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John H. Wood Papers, 1849-1898

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Wood, John Howland (1816-1904)
Title:	John H. Wood Papers
Dates:	1849-1898
Creator Abstract:	John Howland Wood moved to Texas in 1836 to serve in the Texas Army. Wood was the founder of the Bonnie View Ranch at Black Point, on Copano Bay. Wood was a political and business leader, helping to establish towns in Texas and partnering with his son in a mercantile business.
Content Abstract:	A journal, letters, deeds, legal documents, brand records, financial records and printed material are part of the John H. Wood Papers, documenting some of the business activities of Wood and his family.
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Biographical Note

Born in New York in 1816 John Howland Wood came to Texas in 1836 as member of a battalion raised in response to the events of the Texas revolution. He served in the San Jacinto campaign, and remained in the Texas Army after the war as Quartermaster in Victoria. At the conclusion of his military service, he established a cattle ranch in Jackson County, later moving his headquarters to Victoria, and then to Refugio County, where he founded the Bonnie View Ranch at Black Point, on Copano Bay.

Wood was a political and business leader in Refugio County, serving with the county government and involving himself in the establishment of the towns of St. Mary's and Rockport. He was a partner in a mercantile business in St. Mary's with his son, Richard H. Wood, and Francis M. Ellis, and was a promoter of railroad service to the Gulf coast.

During the Civil War, he served the Confederate government as a member of home guards and an officer of coastal defenses.

In 1842, Wood married Nancy Clark, also a native of New York, who had come to Texas in 1839 with her mother and brothers. The couple had 12 children, several of them prominent in ranching, business and government. A convert to Catholicism, Wood was a frequent contributor to church and educational ventures, including the construction of a Catholic church in Rockport. He died in Rockport in 1904.

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Scope and Content Note

A journal, letters, deeds, legal documents, brand records, financial records and printed material are part of the John H. Wood Papers, documenting some of the business activities of Wood and his family.

A journal and memorandum book from 1867, probably belonging to Wood, records routine business and personal information and some general financial transactions dating to 1869. Among the deeds are items recording the transfer of property in the town of St. Mary's involving Wood, his son Richard H. Wood, and business partner Francis M. Ellis. Registration certificates for marks and brands document Wood's cattle ranching activities in a number of counties, and include the marks of Wood's wife Nancy and other family members. Financial records are generally miscellaneous in nature, consisting primarily of tax receipts for property in several counties, as well as more general receipts, including one item for the sale of livestock to the Confederate government. Stock certificates found in the papers include two for the Texas Continental Meat Company of Victoria, Texas, in which Wood and another son, Tobias D. Wood, were shareholders.

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Detailed Description of the Collection

John H. Wood Papers, 1849-1898

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1	1	Journal/Memorandum book, 1867-1869

Box	Folder	
		Letters
1	2	Dyer H. Crowell, Rome, to Mr. Wood, 1874 July 28
1	3	S.A. Burns, Bridgeport, Conn., to J.R. Cook, Meriden, Conn., 1893 June 21
		Deeds
1	4	Patrick Shelly, Assessor to John H. Wood, Refugio County, 1850 August 9
1	5	Francis M. Ellis to Richard H. Wood, Refugio County, 1867 December 4
1	6	Alfred M. Hobby to F.M. Ellis and Richard Wood, Galveston County, 1868 February 16
1	7	Francis M. Ellis and Richard H. Wood to John H. Wood, Refugio County, 1870 January 24
1	8	Rafael Aldrete to John H. Wood, Refugio County, 1872 March 7
1	9	John Ireland to John H. Wood, Refugio County, 1873 June 25
1	10	Unknown owners to T.D. Wood, Victoria County, 1883 May 1 Unknown owners to T.D. Wood, Victoria County, 1883 May 1
1	11	Samuel D. Mayer et al., to John H. Wood, 1884 February 9
		Contract
1	12	Lovenskiold, O'Doharty and McCampbell and John H. Wood, Corpus Christi, 1869 April 27
		Bill of Sale
1	13	J.M. Niel to John H. Wood, Refugio County, 1878 June 28
		Brand records
1	14	Certificate of registration, John H. Woods, Cameron County, 1862 November 24
1	15	Certificate of registration, John H. Wood, Karnes County, 1867 January 19
1	16	Certificate of registration, John H. Wood, Wilson County, 1867 April 15
1	17	Certificate of registration, John H. Woods, Bexar County, 1867 April 26
1	18	Certificate of registration, John H. Wood, Victoria County, 1870 March 16
1	19	Certificate of registration, Nancy and John Wood, Medina County, 1872 April 5

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1	20	Certificate of registration, John H. Wood, Nueces County, 1873 January 20
1	21	Certificate of registration, Nancy Wood, Bee County, 1875 February 17
1	22	Certificate of registration, John H. Woods, Goliad County, 1876 June 9
1	23	Certificate of registration, Nancy Wood, San Patricio County, 1879 October 30
1	24	Certificate of registration, T.D. Wood, Bee County, 1898 June 10
1	25	Certificate of registration, R.H. Wood, et al, Bee County, 1898 June 10
1	26	Road Overseer's Commission Henry Mueller, Goliad County, 1877 June 18
1	27	Stock certificates San Antonio Mutual Aid Association, 1863
1	28	Texas Continental Meat Company, 1883 (2 items)
1	29	Bills and accounts Edward Linn to Daniel Hourd, Victoria, 1854 February 7
1	30	Edward Hickey to _____, New Orleans, 1857 January 2
1	31	John H. Woods to Confederate States of America, 1865 May 12
1	32	John McKinnon and Co. to J.H. Wood, Victoria, 1884 January 14
1	33	List of accounts, n.d.
1	34	Receipts Bee County taxes, 1881-1887 (9 items)
1	35	Coleman County taxes, 1879, 1886 (2 items)
1	36	Goliad County taxes, 1881-1887 (5 items)
1	37	McCulloch County taxes, 1886-1887 (2 items)
1	38	Refugio County taxes, 1850-1883 (7 items)
1	39	San Patricio County taxes, 1882
1	40	Victoria County taxes, 1879-1886 (10 items)
1	41	Confederate taxes, 1864
1	42	Occupation taxes, 1870-1871 (3 items)
		Receipts
		General

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1	43	Peter Doren to John H. Wood, Black Point, 1849 August 30
1	44	W.N. Black to John H. Wood, St. Mary's, 1869 April 30
1	45	F.M. Ellis to John H. Wood, St. Mary's, 1870 May 30
1	46	Mathew Kiolin to John Wood, Black Point, 1876 April 13
1	47	State Land Board to J.H. Collett, Austin, 1884 February 20
1	48	Clipping "An Old Texan"
1	49	Menu Manhattan Café, Victoria