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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size</b>	0.5 linear ft.
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	Mississippi
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1788-1884.
<b>Languages</b>	English.
<b>Summary</b>	Papers relate primarily to the sale and transfer of land, and consist of maps, surveys, land conveyances, and indentures.
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### **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

The Shepherd family resided at Salisbury Plantation, Wilkinson County, Mississippi. The house was built circa 1811 in Woodville, Mississippi for Moses H. Hooke (also spelled Hook in the papers). He was born in 1777 and married Harriet Hooke Browder, born 1787 in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Their children included Moses Josiah, Richard Butler, Sarah (or Sara) Jane, Margaret Ann, and William Butler. Moses H. Hooke died at Salisbury Plantation in 1821 or 1822, and the house later became the property of his daughter Margaret Ann Hooke and her husband C. M. Shepherd.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Papers relate primarily to the sale and transfer of land in Mississippi, particularly Wilkinson County, and consist of maps, surveys, land conveyances, and indentures. Papers also include Moses Hooke's armed forces appointment (March 11, 1799), an agreement with Secretary of War, Henry Dearborn, for Oliver Ormsby to provide rations to U.S. troops (May 24, 1804), and a deed and abstract for Woodstock Plantation, which belonged to Richard Butler. Additionally, there are materials related to the estates of Richard Butler and Margaret Butler, Harriet Hooke Browder, Moses Hooke, Elizabeth Huchen, and F. H. Hooke.

## COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

**1788-1800**

1788: A small map showing the boundary lines for 1000 arpents of land in the Natchez District of Louisiana. North of land owned by Dr. Francis Pousset.

1789 December 7: Survey of 600 acres of Mr. Ross's land (bordered by land of Pousset and Lejeune in Natchez) signed by John Lovelace. A "true copy" certified by the Surveyor General's Office, Parish of Orleans.

1795 July 20: Receipt of a second quarter payment of Moses Hooke to the president and fellows of a college. Payment received by Mr. Howard, Harvard College. Original in vault.

1799 March 11: Appointment for Moses Hooke to be an ensign in the First Regiment of Infantry signed by James W. Henny. Original in vault.

1800 March 25: A deed whereby George Fitzgerald sold land to William Vousdan for \$5,000.

**1801-1807**

1801 March 25: Indenture for Joseph Pannil (also spelled Pannill), Esquire, and wife Agnes, Adams County, Mississippi, to sell to Richard Butler, Esquire, 1000 acres known as Woodstock (lying and being on the water of Bayou Sarah in Adams County) for \$10,000. The land is bounded by William Vousdan to the south; heirs of Andrew Hare to the west; Daniel Ogden to the north; and the heirs of Charles Percy (possibly Percy) and John Ellis, Esquire, to the east.

1802 December 26: Document (special order) giving Lieutenant Moses Hooke leave from the First Regiment of Infantry to attend to private business until 1803 February 1, when he is to return to duty at Pittsburg. Special order issued at Frederick Town (Fredericktown), Maryland. Original in vault.

1804 May 24: Agreement between Henry Dearborn, Secretary of the Department of War, and Oliver Ormsby of Pennsylvania for Ormsby to furnish rations for U.S. troops in the states of Delaware, Pennsylvania, or New Jersey. Signed by Dearborn and Ormsby.

1805 June 12: Certificate of confirmation (Certificate A. 305, Register's No. 1125) of title of Richard Butler to a tract of 1000 arpents in Wilkinson County near Willings Bayou, previously granted by the Spanish Government to Francis Poussett. Certificate was for Mississippi Territory. Entered according to law June 28, 1805 and signed by Board of Commissioners.

1807 August 13: A survey report by Christopher Bollins, for Moses Hooke of 710 arpents of Elizabeth Hutchins' land situated on the second western branch of Bayou Sarah in Wilkinson County, Mississippi. Bordered by land of Charles Percy and William Dunbar. Original in vault.

**1811-1824**

1811 July 8: An indenture whereby Richard Butler bought 1000 arpents of land owned by the deceased William Vousdan, Adams County, Mississippi, for \$12,000. Signed by the executors Robert Percy and William Keary. Witnessed by Moses Hooke and Joseph Johnson, the Clerk of Court in Wilkinson County.

1818 March 2 and 3: Newspaper (*Orleans Gazette and Commercial Advertiser*) belonging to Richard Butler, Esquire, at Pinckneyville, Mississippi.

1822 April 8: Compromise agreement for the estate of Richard Butler and Margaret Butler between the heirs of Margaret Butler (Benjamin Farar, Eliza Young, and Benjamin Young) and the heirs of Richard Butler (Jane Butler, Harriet Hooke, and Rebecca McCutcheon).

1822 May 7: A list of payments for the estate of Richard Butler involving Mr. and Mrs. McCutcheon, Mrs. Hooke, Eliza Young, and Benjamin Young.

1823 May 28: Statement by William Brown, surveyor, regarding a survey requested by Richard Butler three years before this date. Note on verso reads E. Smith vs. Harriet Hooke: Ejectment.

1824 June 19: Survey of Richard Butler's estate.

**1826-1834**

1826 March 23: A true copy of a document authorized by the State Supreme Court, Judge George Mathews, stating that Mrs. Harriet Hooke should receive clear warrant to Woodstock Plantation as per the will of Richard Butler. This document was affirmed by Rebecca and Samuel McCutcheon who released the plantation to Mrs. Hooke free from any restrictions.

1826 November 29: Settlement of the division of the estate of Richard Butler and Margaret Butler between the heirs Benjamin Farar, Eliza Young, Benjamin Young, and the heirs Jane Butler, Harriet Hooke, and Rebecca McCutcheon.

1827 March 8: Declaration to conveyance of property by Rebecca Butler (consort of Sam McCutcheon) stating that certain property had been sold to Samuel Elkins by Richard and Margaret Butler for \$12,000; certificate signed by Governor Henry Johnson attached.

1830 August 3: Inventory and appraisement taken of the estate of Harriet Hooke Browder of Wilkinson County, Mississippi, including value of and names of slaves and value of plantation.

1831 March 15: Paper certifying baptism of Charles Morris at home of the late Moses Hooke. Signed by John Morgan, minister, Woodville, Mississippi.

1834 May 28: Record of a total sale of 341 bales of cotton from Woodstock Plantation by Reynolds Byrne & Co.

**1835-1855**

1835 February 16: Survey and plot of survey by Thomas Dawson, surveyor of the estate of Moses Hooke, Elizabeth Huchens [sic] tract.

1835 February 21: Survey and plot of survey of part of Hooke's Creek, the natural boundary between the Elizabeth Huchens [sic] tract and the land of Joel Glass, by Thomas Dawson, surveyor.

1837 March 24: Deed for land from Spencer Wood to William B. Hooke for \$11,500.

1837 April: Map of Hermitage.

1839 March 28: Horoscope of R. B. H. Shepherd.

1853 March 24: Deed for the Woodstock Plantation (six miles from Fort Adams) sold by Percival B. McCutcheon and wife Jane of Pass Christian, Harrison County, Mississippi, to Margaret A. Shepherd, Harriet E. Hooke, Francis H. Hooke, and Moses J. Hooke of Wilkinson County, including a list of slaves (documenting slaves' names and ages) and other property on the plantation.

1855 January 20: Deed of Conveyance of 1/4 undivided part of Woodstock, Salisbury, Hermitage, McGloss place and 65 5/10 elsewhere from the executor (Charles M. Shepherd) of the estate of Margaret A. Shepherd to Francis H. Hooke.

**1862-1884**

1862 May 28: Receipt of state, county, and school taxes for 1861 in Wilkinson County, Mississippi (received of Francis H. Hooke).

1863 March 17: Receipt of state, county, and school taxes for 1862 in Wilkinson County, Mississippi (received of F. H. Hook [sic]).

1863 May 10: F. Hooke in account with W. A. Simrall (Woodville). A scrap of account page.

1864 February 10: Statement by W. A. Simrall that the annexed account of \$3000 against Francis Hooke is true and no part has been paid.

1864 February 18: Received of R. B. H. Shepherd, administrator of the estate of F. H. Hook, \$42.37 paid in full to the account of W. A. Simrall (Woodville).

1865 September 4: Notarization, Probate Court of Wilkinson County, that R. B. H. Shepherd was made administrator of the estate of F. H. Hooke.

1869 March 9: Draft to Robinson T. Christwell in the amount of \$45.54 to oblige R. B. H. Shepherd, Esquire, signed by W. A. Simrall (Woodville).

1884 October 27: Plot and survey of a tract of land known as "Glass" place by J. B. Oliver.

1884 December 10: Plot and survey of Woodstock Plantation boundary lines in Woodville, Wilkinson County, by J. B. Oliver.

1884 December 11: Receipt of payment for field work on Salisbury, Woodstock, and Glass tract.

**Undated**

Small paper giving the dates of birth and death of great grandfather Hook and his wife, grandfather Hook and his wife, Nancy Hook, Sarah, Josiah, Moses, and Benjamin.

Survey of land near Woodstock tract and C. Pettibone land.

Memorandum of a survey of a tract of land sold to Dr. Hook by Dr. S. Wood.

Survey of land made by William Brown on order of the court in a suit (ejectment), Harriet Hook vs. Elijah Smith.

Unsigned transcript giving Woodstock and Salisbury plantations, including the Glasgow tract, to Kate B. Shepherd and three children.

Three pages taken from "Extracts from the Laws of Harvard College." Originals in vault.

Conveyance abstracts (typescripts): U.S. Government to William Vousden (Vousdan), Woodstock part (conveyed June 8, 1805); Robert Percy and William V. Keary (administrators of the estate of William Vousden) to Richard Butler, Woodstock part (conveyed July 8, 1811); U.S. Government to Charles Percy, Hermitage part (conveyed June 19, 1805); Nath. A Ware, Rene La Roche, and Mary Jane La Roche to Elijah Smith, Hermitage part (conveyed March 7, 1826); Charles Percy Smith (executor of the estate of Elijah Smith) to Spencer Wood, Hermitage part (conveyed March 31, 1828); Spencer Wood and Margaret B. Wood to William B. Hooke, Hermitage part (conveyed March 34, 1837); and to Sarah Ellis Percy (Ware), daughter of Charles Percy, Hermitage part (no conveyance date listed).

Conveyance abstracts (typescripts) of Woodstock Plantation for A. M. Shepherd and Mrs. Margaret S. Kemper: U.S. Government to Richard Butler (conveyed June 28, 1805); Richard Butler (by will) to Rebekah (Rebecca) Butler McCutcheon and Harriet Butler Hooke, sisters of Richard Butler (no conveyance date listed; note on abstract that the will was dated June 18, 1814); agreement of the heirs of Richard Butler (Jane Butler, Rebecca Butler McCutcheon, Harriette Butler Hooke) and the heirs of Margaret Farrar Butler (Benjamin Farrar, Benjamin F. Young, and Eliza H. Young; conveyed in April and May 1822); Rebecca Butler McCutcheon and Samuel McCutcheon to Harriet Butler Hooke (conveyed March 3, 1826); description of Woodstock boundary dispute between Harriet Hooke and Elijah Smith (statement dated March 27, 1823); Percival B. McCutcheon and Jane B. McCutcheon to Margaret A. (Hooke) Shepherd, Harriet E. Hooke, Francis H. Hooke, and Moses J. Hooke (children of Harriet Hooke; conveyed



January 21, 1853); Charles M. Shepherd (executor of the estate of Margaret A. Shepherd) to Francis H. Hooke (conveyed February 20, 1855); Moses J. Hooke (by will) to Francis H. Hooke (will dated October 8, 1850); Francis H. Hooke (by will) to Richard Butler Hooke Shepherd (date of will February 23, 1858); R. B. H. Shepherd and Harriet E. Hooke Benit to O. Hopkins (conveyed December 31, 1873); O. Hopkins (by will) to Mrs. Kate B. Shepherd, Arthur Shepherd, Kate Shepherd, and Margaret Shepherd (conveyed July 2, 1884).

Map of Woodstock lands.

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