

Sussex county, DE. - Estate: MATTHEW HOSEA
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MATTHEW HOSEA: 1780-1819 Sussex county, Delaware

Three Administrator's accounts presented for MATTHEW HOSEA, deceased, of Sussex Delaware. Information on his family can be found at the end.

First Administrator's Account for Matthew Hosea, dec'd.
Presented 26 June 1820, Sussex county, Delaware

The Account of RHODA HOSEA, Administrator, of Matthew Hosea, late of Sussex County. dec'd. The said accountant charges herself with all and singular, viz:

With cash of

Joseph SMITH	3.35	
John JAMES	.50	
J.? DEAL	2.00	
Hannah ?	.25	(This surname could be RUSSEL)
Isaac WOTTEN	3.50	
Josiah TRUETT	.25	
Sam'l. HEARN	10.99	(for lumber)
Thom. SULLIVAN	1.13	
Puah PUSEY	6.00	
Joseph VINSON	12.00	

In receipt of

William HOBBS	2.17	(acc't. for rent)
James DERICKSON	5.06	(acc't. paid rent)
Wm. ELLEGOD	.38	

Second Administrator's Account for Matthew Hosea, dec'd.
Presented 18 July 1821, Sussex county, Delaware
(Note: Rhoda Short Hosea, widow of Matthew Hosea, married a second time to BENJAMIN FOOKS on 02 September 1820 in Portsville, DE.)

The account of Benjamin Fooks and Rodah (sic) his wife, administrator of Matthew Hosea, late of Sussex county, Delaware

Amount of inventory	\$2344.53
With cash received of	
Wm. HITCHENS Jr.	\$8.00
Thos. SULLIVAN	\$6.00
Jos. VINOSN	\$60.00
Josiah POLK	\$32.00
Jos. CANNON	\$22.12
Ebenezer VINSON	\$8.00
	\$2480.05
Amount of payments	\$250.03

Balance due estate	\$2,220.62
Deduct this sum of being the amount of 9 shares of the capital stock of the Farmers & Mechanics Bank of Delaware appraised in the Estate of the said Matthew Hosea -	
	\$270.00
With balance due	\$1,951.62
Payments due -	
On former settlement	\$56.38
Paid Jonathan Co?	\$10.11 (surname COLLIER or COLLINS)
Nathaniel HORSEY	\$9.35 - proved account per receipt (Horsey not to be confused with Hosea.)
Samuel CANNON	\$8.95 (Lot 1 tax for 1820)
Repairs on mill	\$13.22
Pd. for twenty five hundred feet of plank for repair of dwelling house	\$15.00
Pd. workmen's bill	\$19.40
Retained in accountant's hands for supporting a decrepid(sic) Negro 2 years and 1 month at Fifty dollars per year	
	\$104.16
Commissions	\$9.08
Commission	\$6.80

Third Administrator's Account for Matthew Hosea, dec'd.
Presented 24 November 1828, Sussex county, Delaware
(Note: The previous (second) administrator's report was filed in 1821 by Rhoda Short Hosea, widow of Matthew Hosea, and her second husband, Benjamin Fooks. Rhoda died in 1822, therefore Benjamin Fooks presented this account.

The account of Benjamin Fooks, Administrator of Matthew Hosea, dec'd. of Sussex county, Delaware.

The said accountant charges himself with all accounting, to wit:

With a balance	\$1951.62
Int. from 4 June 1820	992.07
With this sum rec'd.	
From Farmer & Mechanic Bank	225.70
Interest	44.87
With this sum rec'd	
Of the same	19.12
Interest	2.10
With this sum rec'd. of the same	
4th of August 1828	18.00
Interest	.33
Various amounts	
Total	\$3338.53
Amt. of pymts.	\$3720.71
Balance	\$382.21

The said accountant craves an allowance for his sundry payments, to wit:

Paid for letter of Adm.	\$1.25
Pd. Thom.W. RECORDS	\$1,235.25 (cannot read item)
Pd. the admin. of Celia RECORDS	\$2,076.42 (cannot read item)
Peter ROBINSON	\$20.00 (for a bill to be filed in chancery)
Pd for stating & passing	\$5.00
	\$3,720.74

Source: The above three accounts were transcribed from copies of the originals located at Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, Dept. of State, Hall of Records, Dover, DE. Vol. A78, pg 73, Sussex Co. Probate.

MATTHEW HOSEA is thought to have been the son of Arthur HOSEA. Matthew was born abt. 1780, died 15 May 1819, Sussex. Married Rhoda SHORT (b. abt. 1780- d. 30 May 1822) the daughter of Shadrach SHORT. Rhoda married a second time to Benjamin FOOKS on 02 Sept.1820 in Portsville, DE. She died soon after, in 1822.

Children of Matthew Hosea and Rhoda Short:

- (1) Abner Hosea - no information
- (2) Nancy Hosea - no information
- (3) Thomas Isaac Hosea b. 05 September 1807 - d.11 Feb. 1895, Marengo Co., AL, m. (1) Ann D. LOCK (2) Mary Watkins.
- (4) Ann Bell Hosea b. 14 April 1805 also migrated to Marengo Co., AL where she died 05 Dec. 1891; m.Thomas J. SKINNER.
- (5) Shadrach Short Hosea b.12 May 1810 - d. 1891 Brenham, TX; m.(1) Harriet DOUGHERTY, (2) Lucinda Sarah SIMPLE on 14 November, 1845 (3)Adeline Amanda Rainwater Carrington. He had 14 children in all.
- (6) Sarah Stone Hosea b. 10 Sept. 1817 - d. 23 March 1896; m. Isaac GILES.

Other resources:

1. 1810 Delaware census, New Castle, Little Creek Hundred.
2. Sussex county Orphan's Docket (1737-1847) names minors of Matthew Hosea, deceased, who petitioned the court as Thomas, Sarah, Shadrack, and Nancy, in 1821. The children petitioned to choose guardian, report on value of their lands, and/or to appoint a guardian. Subsequent documents presented in Orphan's Court regarding the estate continued from 1821 to 1833.
3. One Family Named Skinner, by Julia Skinner McLean,1984: "Matthew Hosea, born in an unidentified place in Ireland, was the son of Arthur Hosea. His mother's identity is not known. He moved from Ireland to Sussex County, Delaware, along with his parents and grandparents, and other members of the family. Matthew married Rhoda Short, daughter of Shadrack and Levina (?) Short, and by the time of the births of their children they were living in Laurel, Sussex, Delaware."
4. 1850 Marengo County, Alabama census (re SKINNER family)
5. Laurel Presbyterian Church, near Shiloh, Marengo County, Alabama; cemetery records.
6. History of St. Phillips Episcopal Church, Laurel, Delaware (compliments of Ned Fowler) (re: HOSEA/GILES)
7. Notes of family researchers Jan Porterfield, Holly Carpenter, Rebecca Sisk, Donna Hosea Liles and others.