

Lincoln's Maternal Family

THE GRANDFATHER

James Hanks, was born in Virginia to Joseph and Ann "Nannie" Lee Hanks. Little is known about the father of Nancy Hanks except that he owned land in Campbell County along Hatt Creek where she was born. No record of his marriage to Lucey Shipley has been found, but it is accepted that they married about a year before Nancy's arrival. After his death Lucey removed to Kentucky with the Shipley family to the Harrodsburg area of Mercer County.

Lucey Hanks

THE GRANDMOTHER

Lucey Shipley, born in 1770 in Richmond County, Virginia, to Robert Shipley, Jr. and his wife Sarah Dorsey. Lucey had some early form of education because she was able to read and write, an accomplishment for females of the time. After the death of her first husband, she relocated to Kentucky. She was married to Henry Sparrow on April 30, 1790, in Mercer County, Kentucky. The couple resided near Mitchellsburg in part of Mercer County which became Boyle in 1841. In her advanced years she lived with her daughter, Mary Ann "Polly" Whitehouse on Scrubgrass Creek. Died in 1825 and is buried in Whitehouse Family Cemetery, Marion County, Kentucky.

THE STEP-GRANDFATHER

Henry Sparrow, born October 9, 1765, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, to James W. Sparrow and his wife Mary. Served as a Private in the Virginia Militia during the American Revolution. Moved to Kentucky after 1788 with his parents where he met and married the widow Lucey Shipley Hanks. Buried in Whitehouse Family Cemetery, Marion County, Kentucky.

THE AUNTS and UNCLES

James B. Sparrow, born 1792. Married Nancy Hineman August 28, 1818, and secondly Parthena Vandevanter August 28, 1850. Died in 1854 in Mercer County, Kentucky.

Henry Sparrow Jr., born August 5, 1802. Married Ailsey Smith February 19, 1822, in Mercer County, Kentucky. Died October 2, 1881 in Anderson County, Kentucky.

George Sparrow, born 1804. Married Susan Ingram May 18, 1829, in Mercer County, Kentucky. Died after 1870.

Thomas Sparrow, born 1806. Married Sally Smith August 2, 1826, and secondly Mary "Polly" Smith in April 1836. Died 1855 in Anderson County, Kentucky.

Mary Ann "Polly" Sparrow Whitehouse, born 1790. Married Benjamin Franklin Whitehouse July 9, 1808, in Mercer County, Kentucky. Died October 4, 1865, in Boyle County, Kentucky.

Margaret "Peggy" Sparrow Ingram, born 1796. Married William Ingram July 29, 1815. Date of death unknown.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Sparrow Franklin, born 1800. Married Claiborne Franklin July 22, 1812, in Mercer County, Kentucky. Date of death unknown.

Lucinda "Lucy" Sparrow Richardson Campbell, born 1803. Married Sandy Richardson May 20, 1824, and secondly James L. Campbell January 5, 1841. Date of death unknown.

MOTHER of the PRESIDENT

Nancy Hanks

Only child of James and Lucey Shipley Hanks. Born February 5, 1784, on Hatt Creek near Brookneal, Campbell County, Virginia. Removed to Kentucky with her widowed mother prior to 1789. During that time her paternal grandfather, Joseph Hanks, resided in Nelson County, Kentucky, and her maternal grandfather, Robert Shipley, Jr., resided in Mercer County, Kentucky. Twenty-two-year-old Nancy married Thomas Lincoln on June 12, 1806, at the home of her cousin and guardian, Richard Berry, Jr., in the Beech Fork Community of Washington County, Kentucky. Died of milk sickness October 5, 1818, at age 34 in Little Pigeon Creek Spencer County, Indiana.



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