

**WILLIAM HANKS I (Sarah Campbell)
of Richmond Co., Virginia
(c. 1652 - 1705)**

William Hanks was in the Richmond Co. area by 1679 for on 14 Feb 1678/9, he recorded the birth of a son in the North Farnham Parish Registers of Richmond Co., Virginia.¹ (William Sr's birth date is based on the statistics cited in Albion's Seed by David Hachett Fischer, 1989, for the age at first marriage for males 1670-1679 of 26.7 years. If he married in 1678/9 then he was born circa 1651 or 1652.) *Note: There is no source for Sarah's surname to be Woodbridge. Woodbridge sold land to Hanks and was a neighbor. Sarah was likely a widow when William Hanks married her. Her maiden name is unknown.* On 1 Oct 1690 William and Sarah Hanks to Alex Campbell, natural son of sd. Sarah to abide with Sarah and William and Sarah to provide him with sufficient clothing.²

(<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gentrek/Talks/Cousinry.html> **NATURAL CHILD:** When the term "natural" is used the researcher should not jump to a conclusion that it denotes an illegitimate relationship. It is meant to indicate a relationship by blood rather than one by marriage or adoption. An illegitimate child may be called "my base son" or "my bastard son.")

On 7 May 1684 judgment granted William Hanks agst. William Smith.³ An indenture dated 7 Feb 1689/90 from Paul Woodbridge to William Hanks of Farnham, carpenter, for 4000 pounds tobacco 100 ac. N side of a branch called Indian Town adj. Edward Jeffreys, Moratico Creek, Robert Palmer, and acknowledged by William Woodbridge, son of Paul dec'd. by 2 Sept 1691.⁴

Old Rappahannock Co., Virginia was formed from Lancaster Co. in 1656 and became extinct in 1692 when Essex and Richmond Cos. were formed. The Hanks were in the newly formed Richmond Co.

Indenture dated 4 May 1695 William Woodbridge of NFP for 5000 lbs. tobacco, sold to William and Sarah Hanks 100 ac. on north side of Dunman's Branch or Indian Town Branch in Richmond Co. adjoining Thomas Wilson, Robert Palmer, Edward Jeffrey, and the land of William Hanks and recorded 2 Aug 1695.⁵ On 18 June 1695 George Woodbridge of NFP sold to William Woodbridge of same for 3000 lbs. tobacco, all his right to a parcel called Indian Town "which came to me by inheritance of my father Mr. Paul Woodbridge, late of county dec'd. and now in the tenure of George Woodbridge."⁶

Indenture 2 Dec 1699 John and Michael Powell for 5500 pounds of tobacco sold to William Hanks 150 ac. part of 480 ac. patented by Powell in NFP and adjoining Edward Jones, Joseph Tayloe, John Woolard, John Batridge and witnessed by William Woodbridge.⁷ On 6 Feb 1701 William Hanks agst. John Powell.⁸

An indenture dated 19 Feb 1703/4 from Edward Geffrey of NFP and Elizabeth, his wife, to William Hanks Sr. of same 70 ac. adjoining William Hanks, John Newman, Paul Woodbridge dec'd., and Robert Palmer and witnessed by Luke Hanks and Michael Connole (Connoly).⁹ An indenture dated 11 Mar 1703/4 from William Hanks of NFP and Sarah, his wife, to Michael Connole of same 150 ac. which Hanks bought of John Powell and adjoining Edward Jones, Joseph Tayloe, John Woolard, and John Partridge and witnessed by Edward Jones, John White, and Edward Geffrey.¹⁰

¹ FHLC #33746 Richmond County, Virginia North Farnham Parish Registers

² Familysearch.org, Old Rappahannock Co., Virginia Order Book 1688-1692, page 188

³ Familysearch.org, Old Rappahannock Co., Virginia Order Book 1683-1686

⁴ Familysearch.org, Old Rappahannock Co., Virginia Deed Book 8

⁵ Familysearch.org, Richmond Co. Virginia Deed Book 2, page 123

⁶ Familysearch.org, Richmond Co. Virginia Deed Book 2, page 127

⁷ Familysearch.org, Richmond Co. Virginia Deed Book 3, page 46

⁸ Familysearch.org, Richmond Co. Virginia Order Book 3

⁹ Familysearch.org, Richmond Co. Virginia Deed Book 3, page 125

¹⁰ Familysearch.org, Richmond Co. Virginia Deed Book 3, page 126

On 7 Mar 1704/5 upon the motion of William Hanks appraisal of the estate of William Hanks dec'd. is ordered.¹¹ On 2 May 1705 an inventory and appraisal of the estate of William Hanks was presented and upon the petition of Sarah Hanks order to divide the estate of William Hanks dec'd.¹² In Richmond Co. an order of court dated 7 Mar. and done on 23 same to meet at the house of William Hanks for inventory and appraisal, recorded 10 May 1705.¹³ Circa 1705, the estate of William Hanks paid to Richard White his share, to William Hanks his share, to Luke Hanks his share, and to John Hanks his share.¹⁴

On 5 Oct 1705 an inventory and appraisal of the estate of William Hanks dec'd. was presented by William Hanks Jr. and petition of Richard White and Sarah, his wife, widow and relict of William Hanks dec'd. agst. William Hanks Jr. administrator.¹⁵ Richmond County Court 5th of December 1705 Upon the Petition of Richard White and Sarah his Wife, widow and Relict of William Hanks, dec'd., agt. William Hanks, Jr., Admr. of the said dec'd., for her part or portion of the hoggs that belonged to the Estate of the said decd., they being not inserted in the Inventory of the decd.'s Estate by William Hanks, his Admr., it is thereupon ordered that sometime between this and the next Court William Hanks do bring a supplementary Inventory of the number of Hoggs belonging to the Estate of the dec'd. and insert the same into the Inventory thereof and that they be divided between the said William Hanks and other the Children of the dec'd, and that he makes report of his proceedings therein to the said next Court.¹⁶

The children of William and Sarah Hanks were William Hanks born 4 Feb 1679/80(NFP Register), Luke Hanks born c. 1681/82, and John Hanks born c. 1687-1694.

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.¹⁷ 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. *Note: These three boys are the only children of William Hanks I, I have found in the Richmond Co. Va. records. There was no will as William Jr. was named administrator rather than executor and a division was made between Sarah and the three children. During this time period, I find no other Hanks family in Richmond Co. other than William, Sarah and their three children William, Luke and John. Sarah's son Alex Campbell is not further mentioned.*

William Hanks is the only child whose birth date is filed in the North Farnham Parish Registers. William Hanks Jr. married Hester Mills and died 1 May 1732¹⁸, Luke Hanks died after 1727 and was married to Elizabeth, and John Hanks died circa 1739 and was married to Catherine.

The will of Richard White dated 31 Oct 1707 and probated 7 Jun 1708 names sons John, Thomas and William and daughters Hester Mills and Susanna Adcock and wife Sarah.¹⁹

Alexander Campbell

Alexander Campbell was born prior to the first quarter of 1678 as William Hanks was born February 1678/9.²⁰

¹¹ Familysearch.org, Richmond Co. Virginia Order Book 4

¹² Familysearch.org, Richmond Co. Virginia Order Book 4

¹³ Familysearch.org, Richmond Co. Virginia Wills and Inventories 1699-1709, p. 79

¹⁴ Familysearch.org, Richmond Co. Virginia Wills and Inventories 1699-1709, p. 88

¹⁵ Familysearch.org, Richmond Co. Virginia Order Book 4

¹⁶ 1704-1705 Richmond Co VA Order Book 4; Antient Press: Page 96

¹⁷ Familysearch.org, Richmond Co. Virginia Order Book 4

¹⁸ Familysearch.org, Richmond Co. North Farnham Parish Registers

¹⁹ Wills of Richmond County, Virginia, Robert K. Headley Jr., 1983, Genealogy Publishing Co., p. 16

²⁰ See "1752--A VERY IMPORTANT DATE," by Carolyn Barkley for information on the 1752 calendar change.