Notes: Lincoln's short autobiography

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In Lincoln's short autobiography, written in 1860, he says in speaking of John Hanks and of his not going on to New Orleans on the Offutt boat, that John Hanks was a first cousin of Abraham's mother.

This could only have been if Nancy Hanks was a daughter of one of William Hank's brothers or sisters. This seems to prove that the Nancy of the will was not Thomas Lincoln's wife.