

A good illustration of how names were mutilated not only by officials but by friends is given by Myra Hank Rudolph in her letter of November 18, 1924, in which she says that the first John Hanks in this country in his will, dated 1730 records seven minor children, mentioning each by the full name and always spelling the surname Hanks, not Hanke or Hank, and after all this caution - conscious or otherwise - the friends who proved the will in 1731 called him John Hank.