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Thomas G. Gooch d.ca. 1869 Papers, 1827-1885

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Size of Collection: .66 cubic feet

Locator Number: Mss./A/G645

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Biographical Note

Thomas G. Gooch was a preacher and farmer in Logan County, Kentucky. His business activities included surveying, a saw mill and bee hives as well as the farm production of tobacco, cotton and wool. He was a trusted man in his community who witnessed many wills and became the guardian of a business partner's daughter. Gooch continued to oversee the woman's lands even after she was married and moved to Louisiana.

Gooch had a prosperous farm in Logan County, Kentucky. He was a sound businessman who invested in many different projects. His son did not fare so well and in 1865 a Nashville banker has to pay many of the younger Gooch's debts. The elder Gooch then works a deal to pay back the banker.

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Scope and Content Note

The collection is comprised of papers concerning the enterprises and legal proceedings of Thomas Gooch. He was an executor of wills, a guardian of a business partner's daughter and a farmer who dealt in tobacco, cotton, wool, bee hives and saw milling. Lists from 1845 to 1864 record prices paid for household and personal items and reflect the needs of a prosperous Logan County, Kentucky family. Included in the collection are Adkins family papers. These are mainly letters and sermons of an Ohio preacher.

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Folder 9: Surveys and Land Papers: 1853-1873.

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Box 2

Folder 11: Household and Farm Accounts 1839-1862.

Folder 12: Miscellaneous Papers: 1855-1874.

Folder 13: Adkins Family Correspondence and Elyria Church Business 1840-1884.

Folder 14: Adkins Family Sermons and Religious Notes 1837-1872.