

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL
Son of Sarah Campbell Hanks

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.¹

(<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".*)

For the court on 1 Oct 1690 to require Alex Campbell to be under the care and maintenance of his mother Sarah and her husband William Hanks, he had to be under the age of consent (21 yrs.). At age 14 he was able to choose his own guardian and most likely the court would have allowed this if he were 14, thus he was born between 1669 and 1676.

At present, it appears Sarah was married first to Mr. Campbell, had one child Alex and upon the death of her Campbell husband married William Hanks who agreed to care for her child. There may have been little to no Campbell estate since none is mentioned and Hanks is to care for the child.

Campbell Family of Richmond Co. Virginia

Alexander Campbell married Mary Marshall by Nov. 1708, the date of her father's will. Mary Marshall, daughter of Abraham and Thomasin Marshall was born 7 January 1699/1700.² Regarding the conflict of her 1699 birth year and 1708 marriage, an error in the transcription of the birth registers from the original to the copies or the copies to the abstracts is probable.

Will of Abraham Marshall, blacksmith, of Richmond Co. Va. dated 3 November 1708 and probated 6 July 1709³ names wife Thomasin to have lands and tenements in NFP and after her death to daughter Mary Campbell and if she has no heirs to brother John Marshall of Bradfield in Berkshire England, and if he has no heirs to go to John Durham (son of Thomas Durham of NFP), daughter Mary Campbell 12 pence, son in law Alexander Campbell 12 pence.⁴

Thomasin Marshall married William Goodridge and died after 1713 when her sister Dorothy ----- Durham Greenham testified that she, Dorothy, was 41 in 1704, and had children between 1686 and 1698. Dorothy was named in the will of her niece Ann Chinn Fox in 1726.

Will of William Goodridge of NFP dated 12 May 1713 and probated 2 September 1713 names wife Thomasin, son William Goodridge all land in Lanc. Co., remainder of estate divided between three children William, Moses and Elizabeth when they come of age⁵. Desires Mr. Rawleigh Chinn to have the care of the three children until age 21, proved by Dorothy and Thomas Durham.⁶

Thomas Durham of NFP will dated 4 August 1711 and probated 1 June 1715 names wife Dorothy the plantation, after her death to son Thomas and Mary his wife, son John, dau Mary Dodson, grason Thomas Dodson. Dorothy mar. Jeremiah Greenham Feb. 1714/15.⁷

¹ Familysearch.org, Old Rappahannock Co., Virginia Order Book 1688-1692, page 188

² FHLC #33746 Richmond County, Virginia North Farnham Parish Registers

³ Wills of Richmond County, Virginia, Robert K. Headley Jr., 1983, Genealogy Publishing Co., p. 17

⁴ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Wills and Inventories 2, 1709-1717, page 131

⁵ Familysearch.org, Richmond County, Virginia Wills and Inventories 3, page 148

⁶ Wills of Richmond County, Virginia, Robert K. Headley Jr., 1983, Genealogy Publishing Co., p.26

⁷ Wills of Richmond County, Virginia, Robert K. Headley Jr., 1983, Genealogy Publishing Co., p. 29