

When after thier long and bellous journey they at last arrived in Kentucky Joseph Hanks bought onehundred anf fifty acres of land in what i snow Nelson county at Elizabethtown ^{there lived} ~~and~~ settled there with his wife and children uhtil he died in 1793 . His will dated Jan.8, 1793 and prebated May 1+, 1793 is as follows

"In the name of God Amen ,. I Joseph Hanks of Nelson County , State of Kentucky , being of sound mMind and memory , but weak in body and calling to mind the frailtyof ail human nature do make and demise this my last will and testament in the manner and form follwoeing , to wit .

Item . I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas , one sorrel horse called Major . Item . I give and bequeath unto my son Joshua one gray mare ^{Bonny} ~~Bunny~~

Item . I give and bequeath unto my son Willaim one Gray horse called Gilbert ^{I give & bequeath unto my son Charles one Roan Horse called Jack . Item .}

Ite. I give and bewueath unto my son Joseph one Horse called Bald . Also th land wheren I now live containing one hundred and fifty acres .Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth one Heifer yearling called Gentle . ItemI give and bequeath nte my daughter Polly one Heifer yearling calld Lady . Ite. I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy one Heifer yearling called Peidy . Ite. I give and bequeath to my wife Nanny al and singular my whole Estate druing her life , afterwards to be equally divided between all myc hildren . It is also my wish and desire that the whole of the prop erty first above bequeathed should be the property of my wife druing her life . And lastly , I constitute , ordain , and appoint my wife Nanny and my son Willaim , as my executrix , and executor to this my last will and Testament ."

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It is eviedent from thsi will that Nancy Hanks fther was not
 a slave onwer , although he and a large estate and must have had negreos
 to ^{work} ~~a~~ sist on the plantation . He had doubtless freed them all before he died
 for he certianly has not willed them away as was costumary in those
 days , ^{when} ~~the~~ negtroes in ~~these~~ ^{almost always} early days were willed away in the ^{following} ~~that~~ maaner,
 " I gvie and bequeath ^{to my beloved daughter} ~~one~~ negro woman named Molly druing her natural
 life and at her death the ~~said~~ ^{same} Molly and her increase hereafter to be
 eqally [✓] divieded among all her children "

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All of Joseph 's children married , and their descendets are scattered throughout Kentucky and the South and West . The only ones which who will be metioned here however , are those who were nearest and dear-
The history of all the rest may be found in the Hanks Genealogy
est to Nancy Hanks , and whose history has been hitherto much confused.

It was Nancy's brother Willaim who married Elizabeth Hall " on the twelfth day of September ,1793 by Joseph Dodge , Minister "This Elizabeth Hall's father had also moved from Virginia to Kentucky with his children , Elizzbeth who married Willaim Hanks , and Levi who married Elizabeth Hanks , David , and Henry . About 1780 Mr. Hall was killed by the Indians , and a few years later his widow married Caleb Hazel , by whom she had four children Richard , Peter , Caleb and Lydia .It was this Caleb Hazel senior , who was Abrahm Lincolns first teacher .

Among the marriage records of the Rev. Benjamin Ogden , of Elizabethtown Kentucky , it is found that "Joseph Hanks and Polly Young were married Nov. 10,1810 ". She was the daughter of Susanna and John Young of Hardin county . According to the old deeds this Joseph Hanks jr. owned at Red Hill Elizabethtown , " live stock , houses , ~~and~~ implements , and furniture " and was by trade a "carpenter , cooper and cabinet maker ." *a rare and useful accomplishment in those days* "It was this Joseph jr. , Nancy's brother who taught Thomas Lincoln his trade of carpenter , cooper , and cabinet maker . These two brothers Willaim and Joseph Hanks so dearly loved their sister Nancy , that when the Lincolns moved to Indiana they both with their families went with them .

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who inherited his father's 150 acres of land -40-

One of the granddaughters of ~~this~~ Joseph Hanks Jr said "When Abraham Lincoln was a distant lawyer, he frequently visited grandfather, and used to relate with great glee how when a little boy his uncle Joseph once whipped him soundly for teasing him when at his work. Grandfather loved his sister Nancy deeply, and her gentle and trusting nature was embodied in her noble son, who was an uncrowned among men. To her early Christian training he owed his simple faith, that helped him guide the Ship of State safely through the storm of civil war, and inspired the hand that bade a race go free.

The central figure of his age
The angel of the book and pen
Upon the great eternal page
Writes this He loved his fellow men.

So long as human weakness needs
The strength that noble manhood gives
In kind unselfish Christlike deeds
So long the name of Lincoln lives."

One of Joseph's grandsons has also said "Grandfather was of all things a pioneer. He belonged to that restless class of which Daniel Boone was the highest type. He was a man of sterling honesty, undoubted courage, and high worth. He made a home in Illinois among the

hostile savages . He alw^ays spoke of his angel sister Nancy with reverent emotion . She taught him to read -- Grandfather used ot talk of Thomas Lincoln more than any of his kin , and often told us children stories of their life together at Elizabethtown , and of a visit to him when Abraham was a little child , and of his most unpromising appearance .

Grandfather died before Lincoln attained his highest honors ~~How~~ strange it is that the memory of a few aged men have been published as verbatim truth , memories brought up when old age had become extravagant , and these vaporings of their feeble minds have ~~been~~ colly perpetuated as history !"

Nancy's other sister Mary or Polly as she was called married Jesse Freind of Elizabethtown Dec. 10, 1795 according to the marriage records of the Rev. Josiah Dodge . This Jesse Freind was an uncle of Dennis Friend , the son of Charles Freind who married Nancy Sparrow .

When the little company moved to Indiana, Nancy's dearest sister Elizabeth , who had married Levi Hall , (the brother of Elizabeth Hall who had married Willaim Hanks) went with them . Elizabeth died a short time after her sister Nancy , and in the same wooded knoll were placed the bodied of these ~~two~~ sisters , who had lived and suffered together in that far western country .