

April 8, 1931.

Joseph Hanks of Richmond Co., Va.

Joseph Hanks of Richmond Co., Va. - son of John and Katherine -, born Dec. 20, 1725, seems to have lived in Richmond County until Dec. 23, 1782, at least. He married Ann Sel, daughter of William, sometime before 1764. They had one child, born Mar. 4, 1771, and baptized Betty Hanks. She was named for her mother's sister, Betty (See) Hanks, the wife of Joseph's brother Thomas. This woman's name was evidently Betty - not Elizabeth - for she was recorded in the records of North Hanover Parish as "Betty Hanks." Joseph and Ann's daughter was named Betty and was baptized Betty. If she had in reality been named Elizabeth would she have been baptized "Betty"? If Joseph Hanks of Nelson Co., Ky., had a daughter who had been baptized Betty would he have referred to her as "Elizabeth"? Rather the opposite in each case. If Joseph of Richmond County moved to Hampshire County, how can the sudden increase in children - from one to nine - be accounted for? Would one living so far away, in times when travel was so difficult, be appointed administrator of property in Richmond County? Or if appointed before his removal to the new country would he have left, or been allowed to leave by other heirs, with the estate unsettled? Joseph Hanks of Richmond County was in that county in February and August of 1779; and again in January and December of 1782. A Joseph Hanks had lived at least a year in Hampshire County by November, 1782. Was he traveling back and forth? M.H.R.

Joseph Hanks
of Richmond Co. Va

Joseph Hanks, son of John and
Catherine (also spelled Katherine)
Hanks, b. Dec. 20, 1725.

Dec. 20, 1725

Married Ann Lee, dau. of Wm.,
before 1764.

Before 1764

One child - Betty - named
for Betty (see) Hanks, wife of
Thomas Hanks and sister of
Ann (see) Hanks, born
4 March, 1771. No other
children recorded. Would a
child named Elizabeth be recorded in
Ch. Rec. as "Betty" and would a child
named Betty be referred to in her
father's will as "Elizabeth"?

Mar. 4, 1771

Joseph Hanks granted adm. of Est.
of his widowed mother, Catherine
on Feb. 1, 1779, and appraisers
were appointed on same day.
Inventory returned Aug. 2, 1779.

Feb. 1, 1779

Aug. 2, 1779

Four men were appointed to
divide the Est. of Catherine Hanks. In
list of heirs none is noted "absent".
Date of division, Jan. 7, 1782.

Did he move
to Hampshire Co.
between these
dates?

Jan. 7, 1782

Travel back
and forth as
frequently?

Final account of Joseph Hanks
entered for Est. of Catherine Hanks,
and Joseph Hanks was personally
examined on oath - must have
been there - Dec. 23, 1782.

Dec. 23, 1782

Did he move to Hampshire Co., Va., as early as 1780?

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Joseph Hanks
 of Hampshire Co., Va. (Hamp. formed 1754)

Joseph Hanks - listed in Hampshire
 Co. census for 1782 with eleven
 whites and no blacks.

The census list was "entered"
 in county seat - Romney -
 on Nov. 14, 1782, which would
 indicate that data was collected
 during late summer and early
 fall.

Nov. 14, 1782.

Joseph Hanks in Hampshire
 Co. Tax Returns - One person
 of tithable age (free white male
 of 21), 2 horses, and 3 cattle listed.
 Tax returns "entered" in
 county seat on Nov. 18, 1782.

(There was no free white male of 21,
 other than himself living in
 the home of Joseph Hanks at the time,
 of the sons at home was born
 before 1762. Did the "eleven" include
 only married children? If this Joseph
 had a son Thomas, b. 1759, as Barton
 claims, where was he? Were soldiers
 tithable? Barton says this Thomas
 was rear soldier from Hampshire 1780-1.)

Nov. 18, 1782.

Was this Joseph Hanks of
 Hampshire County running
 back and forth so freely between
 Hampshire and Richmond counties
 in the settlement of the Catherine
 Hanks estate? Would one not living
 in Richmond Co. be appointed administrator?
 Or would he have left estate unsettled?

Hamp.
 Co. Va.
 census
 list
 for 1782

Hamp.
 Co. Va.
 Tax
 Returns
 1782

How long
 did Joseph
 Hanks live in Hamp.?

This Hanks
 was a Rear. Sold.
 from Hamp. 1780-1

Thomas, b. 1759,
 would have
 23 in 1782.