

Alexandria Gazette 25 Dec 1833

STOP THE THIEF! STOP THE THIEF!!! – A daring villain entered my stable on the night of Wednesday, the 20th of this month, and stole my RIDING HORSE, SADDLE, BRIDLE, MARTINGALE and COLLAR. The Horse is about sixteen hands high, seven or eight years old next spring; of dark iron grey color, with a long and full switch tail, which is white towards the end; he has large legs, is of coarse and heavy appearance, but rides well for one of his size; has a blister on his right side, occasioned by a saddle scald, which was bare when he was stolen. He carries his fore feet so close as to cut his ankles, unless great care is taken in shoeing him, and marks now appear on them made by his shoes.

The Saddle is old, with plated stirrups, much effaced, and a cloth of twilled cotton, spotted, and somewhat resembling a leopard skin. The bridle has red leather reins and snake bit; and the martingale is of red leather, with plated hooks.

About two o'clock on Thursday morning, the 21st instant, a man about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, of spare figure, thin visage, of genteel and youthful appearance, with dark hair, was seen in Alexandria, which from his appearance, had been rode fast. The watchman described this man as pert in his manner, and of quick speech, he wore a cloth cap, with a large tassel, and a dark camlet cloak; his departure from Alexandria was sudden, and circumstance justify the belief that he went towards Washington, and thence Northward.

For the recovery of the horse, I will give a reward of Thirty Dollars, and the additional sum of Fifty Dollars for the conviction of the thief.

Any information on this subject may be communicated to Bernard Hooe, of Alexandria, as I expect to be absent from home for several weeks.

John Hooe, Jun.
Locust Grove, Prince William County
December 2nd 1833

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TRUSTEE SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY virtue of a deed of trust, executed to the subscribers, by John Hooe, Jr. bearing date the first day of May 1841 and duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of Prince William County, Va., we shall offer for sale at Public Auction for cash, before the door of Farmers Hotel in the Town of Fredericksburg, on Saturday the third day of September next, the following Real Estate, to wit. A tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Prince William known by the name of YORKSHIRE, adjoining the lands of Lovell Marders, William J. Weir, and William Brawner, containing about eleven hundred acres, it being the same land which was conveyed to the said John Hooe Jr., by Bushrod Washington and Henry Turner; also another tract of land, adjoining the above named tract called LOCUST GROVE, containing about seventeen hundred acres, which was devised to the said John Hooe Jr., by his father, the late Bernard Hooe, of Prince William County.

The title to the said land is believed to be undisputed, but selling as trustee, we shall convey only such as is vested in us by the deed of trust aforesaid.

A. Hansford, Trustee
W. R. Mason, Trustee
King George, Va.

17 October 1843

**Hansford to Hooe Jr. - deed of release
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This Indenture made and executed this 30th day of August 1843 by and between Addison Hansford and Wily R. Mason of the first part and John Hooe Jr. of the second part: Whereas the said John Hooe Jun., on the first day of May 1841, in order to secure the payment of the sum of \$5,000 to Nathaniel H. Hooe, did by indenture of trust of that date convey to the said Hansford and Mason together with other property a certain tract of land described in said deed by the name of "Locust Grove," containing about 1700 acres and as having been devised to the said John H Hooe by his father the late Bernard Hooe of Prince William upon trust for the uses and purposes in said deed mentioned. And whereas, since the executing and delivery of the said deed of trust the said Nathaniel H. Hooe hath in----- and directed the said Hansford to Mason as trustee aforesaid to release unto the said John Hooe jun. so much of the said Locust Grove tract of land as the said John Hooe jun. may have sold or contracted to sell to George W. Mellan. Now this indenture witnesseth that the said Addison Hansford and Wely Roy Mason, for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid to them by the said John Hooe jun as and before the ensembling and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, they the said Hansford & Mason, with the assent and approbation, & in pursuance of the instructions of the said Nathaniel H. Hooe, have granted, bargained and sold, revised, released and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell, revise, release and confirm unto the said John Hooe jun all the estate right title interest claim and demand, t---- at law and in equity which the said Hansford and Mason, have or hold in that part of the said Locust Grove tract of land, which was sold or contracted to be sold by the said John Hooe Jun. to the said George W. Millan, and which is bounded as follows: to wit: "Beginning at a white oak near the mouth of a small branch, emptying into Rushy Branch which is a corner to the lands of Mrs Waugh & the said John Hooe jun. thence up Rushy Branch with the meanders thereof to a white oak on the said branch at the mouth of a lane, corner to Dade Hooe and the said John Hooe jun. thence in the direction of said lain, with the land of Dade Hooe S. 55. 30E 187 1/2 poles to a white oak stump, near a small branch thence down said branch, with the meanders thereof to a large white oak on the South - East side of said branch thence S 59 30 E 22 poles to a hickory, on a road side, corner to Kincheloe, Dade Hooe and the said John Hooe jun. thence S 84 E. 71 5 poles, to a red oak on a hill another corner to Kincheloe and the said John Hooe jun. thence N. 8 E. 132 poles to a black oak, one pole north of a branch in the woods, thence N. 54 W 328 5 poles to the beginning - containing 400 acres, 3 N. and 33 P. To have and to hold that part of the said Locust Grove tract of land also described, to the said John Hooe jun. his heirs and assigns forever, to the only proper use and behoof of him and his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Hansford and Mason for themselves, their heirs &c. the afore mentioned land, unto the said John Hooe jun. his heirs and assigns, in as full and ample manner as the same was warranted by the said John Hooe jun. by the deed of trust above recited, do warrant the same to the said John Hooe jun. against the claim or claims of the said Hansford & Mason, and all persons claiming by or under them, or either of them.

In witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

A. Hansford (seal)
W. N. Mason (seal)

King George County to Wit:

We Edward T. Tayloe and Albert Turner justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do hereby certified that Addison Hansford and Wily R. Mason, parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 30th day of August 1843 and hereto annexed, personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the clerk of the county court of Prince William, in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 1st day of September 1843.

Edward T. Tayloe (seal)
Albert Turner (seal)

In the Clerk's Office of Prince William County Court October 17, 1843. This deed of release from Addison Hansford & Wiley Roy Mason to John Hooe Jr. was received with certificate annexed and admitted to record.

Teste, J. Williams C.C.

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF LAND AND NEGROES – Pursuant to the provisions of two deeds of trust, the one bearing date the first day of May, 1841, and the other the first day of September 1843, executed to the subscribers for purposes therein mentioned, by John Hooe Jr., late of Prince William County, both of which deeds are duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of said County, we shall, on Monday the 2nd day of November next, at Brentsville, proceed to sell, by public auction, for cash, the following property to wit:

A Tract Of Land, lying and being in the County of Prince William, called and known by the name of "YORKSHIRE," adjoining the lands of Lovell Marders, William J. Weir, and William Brawner, containing about 1100 acres and is the same land which was conveyed to said Hooe by Bushrod Washington & H. Turner.

Another Tract OF Land, adjoining the above tract, called "LOCUST GROVE," containing ___ acres, to which the said John Hooe Jr., derived title from his father, the late Bernard Hooe of Prince William County.

A Tract OF Land lying in said county of Prince William, on Occoquan Run, adjoining the lands of Mrs. Kincheloe, Mrs. Hixson, and others, and containing about 400 acres.

The following SLAVES and their increase since 1st September 1843, to wit: REUBEN, NANCY, LUCINDA, THORNTON, PARIS, MARY ANN, BILL, SALLY, LAURINDA, BETSY, HORACE, DAVY, and RICHARD. Such title only as is vested in the undersigned by the deeds aforesaid, will be conveyed to the purchaser; but is believed that the title to all said property is unquestionable.

A. Hansford
W. R. Mason, Trustee
King George County, Va.

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SALE OF LAND – By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Prince William, pronounced at its October term, 1847, the undersigned will sell at Brentsville, in the County of Prince William, before the front-door of the Court House, on the first Monday in August next (that being court day) the TRACT OF LAND on which James M. Halley resides, in said county, containing about four hundred acres called "LOCUST GROVE", being the same land on which Col. John Hooe formerly resided, and which was sold by him to George Millam, and by said Millam to the said Halley. The boundaries of the said land can be made known to bidders on the day of sale. Terms of Sale – ten per cent of the purchase money to be paid in cash – bonds with approved personal security for the residue on a credit of six, twelve and eighteen months, and the title to be retained until the purchase money is paid.

John W. Tyler, Commissioner