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The Joshua Hawks Family of Amelia Co., Va.

In studying this family, consisting of Joshua, his wife, Angeline, and their children, Richard, George, John, Joshua, Frances, Mary, Rebecca, and Lucy, it should be borne in mind that all the references to Joshua's Will (Brk. 2 p. 151) are taken from the one copy in my possession - a copy made by Mrs. Nell Nugent of Richmond, Va. She also made the copy of Angeline's Release Deed. I can not say how the name is spelled in the original documents, nor am I able to say whether Mrs. Nugent made any ^{in each case} copy from the original or from a copy. It seems impossible to procure any definite statements in regard to original documents pertaining to this family. Have incorrect copies been made, purposely, and the originals destroyed, in order to strengthen the claim that "all the 'Hankers' of Amelia County were Hankers, and so could not have been the ancestors of Nancy Hankes Lincoln"?

Mrs. Nugent did a great deal of research for Dr. W. E. Barton; she is an employee in the Va. Land Office, and jealously guards the records there.
Myra Hankes Rudolph

Joshua Hawkes
"of Rowley Parish, Amelia Co., Va."
(in 1770)

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Joshua Hawkes - a grant of 172 acres in
Prince George Co., Va. - later (1735) Amelia
Co. and later (1752) Dinwiddie Co.

"On the Ridge between Hatcher and Gravelly
Runs - on both sides of Nottoway River Road"

"I own a negro boy belonging to Joshua Hawkes
adjudged to be 15 years."

"A negro boy belonging to Joshua Hawkes"

Joshua Hawkes - "A negro boy belonging to -"
(Squire A. Warren note)

Joshua Hawkes - made his will 1770 July 21,
called himself a "Planter of Rowley Parish,
Amelia Co., Va." - mentioned 8 children:

Frances Sammons, Richard, John, Joshua,
George, Mary, Rebecca, and "Lucy" (Suey).
and his beloved wife, Angelica.

Above will probated 1775, Sept. 28.

Above Estate appraised - Joshua Hawkes

Above Estate divided - Joshua Hawkes

Angelica Hawkes to John, Joshua, Mary,
and Rebecca Hawkes (George and
Suey deceased) - Release Deed, Dec. 22, 1785.

Witnesses:
David Williams
Joel Tucker
Daniel Tucker

(Mrs. Nell Nugent's copies of
1733 Grant, Will, and Release Deed)

Richard Hawker - Hanks
Son of Joshua and Angelica

Joshua Hawker's Will - made July 21, 1770.

I give and bequeath to my son Richard Hawker
all the Land to the North side of the Reedy Branch
that he lives on and also five Shillings Sterling.
(Richard evidently married and a house
established.)

Hawker, Richard - 11 whites, 3 blacks

(Lawrence Willis's list)
(Nine children by 1782? married as early as 1760?)

Daniel Pitchford and wife, Pitty, for £ 40, sell
to Richard Hawker 40 A. in Amelia Co., Va.,
bounded by land owned by Thomas Jones,
Peter Jones, Richard Hawker, and Joshua Spain.

Dated July 24, 1788.

Witnesses: Joshua Hawker, John Hawker, Joshua Spain
(son Mrs. Bell Mergentha Copar)

Wm Sammon of Nottoway Parish, Amelia Co., Va.,
deeds to Richard Hawker of same parish and co.
for £ 30, 243 A. in Nottoway Parish, adjoining
John Hightower - it being part of a tract
granted Edward Lewis who sold to Sammon by
deed, June 27, 1754.

Dated March 31, 1760

Witnesses: Charles Williams, Robert Mason, John
Hightower.

(Was Wm Sammon the husband of Frances Hawker?)
(P. D. White's notes)

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Richard Hawkes - Hanks (cont.)

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B. Va.
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1763

Richard Hawkes had 243 A. of land - no servants.

1765

Tithables of Richard Hawkes to work on the road.

1769

a negro belonging to Richard Hawkes adjudged
by court

1770

Richard Hawkes - wife Mary.

(Davis A. Warren notes)

Amelia
B. Va.
Order
Book

1770

Richard Hawkes and wife, Mary, of Nottaway
Parish, Amelia Co., Va., deeds to Wm. Dunewank
of Bath Parish, Dinwiddie Co., Va., for £50,
the land (243 A.) bought from Wm. Sammons
in 1760.

Dated Sept. 4, 1770.

Witnesses: (None given in my abstract)
(R. D. White's notes.)

Amelia
B. Va.
Order
Book

1766

Richard Hawkes - tithable - Nottaway Parish

1767

Richard Hawkes - Nottaway Parish

(R. A. Warren's notes)

(Were Richard Hawkes and Richard Hanks
one and the same?)

Fleming
Letters
to
Hitch-
cock -

1894

"My mother's name was Indiana Hanks, dau.
of Joshua Hanks who was a son of Richard Hanks,
a relative of Nancy Hanks, mother of Lincoln...
Richard Hanks said to have had 5 sons and
2 daughters -"

Bell Vedder Fleming.

(Note descendant's spell name Hanks.)

George Hawkes
2nd son of Joshua and Angelica

Joshua Hawkes's Will - July 21, 1770.

I give and bequeath to my son George Hawkes
one hundred and fifty acres land whereon
he has built his house on the Meadow
Branch..."

1767 George Hawkes - Nottingham Parish.
(S. A. Warren note)
(Same parish as Richard Hanks.)

George Hawkes's Estate appraised
Children: Phoebe, Lucy, Martha
(S. A. Warren's notes)

Judith Hawkes - - 4 whites, 2 blacks
(S. A. Warren's note)
(Widow of George?)

Angelica Hawkes's Release Deed - Dec. 22, 1785.
"to the heirs or representatives of
George Hawkes, dec'd -"
(From Mrs. Nell Nugent's copy)

(No male descendants)

George had a daughter Lucy -
Lucy Hanks

John Hanks - Hanks
2nd son of Joshua and Angelica

Joshua Hanks's Will - July 21, 1770

"I give and bequeath to my son John Hanks all the land on the South side of the said branch [Reedy] in the fork...."

Hanks, John - - - 6 whites, 14 blacks
(See. Will's List)

John Hanks - Thus he signed, as a witness, his sister, Rebecca's, note of marriage consent on Aug. 3, 1786. His brother Joshua signed "Joshua Hanks"; his sister, "Rebecca Hanks". [I have seen photostatic copy of original consent note and the above spellings are clearly shown. M.H.P.]
(L.A. Warren's Notes and Photostats)

Angelica Hanks to John Hanks, George Hanks, etc.

Release of interest in Joshua Hanks's Estate, Dated Dec. 22, 1785.

John Hanks vs. Dennis Gower, 1758

John Hanks vs. Hightower, 1769

"I visited the site of the Hanks home on Little Falling River. Took photographs of the old church and a John Hanks tombstone."
(L.A.W. letter of Dec. 6, 1929, to S. B. White)

(When John Hanks's name is spelled "Hawks" it is a mistake on the part of the copyist.)

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Joshua Hawker - Harker

4th son of Joshua and Angelica

Joshua Hawker's Will - July 21, 1770.

"I will and bequeath to my son Joshua Hawker the remainder of the said Tract of land which contains the Plantation whereon I now live on... I give and bequeath to my sons John Harker and Joshua Harker the remainder part of the Tract of land that George Hawker has built on to be equally divided between them two."

(From Nugent's copy)

Joshua Hawker - Phebe Wilson

Married Aug. 10, 1781.

(C. A. Warren's note) (Date of formation)
Br. P. Acres Date County
34 636 100 1796 Wythe (1790)
35 206 430 1795-6 Crooked Creek (1794)
50 385 187 1802-3 Grayson (1793)
(From Mrs. Nell Nugent's copy - typed)

Joshua Harker

Joshua Harker

Joshua Harker

Joshua seems to have had trouble in making his n's look like u's - as many of us do - and this may be the reason for the interchangeable use of the names, and for the copyists' mistakes. Nothing but an unbiased examination of original documents will ever settle the question. I must be borne in mind that the papers in Richmond are but copies, while the originals are probably in Amelia Co. The dispute has been such a heated one that searchers will be on the lookout for tampering and hidden documents, biased opinions on the part of clerks, etc. (M.H.C.)

Creed H. Harker's branch of the family - living in Mont. Co., Va. - claimed relationship to Henry Harker through Creed's grandfather Joshua Harker, b. about 1760, one of first settlers of Montgomery Co., Va. and father of 16 children. (Note that descendants of Joshua were Harkers.)

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Wal. Bk.
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Amelia Co. Marriage Bonds

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Joshua not in Amelia Co. census lists of 1792 - probably moved to Mont. Co. immediately after marriage 1781.

Creed H. Harker of Shenandoah Co., Va., descendant of Joshua Harker

⁽¹⁾ Frances, ⁽²⁾ Mary, ⁽³⁾ Rebecca, ⁽⁴⁾ Lucy
Hawkes - Hanks

Amelia
Co., Va.,
Will Bk.
2:151
1770

Daughters of Joshua and Angelica
Joshua Hawkes's Will: (July 21, 1770)
"I give and bequeath to my daughter
Frances Sammons one negro girl named
Rachel and also five shillings Sterling...
"I give and bequeath to my daughter
Mary Hawkes one Feather Bed and furniture...
"I give and bequeath to my daughter
Rebeckah Hawkes one Feather Bed and furniture...
"I give and bequeath to my daughter
Susannah Hawkes one Feather Bed and furniture."

Angelica
Co., Va.,
Deed Bk.
17:300
1785

(From Mrs. Nell Nugent's copy)
Angelica Hawkes's Release Deed: (Dec. 22, 1785)
"I have given up - etc. - to John Hawkes,
Joshua Hawkes, Robert Tucker and Mary
his wife, Rebecca Hawkes, the heirs or
representatives of Georg Hawkes, dec'd, and the
heirs or representatives of Betsy Hawkes
dec'd, all my right, title, etc."

Amelia
Census 1782

(From Mrs. Nell Nugent's copy)
Robert Tucker, 4 whites - 2 blacks.

Amelia Co.
Marriage Bonds
1786

Dan'l Ford and Rebecca Hawkes
married Sept. 1, 1786.

consent
(recorded
with
marriage)
note
signatures

(Marriage Rec. & Consensus from S. A. Tappan's notes)
"I do consent for a license to be issued to be
married to Daniel Ford and that I am 32
years of age from under my hand and seal this
the third day of August 1786
Joshua Hawkes Rebecca Hawkes"