

April 7, 1931

Notes re John and Joseph Hank
of the Pennsylvania Family

John and Joseph Hank, sons of John and Sarah (Evans) Hank of Whitmarsh, Phila. Co., Penna., have each been named at different times by different groups as an ancestor of Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

John, born 1712, married his stepsister, Margaret Williams, born 4th mo. 25, 1721, a daughter of Thomas Williams and his second wife, Jane (Richard) Williams. John and Margaret were married in 1736 $\frac{1}{2}$. They had nine children - all born in Pennsylvania - and sometime between 1774 and 1777 they moved from Gwynedd (N. Wales) Twp., Phila. (now Montgomery) Co., Penna., to Augusta (now Rockingham Co., Va. Margaret was called the "Widow Hank" in Haverhill Friends' records of 1781, and she was 63 years old in 1784. She could not have been the mother of Nancy Hanks, as erroneously stated by one of Margaret's grandsons, Caleb Hank (1789-1869).

Joseph (born 1725) went from Gwynedd to Exeter, in Berks Co., Penna., in 1752, and married there in 1754. He seems to have been living in Berks County in 1792. The fact that he had a daughter Sarcitidia is proof enough that he was not the Joseph Hanks of Nelson Co., Ky., who made his will in 1793.

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 of
 The Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
 of Philadelphia and Vicinity

under
 The Representative Meeting

Custodian

302 Arch Street

Philadelphia, Pa., 3-18-1930

Wm. J. Elkinton

121 S. Third St.

Philadelphia

Search made for Mrs. J. T. Rudolph, 831 Woodbine
 Avenue, S. E., Warren, Ohio.

In re Joseph Hank

Quynedd Mo. Meeting 26th of 5th mo. 1752

"J. D. & D. W. are appointed to prepare a Minute
 against George Norman, Samuel and Joseph Hank
 and others, by next Monthly Meeting."

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Quynedd Mo. Meeting 28th of 7th mo. 1752

"The Friends appointed to draw a paper of Testi-
 fication against Obadiah Edwards and George
 Norman, Sam^l. Hank, Owen Evans Cordwainer,
 David Jones Cooper, Wm. Roberts, Jonathan Potts,
 John Peters, & Tho^s. Potts was produced, read &
 approved of."

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Quynedd Mo. Meeting 1st mo. 30, 1753

Overseers of Quynedd acquaint Dis Meeting
 that Joseph Hank has removed within the Compass
 of Exeter Monthly, W. F. & J. W. are appointed to enquire
 and write a Certificate for him and send it after him to
 that Meeting."

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Gwynedd Mo. Meeting 27th of 2nd mo 1753

"The Friends appointed to draw a Certificate for Joseph Hank to Exeter Monthly Meeting have accordingly done it which was read, approved & signed."

Exeter Monthly Meeting held at Maiden Creek the 30th day of the 5th Month 1754

"At this Meeting was brought a Certificate for Joseph Hank from Gwynedd Monthly Meeting, which was read, and it is Ordered that John Eelman & Benjamin Pearson do read the said Certificate to him & Desire him to be at next Meeting"

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Exeter Monthly Meeting held the 27th day of the 6th mo. 1754

"The Friends appointed to read Joseph Hank's Certificate to him Report that they accordingly did and that he Promised to be at next Monthly Meeting"

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Exeter Mo. Mtg. held at Maiden Creek 25th Day of 7th Mo. 1754

"Joseph Hank not appearing at this Meeting, John Eelman & Benjamin Pearson are again appointed to speak with him & let him know, that if he does not appear at next Meeting, Friends are Determined to Disown him without any further notice."

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Exeter Mo. Mtg. held 29th day of 8th Month 1754

"The Friends appointed to speak with Joseph Hank report, that they accordingly did, and that he gave them no satisfaction; and as he neglects complying with any Terms which this Meeting has proposed, which together with many things alleged against

him being very inconsistent with
Christian practice & our Discipline; There-
fore this Meeting appointed John Elean
& Benjamin Pearson to Draw a Testimony
against the said Joseph Hank & bring it to
next Monthly Meeting for approbation

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Exeter Monthly Meeting held at Maiden Creek
the 26th Day of the 9th Month 1754

"At this Meeting pursuant to appointment
was brought a Written Testimony against Joseph
Hank which was Read & approved of. John
Elean & Benjamin Pearson are appointed to
read the said Testimony to him, & give him a Copy
thereof if he desires it, between this and next
Monthly Meeting. - It is as follows: viz.

Exeter Monthly Meeting the 26th Day of the 9th mo. 1754

Whereas Joseph Hank by a Certificate sent
after him from North Wales is found to be of our
Society; but not adhering to the Witness of God
in his own Heart, and likewise Marrying one of
another Profession for which he has refused to give
Satisfaction. We do therefore hereby Disown the
said Joseph Hank to be of our Society, until he gives
manifest signs of True Repentance, which we heartily
Desire he may.

Signed in Behalf of the said Meeting by
John Hughes Clerk."

Exeter Mo. Mty. held the 31st Day, 10th mo. 1754 Bk. A, p. 145

At this Meeting one of the Friends appointed
to Read the Testimony against Joseph Hank reports,
that they accordingly did, and that he desired no
appeal.

(No quotation marks or reference for last item)

Men's Minutes	1765-1781	No Hank name appears
"	"	1781-1785 Only marginal index
"	"	1785-1801 No Hank name appears
"	"	1781-1808 Only marginal index
"	"	1808-1868 No Hank name appears
Women's	"	1737-1868 " " " "

Births, Deaths & Marriage Certificates:

No Hank Births or Deaths recorded

Names of witnesses on Marriage Certificates not indexed

No Hank marriage in Meeting with certificate recorded

No Certificate of Removal recorded of one named Hank.

— — [Name spelled "Hank" throughout]

The above is a true copy, with regard to spelling, punctuation, etc., of records sent me by Wm. J. Elkhinton of Philadelphia, and was made by me for Miss Ida M. Tarbell's file of Hank records this April 4th, 1931.

Myra Hank Rudolph

[These records prove that Joseph Hank of Gwynedd (North Wales) was he who appeared in Exeter. M.H.P.]

The following records were sent to me, Myra Hank Rudolph, by Ruth S. Walker, Parish Clerk of Trinity Lutheran Church, Sixth and Washington Streets, Reading, Penna.

" July 17, 1930

My dear Mrs. Rudolph:

Since receiving your letter of May 27th I have spent many odd moments trying to find some of the records in which you are interested. I regret that I have been unable to find anything which you do not have some knowledge of but I am enclosing an exact translation of both of these records:

1. John Jones, Nicholas Jones second son, and Sancitidia Hank, Joseph Hank's fourth daughter, both of Amity married April 9th, 1792 in the parsonage in the afternoon.

Pastor, Carl Friederich Wildbahn

2. Carolina, child of Maria Schnell and Carl Bruckmann (unmarried), born March 28, 1814 baptized May 2, 1814.

Sponsors - George Hanke and Maria Raiter

Pastor, Henry A. Muhlenberg, D.D.

The oldest Reformed Church in Reading

is the First Reformed at Reed and Washington Streets. It is about the same age as Trinity. The present pastor is Rev. Mr. Daniel J. Wetzel.

Thanking you for the two dollars which you enclosed in your letter and hoping that this meager information may be of some value to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,
Ruth E. Walker

The above is a true copy of Miss Walker's letter to me and has been made by me for Miss Ida M. Tarbell's file of Hanks records.

April 4th, 1931.

Myra Hanks Rudolph

If Sancitidia was Joseph Hanks' fourth daughter we may safely conclude that Joseph's children numbered from seven to nine and that they began to be born within a reasonable length of time after his marriage in 1754. The fact that Joseph ^{Hampshire or Exeter} Hanks had a daughter named Sancitidia precludes his being the Joseph Hanks of Nelson Co., Ky., who made his will in 1793. The fact, too, that Joseph Hanks of Exeter was married as early as 1754 and undoubtedly had children before 1760, or thereabouts, lessens the possibility of his being the Joseph Hanks of Hampshire Co., Va., who in 1782 was head of a family of eleven, including himself, in which number he alone was a tithable and who, if we depend upon the census figures, had no male child ^{of name} born before 1762, the more than one tithable. It would seem that Joseph Hanks of Exeter had remained in Exeter from 1752 until 1792. He was taxed there 1754-5-8-79 and 80. M.H.R.

Gwynedd Records

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[All verified - M.H.R.]

Marriages:

Re Thomas Williams of Montgomery Twp.:

1. Thomas Williams of Montgomery, and Catherine Thomas of Merion, at Gwynedd meeting place, 6th mo. 10, 1714

2. Thomas Williams, of Montgomery, widower, and Jane, daughter of Morris Richard of Merion-ethshire, North Wales, Gr. Britain, deceased, at Gwynedd meeting house, 8th mo. 14, 1720.

3. Thomas Williams of Montgomery Twp., Phila. Co., widower, and Sarah Hanke of Gwynedd, widow, at Gwynedd meeting house, 1st mo. 6, 173 $\frac{2}{3}$. Among the witnesses are John Hanke, William Hanke, Samuel Hanke, Jane Hanke, & Elizabeth Hanke.

Re John Hanke of Whitmarsh:

1. John Hanke of Whitmarsh, yeoman, and Sarah Evans, daughter of Cadwallader Evans of Gwynedd, Minister, at Gwynedd meeting, 10th mo. 11, 1711.

Marriage Abstracts - Jenkins' Hist. Col.

Relating to Gwynedd, Free Library Phila.

Births and Burials: Gwynedd Mo. Mtg. - 1691-1805, 1715-1802. Wm. J. Elkin's Notes:

1721 - 4 th mo.	25,	Margaret,	Daughter of Thomas & Jane Williams	
1723 - 6 th "	26,	Ellin	" " " "	[p. 11]
1726 - 9 th "	24,	Katherine	" " " "	[p. 12]
1727 - 12 th "	21,	Jane	" " " "	[p. 13]

1741 - 8th mo. 17, Thomas William was buried - p. 96

[1741 - 8th mo. 18], Susannah his daughter was buried the next day, viz: the 18th - p. 96

[1741 - 8th mo. 23], Sarah, his wife was buried the same month ye 23rd - p. 96

Marriage

John Hank, son of John Hank, deceased, of
Whitemarsh and his wife Sarah (now the
wife of Thomas Williams of Montgomery) and
Margaret Williams, daughter of Thomas Williams
and his wife, Jane^{decd}, at Quynedd Meeting,
2nd mo. —, 1736 $\frac{1}{4}$ [1737 - New Style]

First Declaration of Intentions of Marriage,
12th mo. 22, 1736

Second Declaration — 1st mo. 27, 1737

Quynedd Minutes, p. 88.
A.R. Justice notes - Phila.

The above copy of marriage, birth, and death
records of Quynedd Friends, made from verified records
in my possession, was made by me for Miss Ida
M. Tarbell's file of Hank records, this April 6, 1931.
Myra Hank Rudolph.

The above records prove that Margaret (Williams)
Hank, born 4th mo. 25, 1721, first child of Thomas Williams
and his second wife, Jane Richards, of Montgomery,
and the wife of John Hank, son of John and Sarah
(Evans) Hank of Whitemarsh, could not have been
the mother of Nancy (Hank) Lincoln (as claimed by
some members of the Hank family and the Cherrington
family), for she was 63 years old by 1784 - Nancy sup-
posed birth date. Margaret was the mother of John^{III},
Caleb, Williams, Joshua, Jane, Susannah, Elizabeth,
Margaret, and Hannah. She was a widow by 1791. M.H.R.