomas Sparrow 1wm, 5h, Reads Co., 132 ac. Nolin

1818 – No list

1819 Hardin Co. Ky. tax list – James Hanks 1wm, 2 h  
Caleb Hazel 1wm, 1h, 40 ac. Nolin  
Levi Hall 1wm, 2h, 40 ac. Nolin  
No Sparrow

1820 Hardin Co. Ky. tax list – James Hanks 1wm, 3h, Tuckers Co.  
Caleb Hazel 1wm, 1h, Tuckers Co., 40 ac.  
Levi Hall 1wm, 3h, Tuckers Co., 40 ac.

1820 Hardin Co. Ky. census  
James Hanks p. 37 Little York 100100 – 00100  
William Miller 200021 – 11210  
Levi Hall p. 8 Little York 220010 – 22010

1821 Hardin Co. Ky. tax list – James Hanks 2 horse  
1822 Hardin Co. Ky. tax list – James Hanks 1wm, 2 h  
1823 Hardin Co. Ky. tax list – James Hanks 1 wm, 3 h,  
1824 Hardin Co. Ky. tax list – James Hanks 1wm, 4 h.  
1825 Hardin Co. Ky. tax list – none  
1826 Hardin Co. Ky. tax list – James Hawk 1wm, 14slaves, 3h, 70 ac. Ohio R.  
1827 Hardin Co. Ky. tax list – none

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1810 Grayson Co., Ky. census – William Hanks 23001 – 21010

Grayson Co., Ky. tax list<sup>19</sup>  
1810 - William Hanks 1wm 21, 2 horse  
1811 - William Hanks 1wm 21, 1 horse  
Levi Hall 1wm 21, 4 horse  
1812 - William Hanks 1wm 21, 4 horse  
1813 - William Hanks 1wm 21, 4 horse  
1814 - William Hanks 1wm 21, 6 horse

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<sup>17</sup> [www.hccoky.org](http://www.hccoky.org), Hardin Co. Kentucky Website, Deed Book C, p. 242

<sup>18</sup> Portrait and Biographical Album of Des Moines County, Iowa, published 1888 Acme Publishing Co., Chicago.

<sup>19</sup> FHLC #8001 Grayson County, Kentucky Tax List 1810-1845

1815 – William Hanks 1wm 21, 6 horse  
    Jesse Friend 1wm 21, 4 horse  
1816 - William Hanks 1wm 21, 4 horse  
    Jesse Friend 1wm 21, 4 horse  
1817 - William Hanks 1 2m 21, 6 horse  
    William Hanks Jr. 1wm 21, 1 horse  
    Jesse Friend 1wm 21, 5 horse  
1818 - William Hanks 1wm 21, 6 horse, 175ac. Grayson  
    Jesse Friend 1wm 21, 3 horse  
1819 - William Hanks 1wm 21, 5 horse, 175 ac. Caney Cr.  
    William Hanks Jr. 1wm 21, 1 horse  
    Jesse Friend 1wm 21, 3 horse  
1820 - William Hanks 1wm 21, 4 horse, 175 ac.  
    Jesse Friend 1wm 21, 1 horse

1820 Grayson Co. Kentucky Census  
William Hanks 111101 – 31001  
Jesse Friend 120001 – 13110

Grayson Co. Kentucky Tax List<sup>20</sup>

1821 - William Hanks 1wm 21, 2 horse, 175 ac.  
    Levi Hall 1wm 21, 4 horse  
    Jesse Friend 1wm 21, 1 horse  
1822 - William Hanks 1wm 21, 2 horse, 175 ac.  
    Levi Hall 1wm 21, 4 horse  
1823 - William Hanks 1wm 21. 2 horse, 175 ac.  
    John Hanks 1wm 21,  
    Levi Hall 1wm 21. 4 horse  
1824 – Levi Hall 1wm 21, 2 horse  
    John Hanks 1wm 21,  
    Andrew Hank? 1wm 21, 1 horse  
(upper part of 1823 and 1824 tax lists illegible)  
1827 – John Hanks 1wm 21, 1 horse  
1828 – John Hanks 1wm 21, 1 horse

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Census Information – Macon Co. Ill

1830 – John Hanks 20001 – 00002  
    James Hanks 011001 – 03001  
    George Hanks/Hawks 2031001 – 00011  
    Thomas Lincoln 00002001 – 0000001  
    Charles Hanks 100001 – 12001  
    **William Hanks Sr.** 000100001 – 00010001  
    Dennis Hanks 10001 – 12001  
    William Miller 111001 – 122101  
    William Hanks 100021 - 00002  
1840 - **William Hanks** 0000100001 – 010100001  
    John Hanks 112001 – 020001

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<sup>20</sup> FHLC #8001 Grayson County, Kentucky Tax List 1810-1845

Joseph Hanks 000001 – 10001  
Charles Hanks 0110001 – 1012001  
James Hanks 0200101 – 110101  
William Hanks Jr. 1110101 – 0100001

On 20 March 1848 Macon Co. Ill. William Hanks Sr. submitted account for \$6 agst. the estate of William Hanks Jr. who died 1844, as just and unpaid.<sup>21</sup>

1850 Macon County, Ill.  
John Hanks 48 Ky., Susan 45 Ky.  
James Hanks 55 Ky., Rebecca 48 Ky.  
Charles Hanks 52 Ky.,  
**William Hanks 84 Va.**

Census Information – Des Moines Co., Iowa  
1850 – William Miller 55 SC, Nancy Miller 56 Ky.  
Andrew J. Hanks 36 Ky., Malinda 38 KY.

Census Information – Sangamon Co. Ill  
1850 Samuel Dillon 43 Va., Elizabeth 46 KY.

1860 Macon County, Illinois  
John Hanks 57 Ky  
Susan 55 Ky  
Grasin 22m Ill  
Mary E. 18 Ky  
Levi 12 Ohio  
  
Rebecca Hanks 57 Ky  
Jackson 24 Ill  
Rebecca 18 Ill  
Mattie 14 Ill

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Letter 3 May 1895 to Mrs. Fleming from J. H. Pierce .... My father Jacob (Hazel) was born during the year 1799 within a few miles of the spot where Mr. Lincoln was born, then Hardin, but now Larue Co. Ky. and he died during the year 1884 in his 85<sup>th</sup> year. My mother was Elizabeth Hazel. She was born in 1807 and died in 1878. My eldest sister Mrs. M. A. Beall of Mountain Peak, Texas, father resided with her. Our great grandmother on our mother's side married Mr. Hall and had Henry, Ben, Levi and Elizabeth. Elizabeth Hall married Mr. Hanks whose daughter Nancy was the mother of Lincoln. Mrs. Hall's second husband was Caleb Hazel and they had Richard who was our mother's father, Lydia, Caleb and Peter.

Published (undocumented) sources show the children of William & Elizabeth Hall Hanks:  
(From "The Hanks Family of Virginia and Westward" by Adin Baber and web sites)

Nancy b. 13 June 1794 died 17 Feb 1873 Des Moines Co. Iowa, married William Miller (Macon Co., Ill and Des Moines Co., Iowa)

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<sup>21</sup> Digital Image, Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection, Allen County Public Library, Ft. Wayne, Indiana

James b. 23 Jan 1795 died 8 Jan 1852 Macon Co. Ill, married Rebecca Atherton  
William b. c. 1796 died 10 Jan 1846 Macon Co. Ill buried in Spangler Cemetery, married Mary Quinn  
Charles b. 1798 married Hannah Martin Morehead  
Elizabeth married 1) Reason Ray 2 Samuel Dillion (1850 Sangamon Co. Ill)  
John b. 9 Feb 1802 died 1 July 1889 Macon Co. Ill, married Susan Melinda Wilson  
*Jacob b. 1 Jan 1804 Hardin Co., Ky. and died 1900 Stephensport, Ky., married Elizabeth Knatzear 30 Sept 1827. (Jacob is on Baber's list; however, Jacob is likely the son of William Hanks son of Abraham and Jemima Million Hanks. Other sources state William and Elizabeth Hall Hanks had eleven children.)*  
Sarah born Grayson Co. Ky., mar. J. Bosier Brown 27 Oct 1828 Sangamon ILL.  
Joseph b. c. 1810 Ky. died 23 Sept 1845 buried Gough Cem. Macon Co. Ill. mar. 1) ? 2) Sarah Hunter 28 July 1836  
Celia b. c. 1811 Grayson Co. Ky. died 25 Sept 1844 Des Moines Co. Iowa, mar. John Wright 6 Nov 1832  
Lucinda b. c. 1813 mar. Thomas Douglas 3 Oct 1833 resided Iowa, Oregon, and Yuba Co., Calif.  
A. J. b. 15 May 1815 Grayson Co. Ky. died 15 Aug 1889 Henry Co. IA, married 1) Melinda Porter 2) Sophia Row 3) Moran

NANCY HANKS 13 June 1794 – 17 Feb 1873 married William Miller and had Ceba Miller, Charles Miler, Fielding Miller, Joel Miller, John Miller, Lucretia Miller, Mahalia Miller, Rebecca Miller, William Miller and Elizabeth Miller. The 1850 Des Moines, Iowa census has William Miller age 55 SC., Nancy 56 Ky, John 24 Ky, William 19 Ky, James 16 Ky, Lanette 16f Iowa, Elisha 6 Iowa and Electa 6 Iowa. As shown by letters to Lincoln these twins are the children of Celia and John D. Wright.

JAMES HANKS born c. 1795 and enumerated on the Macon Co. Ill. 1850 census age 55 born Ky., wife Rebecca 48 Ill, and children Jane 18, Nim 17m, Jackson 15, Margaret 11, Rebecca 8 and Martha 3.

WILLIAM HANKS of Macon Co. Ill. died 10 Jan 1846 will names sons Joshua B., Jesse W., John D. and daughter Huldah, also mentions Andrew J. Hanks, witnessed by William Miller, John D. Wright, Andrew J. Hanks, and Nancy Miller all in Des Moines Co. IA. Joshua B. Hanks married Julia Stansfield and lived in Decatur Ill. Huldah Hanks married 30 June 1887 Macon Co. James H. Beatty, Jesse W. Hanks married 3 Jan 1882 Macon Co. Louisa Nye, and John D. Hanks married 18 Nov 1857 Macon Co. Sarah Boswell.

CHARLES HANKS born c. 1798 and enumerated on the 1850 Macon Co. Ill. census age 52 born Ky. with children Nancy 25 Ill, William 22, Enoch 18, Marella 14, Maria 7 and father William Hanks age 84 born Va. In 1860 in Macon Co. Charles Hanks age 61 living with son William and his family.

JOHN HANKS was born in Nelson Co. Ky. 9 Feb 1802 (History of Macon Co. Illinois, 1880 Published by Brink, McDonough & Co., Philadelphia. Reproduced through efforts of the Decatur Genealogical Society, 1972). His father William Hanks settled in Mercer Co. Mother was Elizabeth Hall. The family lived in Hardin and Breckinridge Co. KY. till subject was 7, then moved to Grayson Co. KY. Mr. Hanks was a first cousin to Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks. In 1822 he spent two years with the Lincolns in Spencer Co. Ind. In 1826 married Susan Wilson, a native of Grayson Co. KY. and in 1828 moved to Illinois. Since the war, Mr. Hanks has been three times to Calif. and Oregon.

From: History of Macon County, Illinois, published 1880 by Brink, McDonough & Co., Philadelphia  
John Hanks was born in Nelson Co., Ky on 9 Feb. 1802, son of William Hanks and Elizabeth Hall. His father William settled in Mercer Co., family lived in Hardin and Breckinridge until John was 7 then moved to Grayson Co. In 1822 he went to Spencer Co. Ind. and lived with Lincolns. Later he made several trips to New Orleans via flatboat and in 1826 married Susan Wilson of Grayson Co. In fall of 1828 he moved to Ill. where in March 1830 Lincolns joined him in Macon Co. Ill. In 1850 he went to California and back in 1853.

John Hanks letter to Herndon... date unknown....I was born in Ky. on 9 Feb. in Nelson Co. four miles of Beardstown. My father moved to Hardin County in 1806. Abe Lincoln's mother and I were cousins. Abe and I are second cousins. I knew Mrs. Nancy Lincoln or Nancy Sparrow before marriage. She was born in Mercer co. Ky. about 1780. "He Thomas was older than his wife, say about five years, being born about 1775. Thomas was born in Virginia, so was his wife." Abraham's grandmother was my father's sister. Sparrow married my father's sister. Henry Sparrow was his name, lived and died in Mercer Co., never came to Indiana. Dennis Hanks came out (to Ind.) in 1818. Mrs. Lincoln died, say in 1818, I think....and was buried by the side of Mr. Hall and his wife. I came out to Ind. in 1822 after Thomas Lincoln had married his second wife and stayed in Ind. for four years. Went back to Ky. Move from Ky. to Ill. in fall of 1828 (Decatur). I wrote to Thomas Lincoln and he came to this state the 1 Mar 1830. Thomas Lincoln moved to Coles Co. in June 1831. He (Lincoln) wrote me a letter that he was going to see his mother, came by Decatur, I went with him, saw his father's grave.<sup>22</sup>

Letter from Lincoln to John Hanks dated 23 Aug 1860 (Springfield Ill.) "My recollection is that I never lived in the same neighborhood with Charles Hanks till I came to Macon Co., Ill. after I was 21 yrs. of age. As I understand he and I were born in different counties of Ky. and never saw each other in that state. That while I was a very small boy my father moved to Ind. and your father with his family remained in Ky. for many years. At length you, a young man grown came to our neighborhood and were at our house off and on a great deal for 3, 4, or 5 years and during the time, your father with his whole family, except William, Charles, and William Miller who had married one of your sisters, came to the same neighborhood in Ind. and remained a year or two and then went to Ill. William, Charles, and William Miller had moved directly to Ill. The year I passed in Macon Co. I was with him (Charles) a good deal...mostly on his own place, where I helped him at breaking prairie. This is as I remember it. Don't let this letter be made public by any means."<sup>23</sup>

"John Hanks, twenty-eight-year old cousin of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, had lived with Tom (Lincoln) and his family in Indiana for four years. After returning to Kentucky in 1828, John had pushed on to Macon County, Illinois.<sup>3</sup> He sent back to Thomas Lincoln a glowing report on the fertile Illinois country, and proposed that the Lincoln family join him there. Dennis Hanks, thirty-year old cousin of John and of the first Mrs. Lincoln, who had lived with the Lincolns from 1818 until his marriage in 1821 to Sarah Elizabeth Johnston, daughter of the second Mrs. Lincoln, decided to come along with his family, together with the Lincolns, and join John on the banks of the Sangamon."<sup>4,24</sup> Albert J. Beveridge: Abraham Lincoln, vol. I, p. 94, cites statement by John Hanks to William H. Herndon, June 13, 1865. Cited hereafter as Beveridge. Hanks' statement in Herndon-Weik Manuscripts, Library of Congress. Photostats in Illinois State Historical Library, Springfield, Nos. 156-161. Cited hereafter as Herndon-Weik photostats. Macon County was organized on January 19, 1829. Beveridge, vol. I, pp. 94, 95, 95n. "Dennis Hanks was the illegitimate son of Nancy Lincoln's aunt, Nancy Hanks, and the son-in-law of the second Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs. Sarah Bush Johnston Lincoln, who had married Thomas Lincoln on December 2, 1819. Mrs. Nancy Hanks Lincoln had died on October 5, 1818."

From The Lincoln Kinsman: John Hanks, son of William and Elizabeth Hall Hanks was born 9 Feb 1802 near Bardstown and by the time he was four his parents had moved to Mumfords Ferry on Green River in what later became Hart Co. about 35 miles from where Abraham Lincoln was born three years later. He

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<sup>22</sup> Lincoln Collection, Allen County Public Library, Ft. Wayne, Indiana

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<sup>24</sup> [http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilcoletp/history/abraham\\_lincoln.htm#1](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilcoletp/history/abraham_lincoln.htm#1)

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never saw any member of Lincoln's family until 1822 and Lincoln was 13. For about 4 yrs. he lived in Indiana and was often at the Lincoln home. John went back to Ky. in 1826 and by 1828 was in Illinois.

ELIZABETH HANKS born 28 Dec 1804 Grayson Co. Ky. married Reason Ray, Samuel Dillion

1850 Sangamon County, Illinois

Samuel Dillon	43 VA
Elizabeth	46 Ky
John Ray	21 Ill
Sela Ray	19 Ill
Resin Ray	18 Ill
Elizabeth Ray	17 Ill

The numbers on this census appear as 73 and 76 at first glance. However, Elizabeth would not have had these Ray children if she had been that old. In checking other areas of this census it appears the census taker was sometimes careless in writing his 4s.

1860 Daviess Co. Mo, Grand River Tsp. p. 364

R. L. Ray	28 Ill
Reason	12 Ill
Elizabeth Dillion	55 Ky

Mitchell Cemetery, Harrison Co., Missouri

Elizabeth Dillon 28 Dec 1804 Grayson County, Kentucky, USA

Death 9 Apr 1885 (aged 80) Harrison County, Missouri, USA

SALLY HANKS married 13 Oct 1827 Sangamon Co. Ill. J. B. Brown.

JOSEPH HANKS

CELIA HANKS married John D. Wright 4 November 1832 Macon Co. Ill. He is on the 1850 Des Moines Co. Iowa census age 43 Pa., wife Eveline 31 Va. and children William 13 Ill., David 9 Iowa, John 8 Ill, Charles 3 Iowa, and Emily 1 Iowa. Daughter Electa Wright age 6 and her twin Elisha Wright age 6 are on the Des Moines Co. Iowa Census in the household of William and Nancy Miller. The 1860 Des Moines Co. Iowa census has William Miller age 65 SC, Nancy Miller age 66 Ky., Electa Wright age 16 Iowa and Elisha Wright age 16 Iowa. Electa E. Ward, wife of Joseph Ward, Death Certificate Spokane Co. Washington born 27 Mar 1844 and died 19 October 1930, daughter of John D. Wright of Vermont and Celia Hanks of Illinois.

LUCINDA HANKS was born c. 1814 in Ky. and married Thomas Douglas. They are on the 1880 Humboldt Co. Ca. census page 7, Dist. 37, he is age 76, she is 66 and children Louisa W. 27 born Iowa, and son Samuel M. 25 born Iowa.

ANDREW JACKSON HANKS

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Letter from Andrew Jackson Hanks to Caroline Hitchcock 7 Oct 1894.... My grandmother's maiden name was Elizabeth Hall. Her death was several years before Grandfather William Hanks' death. She was buried in Iowa. Grandfather William Hanks was not married but once. There was born to William Hanks and Elizabeth Hanks eleven children: James, Elizabeth, Nancy, Charles, William, Celia, Joseph, John, Lucinda (Douglas), Sarah (Brown) and Andrew Jackson. My father James was the oldest and Elizabeth was next.

1840 Des Moines Co. IA Census

p. 85 – Andrew J. Hanks	00001-20001
p. 85 – William Miller	0211101 – 1111001
p. 84 – John D. Wright	100001 – 11001

Millersburg Cemetery, Pleasant Grove Township, Des Moines County, Iowa (Sec. 8, NE corner)

A. J. Hanks b. 15 May 1815 d. 15 Aug 1889  
Sophia Hanks d. 27 Aug 1879, age 64y 5m 22d, wife  
Malinda Hanks d. 29 April 1857 age 43y 5m 8d, wife  
Elizabeth Hanks McNeil 13 Oct 1839-9 Apr1927  
J. F. McNeil 18 Dec 1838 – 6 June 1919