The Hank family from which Nancy Hank Lincoln descends, was of the yeomanry and as far as the writer's researches show, did not belong to a titled family.

We learn from the wills in the Litchfield registry, that Ralph Hank of Kirk Hallam, Derbsyhire, made his will in the year 1655. From him probably descend the Hanks of Ilkeston, Derbsyhire, with whom our pedigree commences.

Ilkeston, anciently called Alkeastane, is a parish of considerable importance. It is situated on a hill near the River Derw, close to the Nottinghamshire boundary. Kirk Hallam lies two miles southeast from Ilkeston.

John and Luke Hank were brothers, the names of their parents not ascertained.

1. John Hank of Ilkeston, Derbsyhire, was an early member of the Society of Friends, perhaps Margaret, whose name appears as a petitioner against tythes in 1659. In 1685, for attending a burial, John Hank's and wife were fined. (Bessa's Sufferings of the Shakers, Vol. I, p. 142) Issue (8-4) Luke and John.

2. Luke Hank of Nottinghamshire, brother of 1 John. Wife's name not known. He probably lived in Eastwood, Nottinghamshire. The following two records refer to him:


The amount conveyed to William Garrett was 300 acres and it had been surveyed Nov. 1862 to Luke Hank (Ashman's Hist. of Delaware County) (Maryland Manuscripts, p. 97)

3. Luke Hank, 1 son of John and Margaret Hank of Ilkeston, 6/14/1673, at Ilkeston, Derbsyhire. No account of his marriage has been found, but we know from his brother's will he left a son. Issue (7) John.

4. John Hank of White Marsh, Pa., 1, son of John and Margaret Hank, b. 5/11/1676, d. 1751. 11/10/1711, at Gwynedd appointed meeting, Sarah Evans, daughter of Cadwalader and Ellen (Horris) Evans of Gwynedd. (See Evans Family of Gwynedd in Jenkins Hist. Collections, pp. 146-149) She m. (8) 1/1/ 1732/3, Thomas Williams, widower. The record of marriages is:

"Isaac Williams of Montgomery Township, Philadelphia County, widower, and Sarah Hank of Gwynedd, widow."
First Intentions, 11/30/1732. (p. 68 Gwynedd Minutes)
Second Intentions, 12/27/1732. (p. 68 Gwynedd Minutes)


6a. Elizabeth Hank, daughter of Luke Hank. M. 10/ /1693, William Evans or Evins, of Evins. 9/1/1693, Elizabeth Hanke of Darby and William Evans, of Evins (Evasham) W. J. First Intentions. Anne Gar-rett and Elizabeth Hewis to inquire. 10/6/1693, Elizabeth Hanke and William Evins, second time, and were authorized to proceed according to "Truth and good order". (Darby Women's Minutes, p. 6).


11/28/1736/?, "John Hanks delivered unto this meeting acknowledging himself to blame in relation to his pro-poseal of marriage (which he afterwards declined) and desires Friends would excuse his doing so without ten-dering the particular reasons for his not proceeding further therein, and he promises to be more careful of giving offense for the future". (Philadelphia Friends' Minutes).

Whatever the reason was, he certainly married the lady who was of excellent family.


John and Rebecca (Brian) Hank's daughter Hannah was born 1/14/1738/9.


8/26/1738 "An endorsement on our certificate for Joa. Hank and wife from Richland Meeting, dated 20th Instant, was read, and although we think it hardly fair, yet it is...
received and the Overseers desired to do their duty to
said Hank". (p.161 Gwynedd Minutes).

3/29/1763, complaint against John Hank for debt. (Gwynedd,
p.227). 4/6/1763, John Hank desires forbearance. 9/22/1767,
Gwynedd informs that John Hank being in debt was sued by
his creditors and put in prison, and then indentured himself
to pay them and the debt. William Peulke and John Wilson
to visit him. (Gwynedd, p.256). 10/27/1767, John Hank re-
ported sorry for his situation but not willing to make satis-
faction. Samuel Morris and Thomas Lancaster to visit him
again. (Gwynedd, p.256). 11/24/1767, John Hank sorry and in-
tends to make satisfaction. (Gwynedd, p.257). 12/23/1767,
John Hank avoided a meeting with the committee, Samuel Morris
and Thomas Lancaster to draw testification against him.
(Gwynedd, p.258). 1/8/1768, Testification signed. (Gwynedd,
p.258). He probably removed to Virginia shortly after this
date. John Hank removed to Virginia prior to his wife and
daughters. He was in Rockingham County at the time of his
daughter Hannah's marriage. (Min. 1763)

2/22/1774, certificate for Margaret Hank and her four
daughters, Susanna, Eleanor, Margaret and Hannah, to Hopewell,
Virginia. (Gwynedd Min. p.292). 7/7/1777, Certificate present-
ed to Hopewell Meeting of Hopewell, Frederick County, Va.,
by Margaret Hank and her four daughters: Susannah, Eleanor,
Hannah and Margaret, from Gwynedd Monthly Meeting, dated 2/22/
1774, which was read and accepted. (Hopewell, Va., Min. p.155).
4/5/1779, Women Friends inform us that Margaret Hank and her
two daughters Margaret and Hannah, have for these several
years almost wholly neglected the assembling themselves with
their friends for worship, and that Margaret (the daughter)
has joined in marriage with a man not a member of our Society.
Committee appointed to visit them. 10/4/1779, Margaret Har-
ington, formerly Hank, disowned. (Minutes Hopewell, Va., Mtg.,
p.218). 5/31/1781, Margaret Hank (the mother) disowned. Issu-
e (15-18) Susannah, Eleanor, Hannah and Margaret, and perhaps
other children. (Min. 1781)

9. Jane Hank, daughter of John and Sarah (Evans) Hank, b.8/12/1714, d.10/7/
1762. M. 3/13/1736, at Gwynedd Meeting, John Roberts, b.5/28/
1714, d.10/5/1801. First Intentions, 1/31/1736. Second Inten-
tions, 2/27/1736. (Gwynedd Min. p.83). (For issue, see Hist. Co. of
Gwynedd, p.194).

10. Elizabeth Hank, daughter of John and Sarah (Evans) Hank, b.11/6/1716.

11. William Hank, son of John and Sarah (Evans) Hank, b.9/12/1720.

12. Samuel Hank, son of John and Sarah (Evans) Hank, b.1/15/1723. 5/26/
1752, he was complained of along with his brother Joseph
and George Norman (reason not given).

He was given a certificate by Gwynedd Meeting to Exeter
Meeting and the Exeter Meeting records the arrival 5/20/
1754. (p.152). 1/30/1753, Overseers of Gwynedd Meeting re-
port that Joseph Hank has removed within the compass of
Exeter. A certificate ordered to be prepared which was
ordered to be prepared against George Norman, Samuel Hank,
Joseph Hank and others. 7/28/1752, the testification read
and approved. (For what reason is not set forth). 5/20/
1754, Joseph Hank certificate from Gwynedd. (Exeter Mtg.).
He removed to Virginia with John Lincoln and others from
Berks Co., Pa., and afterwards went to Kentucky. (Poz, Pres.
of Berks Co. Historical Society) For a completely different
ancestral line, see "Nancy Hanks" by Caroline Hanks Hitchcock.
14. Sarah Hank, daughter of John and Sarah (Evans) Hank, b. 8/8/1728. She was given a certificate, signed 3/31/1752, from Gwynedd to Burlington Meeting. (p.156, Gwyn. Min.)

15. Susannah Hank, daughter of John and Margaret (Williams) Hank. M. Bryan, 12/1/1777, Susannah Bryan, formerly Hank, complained of by Friends of Crooked Run Meeting for marriage by a hiring teacher to one not a member. 2/2/1778, she was disowned for this violation of Friends' Discipline. (Wurtinger, Hopewell Meeting Minutes, pp.160-166)

16. Elinor Hank, daughter of John and Margaret (Williams) Hank, She was complained of along with her sister Susannah, and disowned, 2/2/1778. (Hopewell Minutes, pp.160-166).


18. Margaret Hank, daughter of John and Margaret (Williams) Hank, b. April 10, 1755. M. circa 1779 Harrington. 4/5/1779, she was complained of for non-attendance at meeting, and of having joined in marriage with one not a Friend. 10/4/1779, Margaret Harrington, formerly Hank, disowned. (Hopewell Min. p.316).

(To the foregoing, Myra Hank Rudolph appends statement as follows: "Margaret Hank, daughter of John and Margaret Williams Hanks, born April 10, 1755, and married William Cherrington Feb. 19, 1779, in Rockingham County, Virginia. William Cherrington was born Apr. 19, 1755. (See Cherrington Records)").

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