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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Cook's Old Field Cemetery
other names/site number Hamlin Cemetery

2. Location

street & number ½ mi. north of Rifle Range Road not for publication ____
city or town Mount Pleasant vicinity x
state South Carolina code county Charleston code 019 zip code 29466

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination __ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets __does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant __ nationally __statewide x locally. (__ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Mary W. Edmonds 3/20/03
Signature of certifying official Date

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, S.C. Dept. of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property __ meets __does not meet the National Register criteria. (__See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is: Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

✓ entered in the National Register Linda McClelland 5/09/03
__See continuation sheet.
__determined eligible for the National Register
__See continuation sheet.
__ determined not eligible for the National Register
__ removed from the National Register
__ other (explain):

Cook's Old Field Cemetery
Name of Property

Charleston County, South Carolina
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

x private
_ public-local
_ public-State
_ public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

_ building(s)
_ district
x site
_ structure
_ object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
		buildings
1		sites
		structures
		objects
1		Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register
0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Category: Funerary
Subcategory: Cemetery

Current Functions
(Enter caregories from instructions)

Category: Funerary
Subcategory: Cemetery

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation
walls
roof
other Marble
Granite
Sandstone

Narrative Description
See attached continuation sheets
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Cook's Old Field Cemetery
Name of Property

Charleston County, South Carolina
County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

X A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
__ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
X C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period,or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
__ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

__ a owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
__ b removed from its original location.
__ c a birthplace or a grave.
X d a cemetery.
__ e a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
__ f a commemorative property.
__ g less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Art
Social History

Period of Significance

1805-1916

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Walker, Thomas
White, John
White, William T.
Walker, D.A.

Narrative Statement of Significance

____ See attached continuation sheets
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

__ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
__ previously listed in the National Register
__ previously determined eligible by the National Register
__ designated a National Historic Landmark
__ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # ____
__ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # ____

Primary location of additional data:

X State Historic Preservation Office
__ Other State agency
__ Federal agency
__ Local government
__ University
__ Other

Name of repository:
SC Dept. of Archives & History

Cook's Old Field Cemetery
Name of Property

Charleston County, South Carolina
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 1 acre

UTM References
(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1	17	611919	3634167	3	17	612160	3634276
2	17	612044	3634282	4	17	612010	3634073

___See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)
Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets
Maps
A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.
Photographs
Representative **black and white** photographs of the property.
Additional items
(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Osgood D. Hamlin
street & number 2525 Hwy.17 North telephone (843) 884-7614
city or town Mount Pleasant state SC zip code 29466

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Cook's Old Field Cemetery is located one-half-mile north of Rifle Range Road, six miles from Mount Pleasant, in Charleston County, South Carolina, on the high ground of Copahee Sound. It is extremely secluded and surrounded by forest and unimproved farmland known as Cook's Old Field. Within this burial ground are the graves of members of the Hamlin, Hibben and Leland families, all notable and prominent families of the South Carolina lowcountry. On 16 July 1863 Mary Moore Hamlin set aside one acre for the cemetery, thus keeping the Hamlin family burial ground intact.

The cemetery consists of thirty-eight marked graves, including headstones, box tombs and one obelisk, dating from 1805 to 1916 with the majority dating from the 1840s and 1850s. Two stone markers remembering the descendants who began the reunion committee in 1949 are just inside the entrance gate. The stones, arranged by family units within the cemetery boundaries, show some evidence of wear from the elements and from occasional vandalism but retain their integrity.

Two brick columns which once held an iron gate mark the entrance. The old metal fence erected in the 1940s to replace the remnants of the original has been removed. The burial ground measures 55' x 75' x 90' x 40'. Professionals, hired by the family, have begun restoration of the grounds and markers. Large decayed oak trees destroyed by Hurricane Hugo in 1989 were removed, leaving the stumps intact. Vines of ivy and smilax, azaleas and other wild underbrush are consistent with local vegetation. Just outside the immediate burial plots are crepe myrtles, small-to-medium trees, and a well-kept firebreak.

For the purpose of this inventory the cemetery has been divided into four areas, shown on the accompanying area views and cemetery overview. Area 1 is located front to back and to the right of the gated entrance. Area 2 is in the back middle of the cemetery. Area 3 stones are laid out directly to the left of the gate. Stone markers in Area 4 are all front to back on the far-left side of the plot.

Area 1

There are fourteen marked graves in this area. To the right are two flat markers on brick bases recognizing family attempts to maintain and restore the cemetery; the first was erected in 1949 by descendants of those buried here and the second lists deceased "Charter Members" who worked to restore the cemetery between that date and 1969.

Directly in front of the gate is a row of nine small markers with footstones. Five of these, identical in shape and style, are the young children of John Adams Leland and his wife, Ann Allston Dupre. These stones are simply styled with arched tops.

In the back of Area 1 facing the back are five box tombs with slab or table tops. Mold and fungus from the large trees that once shaded these markers make it difficult to see the beautifully carved inscriptions. Although the bricking and marble supports of the sides are crumbling, the table tops remain intact. Sarah Hibben's table top tomb was carved and signed by stonecarver T. Walker.

Area 2

Area 2 contains five brick box tombs located to the right of what was once a very old and large oak. The decaying tree has been cut and removed leaving the stump in place. Nearest the tree stump to the right is the tomb of Sarah Wingood Hamlin (d. 1840). This table top tomb is weathered and its inscription is difficult to read. Nearby is the grave of her husband, Thomas Hamlin (d.1818). Although his tabletop has few words they are inscribed with a flourish and in keeping with the time period. This stone is in excellent condition. Another table top near that of Sarah Hamlin lists the children of John and Ann Hamlin. This stone was probably erected when the last child died. The stone is inscribed and signed by stonecarver W.T. White.

Area 3

Area 3 is located just left of the entrance posts. There are four box tombs. The tomb of Mrs. Margaret Gordon and Mrs. Sarah Margaret Bennett are very close together by a matter of inches. Margaret Gordon's table top is smooth and simple and was inscribed by T. Walker & Son with their signatures at the bottom right. The tablet on the wall of Margaret Gordon's tomb reads: "ANDREW HIBBEN OF KENT COUNTY ENGLAND DIED SEASIDE PLANTATION March 10, 1784, BURIED NEAR THIS SPOT."

The oldest marker in the cemetery is the box tomb of Arnold Wells (d. 1805). Its table top is inscribed in a very flamboyant style. Of his five children, only his daughter, Martha, is buried in Cook's Old Field Cemetery. Her stone is also a box tomb with an inscription carved by master stonecarver John White.

The marker of Mary Harriet Pepper (d. 1861) is only upright marker in this area. The elaborately carved stone is signed by D.A. Walker.

Area 4

Area 4 is the entire left side of the cemetery. A stump is the only evidence of a large stately oak. One box tomb, turned to face the rising sun, is that of Thomas Hamlin (d. 1849) His wife, Mary Moore Hamlin, has a small upright stone with delicately carved wreath of flowers. The marker for Sarah Ann Hamlin (d. 1859) is broken in two and next to her is the small marker of child Frank Hamlin.

The only obelisk in the cemetery is located next to the row of tombs in Area 3. The base is intact however the top is sitting off to the back.

The gravestone of "Mike, a Faithful servant" (d. 1857) is simple in design but large in comparison to other stones in the cemetery.

INSCRIPTIONS

AREA 1

1. ERECTED \ BY\ DESCENDANTS \ 1949

2. In \ Memory of Charter Members \ Who helped Restore this cemetery \
   Isobel Kennedy 1956
   Richard Leland Morrison 1956
   Horace Wells Leland 1963
   Dennis Auld 1967
   George Dupre Sanders 1969

3. JERE \ WILLIAMS LELAND, \ DIED NOV. 3, 1891 \ Aged 9 months \ and 23 days \ Our bright and \ beautiful boy, \ Beloved 'til Life \ Could charm no more. \

4. ANOTHER \ LITTLE \ JOHNNY \ Son of \ J.A. & A.A. LELAND \ Born April 16, 1856 \ Died \ August 19, 1857 \ He was a pleasant Child. \ footstone J.L. 1857

5. LITTLE LIZZIE \ Daughter of \ J.A. & A.A. LELAND \ Born Jan. 9, 1852 \ Died Oct. 6, 1854 \ "It is well!" \ footstone L.L.

6. OUR SISTER \ Hannah's \ Little Daughter \ HANNAH, \ Born in Alabama \ April 19, 1845, \ Died in Columbia S.C. \ Feb. 17, 1847 \ footstone H.N.P.

7. LITTLE SALLIE \ Daughter of \ J.A. & A.A. LELAND \ Born Feb. 16, 1849. \ Died June 25, 1849. \ " It is well with the Parents" \ footstone S.L.

8. LITTLE JOHNNY \ Son of \ J.A. & A.A. LELAND \ Born June 6, 1847 \ Died July 26, 1848 \ "It is well with the child" \ footstone J.L.

9. IN \ MEMORY \ OF \ JOHN \ Son of \ REV. A.W. & MRS. ELIZA \ LELAND \ Born 3rd Nov. 1813 \ Died 9th Feby. 1814 \ Sleep on sweet Babe \ We hope to meet again. \ footstone J.L.

INSCRIPTIONS, Continued

AREA 2

10. ANN ALLSTON \ WIFE OF \ J.A. LELAND \ Born June 5, 1824 \ Died July 8, 1903 \ THE LAW OF KINDNESS \ GOVERNED HER LIFE \ footstone A.A.L.

11. JOHN ADAMS \ LELAND \ Born Aug. 22, 1817. \ Died March 19, 1892. \ "THE VERY GENTLEST OF \ ALL HUMAN NATURES, \ HE JOINED TO COURAGE \ STRONG." \

12. HERE \ Repose in hope \ of the Resurrection unto Life \ the precious mortal remains Of \ MRS. ELIZA LELAND, \ Daughter of \ HON. JAMES & SARAH HIBBEN, and the consort of \ REVd. A.W. LELAND, D.D. \ PROFr. Of the Theoy. In the Semy. In Cola., SC \ Who calmly fell asleep in Jesus Dec. 29, 1856 \ Aged 64 yrs. 2 mos. & 12 days. \ For nearly 48 years, she was the light of her Husband's home \ and had become the untiring prop of his age. \ She did ALL that a Mother COULD do, and \ lived to see all her children the professed followers \ of her "Blessed Savior." \ Her youngest Son a few weeks before her death. \ When with a full heart she exclaimed \ "my work on Earth is Done." \ Every department and duty of her active life, \ She nobly filled, exalted and adorned \ "For her to live was Christ For her to die was a gain." \ Her memory is in the Fondest recollection of all. \ Her Consistent life, & important prayers are a priceless legacy. \ To her children and to the church \ In view of her whole character, influence and labors, \ We seem to hear a voice form the Throne of God, Saying, \ Well done, good and Faithful Servant \ enter thou into the joy of the Lord." \ Noble wife and Matchless mother \ Death thou hast slain another \ Holy, wise, and good as she, \ Time shall hurl his dart at thee. \ Life's duty done as sinks the day \ Light from its load the Spirit flies, \ While Heaven and Earth combine to say, \ How blest the righteous when she died." \ The Lord is my Shepherd." \

13. Here \ sleep in Jesus the mortal remains of \ MRS. SARAH HIBBEN, \ the beloved wife of JAMES HIBBEN, \ who finished a course of distinguished \ PIETY and USEFULNESS, \ and entered into the joy of her Lord, \ on the 26th day of July Anno Domini 1827, \ in the Fifty Sixth year of her age. \ Eminently devoted to God from Early youth. \ She lived a Life of FAITH & PRAYER, \ and abounded in the fruits of HOLINESS. \ in works of duty, charity and mercy. \ A most affectionate wife, a most Tender, faithful mother, \ She filled those endearing relations of life \ with kindness, dignity, and fidelity; \ Prayerful training up her children \ for HEAVEN \ In the midst of domestic harmony \ and affection, honoured and loved by all. \ She filled up the brief measure \ of her allotted days on earth. \ With uncomplaining patience, she endured \ the severe and long protracted sufferings \ of her last illness, \ and thus though much tribulation \ entered into immortal glory. \ Let her descendants \ from generation to generation, cherish \ with grateful veneration the memory \ of their excellent ANCESTRESS, \ to whom they will be indebted for \ INESTIMABLE BLESSINGS. T. Walker

INSCRIPTIONS, Continued

14. This TABLET \ is inscribed \ By a bereaved and morning family \ As a memorial of Their affection and grief \ to the memory of their most beloved \ and excellent father, \ JAMES HIBBEN. Who having served God & his generation \ Faithfully \ By a life of active usefulness and enlarged benevolence \ Finished his course with joy/ \ January 4th 1835; \ Aged 68 years. \ Let the remembrance of the virtues, \ that adorned his character \ And honored his name. \ As the Friend of the poor. \ the patron of the deserving \ As the Benefactor of the community \ And the devoted Servant of Christ \ Assuage the sorrows of his \ Afflicted Children. \ And excite them to give all diligence \ to follow his example partake of his Faith. \ And thus obey his dying injuction \ Prepare to meet me in Heaven. \ Being dead he yet speaketh. \

15. JESUS WEPT \ BENEATH THIS TABLET \ SWEETLY REPOSES \ THE LOVELY AND MUCH LOVED FORM OF \ MRS. ELIZA HIBBEN BARDWELL \ CONSORT OF \ REV. JOSEPH BARDWELL, \ DAUGHTER OF \ REV. DR. A.W. AND MRS. ELIZA LELAND \ WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE \ IN THE FAITH OF CHRIST, \ AUGUST 13TH 1857. \ AGED 27 YEARS AND 3 DAYS. \ "PRECIOUS IN TH SIGHT OF THE LORD; \ IS THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS." \ TO ALL THE VIRTUES OF A NOBLE HEART \ WERE ADDED THE GRACES OF SPIRIT. \ CONSTITUTING HER \ AN AFFECTIONATE AND DUTIFUL DAUGHTER, \ A FOND AND TENDER SISTER, \ A LOVING AND FAITHFUL WIFE, \ AND A DEVOTED AND SELF-SACRIFICING MOTHER, \ HER WORK ON EARTH, THOUGH SHORT, WAS DONE, \ AND "WELL DONE." \ FOR MANY YEARS CONSISTENT MEMBER OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, \ AND ADORING EVERY RELATION OF LIFE \ BY HER EXAMPLE AND MANY VIRTUES, \ SHE SEEMED TO HAVE DEVOTED \ THE LAST SIX MONTHS OF HER LIFE \ TO SPECIAL PREPARATION FOR HER INHERITANCE \ AMONG THE SAINTS IN GLORY. \ HER LAST END WAS PEACE. \ SHE RESTS AT THE FEET OF THAT "BLESSED MOTHER" \ SHE LOVED WITH UNCOMMON DEVOTION, \ "LOVELY AND PLEASANT IN THEIR LIVES \ AND IN THEIR DEATH THEY ARE NOT DIVIDED." \

16. IN MEMORY \ MRS. SARAH MARGARET CATER \ Consort of REVD. EDWIN CATER \ PASTOR OF WAPPETAW CHURCH \ And Daughter of REV. DR. A.W. AND MRS. ELIZA LELAND. \ of Columbia, S.C. \ Who calmly Fell asleep in Jesus \ At Mt. Pleasant the place of her Nativity \ October 8th 1857 \ Aged 46 years and 4 months. \ She was a most Affectionate Daughter, \ a loving wife, a tender Mother \ a fond sister, a kind Relative \ Constant in her Friendships, hospitable to all, \ For many years she was a meek and humble follower \ of the Lord Jesus Christ. \ Adorning her profession by a Godly Walk. \ And Heavenly conversation. \ There remaineth therefore a rest for the people of God. \

17. Departed this life \ on the 11th January 1840 \ MRS SARAH HAMLIN \ of Christ Church Parish \ Aged 76 years \ and 8 months \ this tribute of esteem and affection \ for departed worth is erected, \ by her children \ Her spirits Fled; and reigns above, \ In realms of joy, of peace, of Love. \ And death has done his part. \ Why rear a Tomb, a splendid tomb, \ to give her name to years to come. \ When reared it's in the heart. \

INSCRIPTIONS, Continued

18. Sacred to the Memory \ of \ THOMAS HAMLIN \ who departed this life on the 7th \ Of January 1818 \ In the 63rd year of his Age \ By long experience have I known \ Thy sovereign power to save \ At thy command I venture down \ Securely to the grave. \ When I lie buried deep in dust, \ My flesh shall be thy care. \ These withering limbs with thee I trust \ To raise them strong and fair. \

19. THOMS HAMLIN \ 1728 – 1767 \ married FRANCES LELAND \ Lived at Copahee \ Christ Church Parish

20. RESTS In Affectionate Remembrance \ MRS. SARAH WHITE \ Consort of \ JOHN WHITE \ Who departed this Life \ On the 25th day of May 1842 \ Aged Fifty Four years, \ And Five Months. \ Departed Soul, whose poor remains, \ This hallowed lonely grave Contains, \ Whose passing storm of life is over, \ Whose pains and sorrows are no more \ Blessed be thou with the blessed above. \ Where all is joy, and purity and love. \

21. HERE RESPOSE THE REMAINS \ of \ JOHN, JANE DEWEES, ELIZABETH ANA, THOMAS, AND WILLIAM, \ who died in infancy. \ AND OF THEODORA EMILY, Daughter of John, and Ann Hamlin; \ Who departed this Life on the 5th April \ A.D. 1847. \ AGED SEVENTEEN YEARS AND 10 MONTHS. \ After a short and severe illness. \ She was not however taken by surprise, \ Or found unprepared for the sudden summons. \ Though young, she had thoughtfully \ considered the present as alone secure, \ And used its fleeting Moments with an Eye \ Steadfastly fixed upon Eternity. \ Having embraced the deepest \ Spirit of humility, \ The faith of a Crucified Savoir, \ As the only ground of pardon and Salvation. \ Beautifully were its holy principles illustrated in her disposition \ and conduct. \ We may truly say that every Christian \ Grace adorned her Character, \ And that she was dutiful, \ And Affectionate. \ In every social relation \ Which she sustained, \ The only consolation remaining \ To the bereaved, \ Is the Christian persuasion \ That their loss has been \ To her whom they mourn. \ An infinite gain. \ W.T. White

AREA 3

(on the side of box tomb)
22. ANDREW HIBBEN \ OF KENT COUNTY ENGLAND \ DIED SEASIDE PLANTATION \ MARCH 10, 1784 \ BURIED NEAR THIS SPOT \

23. UNDERNEATH \ This monument of filial affection \ Are the remains of MRS. MARTHA GORDON. \ Who departed this life \ On the 1st day of March 1833 \ Aged 62 years. \ Severely tried by many afflictions \ And long continued infirmities \ She remained steadfast in her trust. \ In the Divine REDEEMER \ Her last days were those of Resignation \ And Peace. \ T. Walker & Son

INSCRIPTIONS, Continued

24. THIS TABLE \ is inscribed by grateful affection \ to the memory of \ MRS. SARAH MARGARET BENNETT \ Who having finished a course of \ active usefulness \ Died in the Faith and Hope of the Gospel \ On the 8th day of December 1827 \ Aged LXXIV years \ Fifteen of her grandchildren \ And forty of her great-grandchildren \ survive to venerate her memory. \

25. IN MEMORY OF \ ARNOLD WELLS ESQr. \ Who departed this life on the 11th day of July A.D. 1805. \ Aged 26 years and 6 months. \ Thus early summoned to depart, \ From all he Valued dear below, \ His friends, and partner of his Heart \ Meekly resigned therefore to go! \ For all his dying breath was Prayer \ To his, who could his fond Releafe \ From guilt and fin and dark difpare \ His prayer was heard- He died in \ peace. \

26. DEAR TO THE MEMORY \ OF \ MISS MARTHA WELSS \ Who departed this Life \ the 21st Feby. 1830 \ AE 28 years 11 months and 17 days. \ a most dutiful Daughter, \ An affectionate Relative, \ Kind and sympathetic to \ the Poor, \ And a zealous friend of \ Religion. \ In life she was beloved, \ And in death Lamented. \ "We sorrow not as Others who have no Hope."\ J. White

27. IN MEMORY \ OF \ MARY HARRIET PEPPER \ Youngest Daughter of \ A.M. & P.A. Pepper, \ Who died Feb. 13th 1861, \ Aged 15 years, 4 mos., And 27 days \ She was of few days, \ and come forth like a flower. \ This fair lily bloomed \ beauteously, but death cut it \ down, at a blow, and alas, it now \ lies withering here. \ "As a flower of the field, \ so we flourish; \ for the wind passeth over it, \ and it is gone." \ "The common fate of all things rare \ We read in thee \ How small a part of time they share, \ that are wondrous sweet and rare." \ D.A.Walker

AREA 4

28. IN MEMORY \ of \ THOMAS HAMLIN \ Who died 25th Feburary 1849 \ Aged Fifty Five years, 1 month, and 8 days \ His character was gemmed with many \ Noble virtues, the memory of which is embalmed \ In the hearts of his surviving \ Relatives and friends. \ The sterner qualities of strict integrity \ And inviolable honesty. \ Were invested with the sweet mantle \ of tenderness of heart and courtesy \ of manner, \ A friend of the Friendless, his heart \ And home were alike open to them all. \ Beloved in life, he fell asleep \ In the arms of death, \ Surrounded by his weeping family, \ Whose grief is assauaged by his dying \ Expression of a sense of forgiveness. \ Through the blood of Jesus. \ REQUIESCAT IN SINU \ CHRISTI \

29. OUR MOTHER \ IN MEMORY \ of \ MARY HAMLIN \ Daughter of PHILIP MOORE, \ And Relict of \ THOMAS HAMLIN \ who died January 25th 1868 \ Aged 68 years, 11 months, \ And 19 days. \ " I know that my Redeemer liveth \ and that He shall stand at the \ latter day upon the earth; \ and though after my skin worms \ destroy this body, \ yet in my flesh shall I see God." footstone M.H. / 1868

30. (cremation-small metal marker, McAlister Funeral Home) JOHN A LITTLE \ 1916 – 1985 \

INSCRIPTIONS, Continued

31. (broken stone- top half lying on the ground) IN MEMORY \ of \ SARAH ANN HAMLIN \ Wife of N. CORBIA HAMLIN, \ An affectionate wife, a mother \ bereaved of her only child, \ a sufferer from \ protracted illness, \ sinner trusting in the blood \ of Jesus \ she fell asleep in the \ communion of the \ Christian Church \ on the 7th of March 1859 \ aged 27 years and 2 months. \ "How calm her rest! \ Night-dews fall not so gently on the ground, \ Nor weary, worn-out winds expire so soft." \ D.A. Walker\ footstone S.A.H. \ 1859

32. OUR LITTLE SON \ FRANK CARLILE \ Only child of \ N.C. and S.H. Hamlin. \ Born Novr. 23rd 1856. \ Died Octr. 15th 1858. \ Our only jewel, O Savoir. \ we give back to Thee. \ to glitter in Thy diadem. \ W.T. White\ footstone F.C.H. \ 1859

33. (base of stone intact-top of obelisk has been knocked off)
(side 1) IN MEMORY \ of \ EMILY G. HAMLIN, \ Wife of \ Thomas Hamlin \ Who died \ July 10th 1859, \ Aged 28 years. \

(side 2) By common consent \ one of the loveliest and \ most devout Christians \ who have ever adorned \ this community; one whose (damaged)-oly life was \ an unan-(damaged)-able proof \ of the religion of Jesus \ Weep, afflicted Paris (damaged) \ of another praying so \ has been taken from (damaged)- \ Affectionate sister, dutiful daughter, \ tender wife, faithful (damaged) \ Christ like saint \ FARWELL! \

(side 3) \ Precious in the sight of \ the Lord, is the death \ of his saints." \

34. GIRARDEAU \ Infant Son of \ THOMAS & EMILY G. HAMLIN, \ who died \ July 16th 1858 \ footstone G.H. \ 1858

35. JAMES \ INFANT Son of \ THOMAS 7 EMLIY G. HAMLIN, \ who died \ July 14th 1859 \ footstone J.H. \ 1859

36. 2 LT. \ THOMAS HAMLIN \ CO. B. \ 23 S.C. INF. \ C.S.A.\

37. SGT. \ PHILIP M. HAMLIN \ CO. B. \ 23 S.C. INF. \ C.S.A. \

38. JOHN HAMLIN \ CO. E. \ 2 FLA. INF. \ C.S.A. \

39. JAMES HIBBEN HAMLIN \ CO. B. 23 S.C. INF. \ C.S.A \

40. MIKE \ a Faithful servant of \ Thomas Hamlin ESQ. \ Died Sept. 1857 \ He was an honest, intelligent, \ Christian man. \

Cook's Old Field Cemetery, also known as the Hamlin Cemetery, contains graves dating from 1805 to 1916, with the majority of them dating from the 1840s and 1850s. It is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A, for its significance in Social History as an excellent example of a mid-nineteenth century plantation cemetery associated with the Hamlin, Hibben, and Leland families, and under Criterion C, for its significance in Art as an excellent example of mid-nineteenth gravestone art as executed by several significant Charleston stonecarvers. It is eligible, furthermore, under Criteria Consideration D as a cemetery deriving its significance from graves of persons of transcendant local importance and from distinctive design features. It is also the last extant historic resource associated with the Hamlin, Hibben, and Leland families, as none of their plantation houses survive in the Mount Pleasant vicinity. The cemetery retains a high degree of integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and evokes a sense of time and place as a rural plantation cemetery in the South Carolina lowcountry.

Additional Information

Social History

Plantation and other family cemeteries dating from the colonial (or, more often, antebellum) period into the first years of the twentieth century often share a commonality of size, design, spatial arrangement, and physical placement.

There are many plantation cemeteries scattered throughout the forests of Christ Church Parish. Many are yet waiting to be discovered. Several of significance are the Lucas Family Cemetery, now surrounded by development but maintained by descendants and listed in the National Register in 1998; and those at Hobcaw and Oakland plantations; the Legare/Wagner family cemetery at Dunes West Subdivision; and many others. The distance from plantation to church was most often long and connected only by poorly-maintained dirt trails and roads. Planters often found it necessary to construct a family burial ground near the main house.

Rural family cemeteries were usually small in comparison to cemeteries in churchyards and may include the graves of family and friends from elsewhere who happened to die while visiting. Cook's Old Field Cemetery is no different. The Hamlins and their neighbors, the Hibbens, shared not only land boundaries but also a common burial ground. The names on the markers show numerous intermarriages between the two families, which kept the land in the family. This cemetery, as with many other rural plantation cemeteries, provides a valuable glimpse into the lives of antebellum planters and the interrelationship of their families.

Area 1

Directly in front of the gate is a row of nine small markers with footstones. Five of these, identical in shape and style, are the young children of John Adams Leland (d. 1892) and his wife, Ann Allston Dupre (d. 1903). Leland married Ann Dupre on 23 May 1845.[1] Born in Mount Pleasant on 22 Aug.1817 to Rev. Aaron Whitney Leland and Eliza Hibben, John Adams Leland began his education in local schools and continued Williams College in Massachusetts and engineering at Kentucky. He received his degree in Master of the Arts at South Carolina College in 1837. Upon returning from Kentucky Leland & Leslie McCandless revived the Camden Academy. Later he studied law in Spartanburg and was admitted to the bar in 1840. From 1845–1852 Leland was professor of Mathematics at the Citadel. With the outbreak of the Civil War Leland organized and commanded the "Trenholm Rifles," serving in Major Edward Manigault's Battalion.[2] After the Civil War he was elected President of Laurens Female College. He resigned his position upon his arrest in connection with the riots there in October 1870.[3] John Leland served in various teaching positions throughout South Carolina until 1875 when Williams College honored him with an honorary degree as Doctor of Philosophy.[4] John Leland and Ann Dupre Leland have markers at the end of this row.

In the back of Area 1 is the box tomb of James Hibben (d. 1835). Hibben, the founder of the village of Mount Pleasant, was the son of immigrant Andrew Hibben and his wife Elizabeth Barksdale[5]. James Hibben was an active political leader beginning his service in 1795 in the South Carolina House of Representatives. He served on many committees and was a state senator from 1800-1815. From 1809-1817 he served as a trustee of South Carolina College.[6] In 1803 James Hibben bought Mount Pleasant Plantation from the estate of Jacob Motte. He had thirty-five lots drawn up, giving many to his children. In 1837 Hibben's Mount Pleasant Village merged with Greenwich Village to create what is now known as the "Old Village" of Mount Pleasant. This was and still is considered to be the center of town.[7] James Hibben's main residence, however, was in the country.

Hibben owned considerable land near Thomas Hamlin. One of his plantations, called Seaside Plantation and located near Copahee, was an inheritance from his father. James Hibben married Sarah Wells (d.1827). She is buried beside her husband. Together they had at least nine children but

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[1] *Charleston Observer* (Charleston, S.C.), 3 May 1845.
[2] Emilie Leland, "Biography of John Adams Leland," n.p., n.p., 1949.
[3] John Adams Leland, "A Voice From South Carolina," n.p., n.p., n.d.
[4] Emilie Leland, unpublished paper from 5th Hamlin Family Reunion, n.p., n.p., 16 January 1949.
[5] Petrona Royall McIver, *History of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina* (Charleston: Ashley Printing and Publishing Company, 1960), pp. 26-28.
[6] N. Louise Bailey, ed., *Biographical Directory of the South Carolina House of Representatives, Volume IV: 1791-1815* (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1984), pp. 279-80.
[7] McIver, p. 28.

only one is buried in Cook's Field. Their daughter, Eliza (d. 1856) wife of Reverend Aaron W. Leland, is buried beside them.

The two last box tombs are granddaughters of James Hibben by his daughter Eliza Hibben Leland (d. 1856) and her husband, Rev. A. W. Leland. Eliza Hibben Leland (d. 1857) married Reverend Joseph Bardwell and died at the very early age of 27 years. Her sister, Sarah Margaret Leland, married Reverend Edwin Cater, pastor of the Wappetaw Church of Sewee Bay at the time of his wife's death.[8]

Area 2

Area 2 contains the tomb of Sarah Wingood Hamlin (d. 1840), daughter of John Wingood and Sarah Barksdale and wife of Thomas Hamlin (d. 1818).[9] Nearby is the grave of her husband, Thomas Hamlin (d.1818).[10] Little is known about Thomas Hamlin. He was the son of Thomas Hamlin (d. 1767) and his wife, Francis Leland. When Thomas Hamlin died of cancer on 7th Jan. 1818 his will left all property to be divided "between my wife, Sarah, and my sons & daughters". To Sarah he left "all that tract of land she derived from her father, Mr. Wingood and which I now live."[11] After their mother's death on 5 Jan. 1840 their sons Thomas and John recorded the division of the land according to their mother's instructions.[12] John received the west side (361.8 acres) and Thomas the east side (363.2 acres), which included the family cemetery.[13] Another box tomb near that of Sarah Hamlin lists the children of John and Ann Hamlin. This stone was probably erected when the last child died. The stone is inscribed and signed by master stonecarver William T. White.

Area 3

Perhaps the oldest grave in the cemetery is the box tomb of Arnold Wells (d. 1805). Arnold Wells was born the son of Samuel Wells and Sarah Margaret Singletary of St. Thomas and St. Denis Parish. He owned a plantation on the Wando River as well as acreage in the Cainhoy area. By 1799 he was a wealthy landowner with 1,891 acres.[14] He was elected to the Sixteenth General Assembly

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[8] *Charleston Observer* (Charleston, S.C.), 7 April 1838; George Howe, *History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina, Volume II* (Columbia: Duffie and Chapman, 1883), p. 587.
[9] A.S. Salley, Jr., ed., *Marriage Notices in the South Carolina Gazette and its Successors (1732-1801)* (Albany, N.Y.: J. Munsell's Sons, 1902), p. 78.
[10] *Ibid.*
[11] Brent Holcomb, *Marriage and Death Notices from the Charleston Observer 1827-1845* (Columbia: Heritage Books, 1980), p. 34; Charleston County Wills, Volume 33, Page 1382, South Carolina Department of Archives and History (SCDAH), Columbia, S.C.
[12] Will of Sarah W. Hamlin, Charleston County Wills, Volume 42, Page 73, SCDAH.
[13] McCrady Plats # 6186 & #6142, SCDAH, showing division of property and the cemetery.
[14] Salley, p. 95.

from 1804 until his death.[15] He was only twenty-six years old. Of his five children, only his daughter Martha is buried in Cook's Old Field Cemetery. Martha's stone is also a box tomb with an inscription carved by master stonecarver John White.

Area 4

This area includes the grave of Thomas Hamlin (1794-1849). He was the son of Thomas and Sarah Wingood Hamlin. Thomas married Mary Moore (d. 1868), daughter of Philip and Beersheba Hamlin Moore and great granddaughter of Chief Justice John Marshall. On 6 June 1863 Mary Moore Hamlin, sold 361 acres to her sons Thomas and James but set aside one acre to reserve the family burial ground. Mary Moore Hamlin died 25 Jan. 1868 and is buried near her husband.

Significant is the stone erected to honor a Hamlin slave, "Mike, a Faithful servant" (d. 1857). Mike was loyal to Thomas Hamlin (d. 1849) and is quite a legend among the descendants of both slave and master. Copahee produced large amounts of salt, extracted from vats close to the sound. Slaves carried buckets of sea water and poured them into round wooden pens. As the water evaporated the raw salt was left behind. This was grueling work and many slave deaths were attributed to the heat and heavy labor. Some of Hamlin's slaves planned revenge on their master and decided to poison his breakfast. One morning as breakfast was being served Mike rushed to stop Hamlin from eating it. Hamlin, startled, threw the food to the floor where his dog gobbled it down, fell into convulsions, and died. For his loyalty Mike became a trusted servant and head driver on the Hamlin plantation.[16]

There are many more tales of Mike's faithfulness handed down generation to generation. Mike was "rewarded" for his faithful servitude by a burial inside the family plot.

Although there is no marker on her grave, Hamlin family papers record that Amanda Switzer, a family slave and postwar servant, is also buried at Cook's Old Field Cemetery. "Manda", as she was known to the Hamlin family, was the house maid to two Hamlin spinster sisters. After the war Manda continued to work for the sisters and became a noted midwife in the community.[17] Unlike Mike, Amanda was buried just outside the fence. Her grave has not been located.

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[15] Bailey, p. 593
[16] John Leland, "Tombstone Testifies to Slave's Special Status," *Charleston News and Courier* (Charleston, S.C.), 11 February 1995.
[17] McIver, p. 151.

Art

Cook's Old Field Cemetery also reflects gravestone art and other burial traditions typical of the period in general and of the South Carolina lowcountry in particular. The symbolic and decorative details and inscriptions reflect and illustrate the religious, cultural, and ethnic beliefs, values, and traditions of the persons buried here and of their families and of the community in which they lived.

This cemetery boasts a significant number of beautifully crafted headstones by master craftsmen, including some of the most prolific and prominent stonecutters of nineteenth-century Charleston. Stonecarvers of the period occasionally inscribed their names at the base or on the reverse of headstones as a means of advertising their work. Stones by Michael Gannon, Thomas Walker, D.A. Walker, John White, William T. White, Robert D. White, and Edwin R. White—all carvers active in Charleston, the South Carolina lowcountry, and even as far afield as the midlands, piedmont, and upcountry regions of the state from the late eighteenth through the late nineteenth century—are commonly found in historic cemeteries in the area. Their work is often set apart from others of the period by the quality of the stones used, especially in the case of marble often imported from Italy, which has stood up to the weather better over time than inferior marble or granite; in the intricate details of decorative and symbolic elements such as crosses or open bibles, animals, flowers or trees, or in the styles of different fonts used in inscriptions.

Cook's Old Field Cemetery contains six markers dating between 1827 and 1861 inscribed by Charleston carvers Thomas Walker, D.A. Walker; John White, and William T. White. Their work is also present in three cemeteries in the town of Mount Pleasant: the Lutheran Cemetery, the adjacent town cemetery, and Christ Church at Six Mile, as well as Old Wappetaw Church. It is also common in many cemeteries in and around Charleston.

Thomas Walker, whose signature is on the stone of Sarah Hamlin (d 1827), emigrated to Charleston from Edinburgh, Scotland and established a successful business there.[18] Walker had at least one son who apprenticed in his father's trade. The box tomb of Martha Gordon (d. 1833) signed by T. Walker & Son confirms this fact. Walker's son-in-law John White carved the tomb of Martha Wells (d. 1830), while John White's son William T. White carved the stones of Frank Carlile Hamlin (d. 1858) and of John, Jane Dewees, Elizabeth Ana, Thomas, and William Hamlin (who died in infancy), and their sister Emily Hamlin (d. 1847), all children of John and Ann Hamlin.

The stone of Mary Harriet Pepper (d. 1861), signed by D.A. Walker, is probably the most intricately carved marker in Cook's Old Field Cemetery. On the top is carved a recessed round arched panel on which a weeping willow grows behind a memorial with an anchor resting on top. The weeping willow,

[18] Diana Williams Combs, *Early Gravestone Art in Georgia and South Carolina* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1986), pp. 71-72.

symbolizing sorrow, became an important cemetery motif in the first half of the nineteenth century.[19] The memorial symbolizes mortality, while the anchor is the anchor of hope. In the recess is an exquisitely carved angel looking down at the deceased; her arm raised pointing to heaven. The use of angels were used to guide the spirit of the lately departed to its reward in glory. Wreaths of flowers were also used on several markers and were quite popular during the Victorian era.

Period of Significance

The period of significance (1805-1916) corresponds to the date range of the marked graves in the cemetery.

Criteria Consideration D

Cook's Old Field Cemetery derives its significance both from the graves of persons of transcendant local importance and from distinctive design features. It is the last extant historic resource associated with the Hamlin, Hibben, and Leland families of mid-nineteenth-century Christ Church Parish and also contains several excellent examples of the highest quality gravestone art of the period as reflected in the work of the most prominent stonecutters then active in South Carolina.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated property is shown on the accompanying Charleston County Plat titled "Plat of 'Cooks Old Field Cemetery' Located on a Portion of Copahee Plantation," dated 20 April 2001 and drawn at a scale of 1" = 200'.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property is restricted to the historic cemetery.

The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

Name of Property:	Cook's Old Field Cemetery
Location of Property:	Mount Pleasant vicinity, Charleston County, SC
Name of Photographer:	Linda D. Smith
Date of Photographs:	3 December 2000
Location of Original Negatives:	S.C. Department of Archives & History, Columbia

1. Overview of cemetery
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14. Area 1, Stone 3: Grave of Jere Williams Leland, d. 1891
15. Area 1, Stone 4: Grave of Johnny Leland ["Another Little Johnny"], d. 1857
16. Area 1, Stone 5: Grave of Lizzie Leland, d. 1854
17. Area 1, Stone 6: Grave of "Our Sister Hannah's Little Daughter Hannah," d. 1847
18. Area 1, Stone 7: Grave of Sallie Leland, d. 1849
19. Area 1, Stone 8: Grave of Johnny Leland ["Little Johnny"], d. 1848
20. Area 1, Stone 9: Grave of John Leland, d. 1814
21. Area 1, Stone 10: Grave of Ann Allston Leland, d. 1903
22. Area 1, Stone 11: Grave of John Adams Leland, d. 1892
23. Area 1, Stone 13: Grave of Sarah Hibben, d. 1827
24. Area 1, Stone 15: Grave of Eliza Hibben Bardwell, d. 1857
25. Area 1, Stone 16: Grave of Sarah Margaret Cater, d. 1857
26. Area 1, Stone 17: Grave of Sarah Hamlin, d. 1840
27. Area 1, Stone 18: Grave of Thomas Hamlin, d. 1818
28. Area 3, Stone 27: Grave of Mary Harriet Pepper, d. 1861
29. Area 4, Stone 28: Grave of Thomas Hamlin, d. 1849
30. Area 4, Stone 29: Grave of Mary Hamlin, d. 1868
31. Area 4, Stone 31: Grave of Sarah Ann Hamlin, d. 1859 [Broken base]
32. Area 4, Stone 31: Grave of Sarah Ann Hamlin, d. 1859 [Footstone]

33. Area 4, Stone 32: Grave of Frank Carlile Hamlin, d. 1858
34. Area 4, Stone 32: Grave of Frank Carlile Hamlin, d. 1858 [Detail]
35. Area 4, Stone 33: Grave of Emily G. Hamlin, d. 1859
36. Area 4, Stone 34: Grave of Girardeau Hamlin, d. 1858
37. Area 4, Stone 35: Grave of James Hamlin, d. 1859
38. Area 4, Stone 40: Grave of Mike, "a Faithful servant" of Thomas Hamlin, d. 1857