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**MS 366**

**HUGHES, SAMUEL (1829 – 1917)**  
**Papers, 1861 – 1951, Bulk: 1872 - 1911**

## **DESCRIPTION**

Correspondence, reminiscences, ledgers, legal documents, reports and newspaper clippings relating chiefly relating to Sam Hughes mining, legal and civic work, and to criticisms of L.C. Hughes' tenure as governor.

5 Boxes, 3 outside items, 3.5 linear feet

## **ACQUISITION**

A portion of the material in this collection came from Samuel Hughes in 1884 & 1901.

## **ACCESS**

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## **PROCESSING**

The collection was originally processed at the Historical Society and reviewed by William Tackenberg under the supervision of Riva Dean in November 1997.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Pioneer Tucson merchant and active civic leader, Samuel Hughes was born in Wales in 1829. He immigrated to Pennsylvania with his father and in 1850 went to California to participate in the gold rush. In 1858, he moved to Tucson seeking better health. He served as Arizona Adjutant General during Gov. Safford's administration, served several terms on the Tucson School District No. 1 board during the 1880s, and at various other times was territorial treasurer, Pima County treasurer, and alderman for the City of Tucson. Sam Hughes married Atanacia Santa Cruz in 1864, and they had ten children, James, Jessie, Mary, Addie, Emma, Thomas, David, Margaret, Elizabeth, and Samuel. Sam Hughes was one of the founding fathers of the Arizona Pioneer Historical Society in 1884. He had two brothers who joined him in Arizona, Thomas and Louis C. His brother, Louis Hughes founded the Arizona Daily Star and was a prominent Democrat and Governor of the state from 1893 to 1896.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Business correspondence, powers of attorney, deeds and indentures, ledgers and other financial records from Hughes' work as merchant and businessman. Correspondence relates to merchandising and freighting in southern Arizona. There are many pioneer Tucsonans represented in the transactions including Robert Leatherwood, Hiram Stevens, Robert H. Paul, and Charles T. Etchells. There are mining records concerning investments in the Margarita Mine and the Montezuma Mining Company. Also present is a 1895 petition for a railway line signed by several Tucson residents, an 1889 letter to Hughes from students at San Xavier Public School, and an 1872 "Tucson precinct" list consisting of men's names divided into columns labeled "for us" and "against us".

Reminiscences are present about Sam Hughes' early experiences, the Oatman murders, and the beginnings of the Arizona Pioneer's Historical Society. Scrapbooks give news coverage of Apache Wars under Victorio, 1879-1880, and under Geronimo, 1886.

The Louis C. Hughes material includes a 1894 Governor's report dealing with state issues such as militia, liquor traffic, budget, efforts to withdraw troops from San Carlos, Indian education, and allotment of lands to graduates from Indian Training School, as well as churches, fraternal organizations, and climate. Other material concerns charges brought against L.C. Hughes, while Governor of Arizona, for incidents including accepting bribes, misappropriating funds, and more. These include charges and testimony of witnesses. One of the charges relates to assisting in the marriage of Judge John D. Walker while family members were trying to prove Walker was incompetent. There is also correspondence relating to investments and management of the Gold Bullion Mines Company. Correspondents include Eugene B. Moore and Charles Stokes.

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Folder List

**Box 1**

**Series 1: Samuel Hughes materials, 1872-1928**

- F.1 Biographical Materials (1907 – 1928)
- F.2a Business and Family Correspondence (1872 – 1914)
- F.2b Expense notebooks and receipts (1903-1913)
- F.2c Petitions, appointments, election canvass (1872-1895)
- F.3 Hughes Letterbook (1872 – 1879)
- F.4a S. Hughes Notebook 1, Reminiscences and manuscripts (meeting with Gen. Carleton)
- F.4b S. Hughes Notebook 2, Reminiscences and manuscripts
- F.5 Manuscripts – Oatman murders
- F.6a Manuscript – Beginnings of Arizona Pioneers Society
- F.6b Manuscripts notes and news clippings (1885-1916)

**Box 2**

- F.7 Bank Books and Statements (1879 – 1917)
- F.8a Financial Documents, Receipts, Licenses (1870 – 1914)
- F.8b Powers of attorney, deeds and indentures (1871-1884)
- F.9 Membership in Fraternal Organizations (1898 – 1917)
- F.10 Mining Deeds and Correspondence (1873 – 1910)
- F.10a Mining documents – Margarita Mine, Papago Mining District, Pima Co.
- F.10b Mining documents - Montezuma Mining Company
- F. 11 Ledger – Santa Rita Lumber Co., Margarita Mine, Francisco Ruelas estate (1870-1874)

**Box 3**

- F.12 Ledger – Mining, ranching, real estate and other business (1882-1896)
- F.13 Daybook (1886-1890)
- F.14 Daybook (1890-1895)
- F.15 Daybook (1895-1898)

**Box 4**

**Series 2: Hughes family materials, 1879-1951**

- F.16 Correspondence by Hughes Family Descendents (1883 – 1951)
- F.17 Anatasia Hughes – Scrapbook of newsclippings about Indians chiefly Victorio (1879-1880)
- F.18 Lizzie Hughes – Autograph book (1883-1884)
- F. 19 Lizzie Hughes – Addresses (1884)
- F. 20 Lizzie Hughes – Business School ledger assignment (1883-1884)
- F. 21 Tommy Hughes – Scrapbook of clippings about Geronimo and Apache Wars of 1886

**Box 5**

**Series 3: L.C. Hughes materials, 1861-1926**

- F.22 L. C. Hughes marriage and military records (photocopies) (1861 – 1926)
- F.23 L. C. Hughes – Report of Governor – 1894 (With Original Signature)
- F.24 L. C. Hughes – Report of Governor – 1894 (Hand Written Comments)
- F.25 L. C. Hughes – Reply to Secretary of Interior – 1895
- F.26 L. C. Hughes – Testimony In Gov. Hughes Case – 1895
- F.27 L. C. Hughes –Gold Bullion Mines Co. – Correspondence (1909-1910)
- F.28 L. C. Hughes – Gold Bullion Mines Co. - Correspondence (1910-1910)
- F.29 L. C. Hughes – Gold Bullion Mines Co. - Correspondence (1910-1911)

**Outside Items**

- Item 1 Hughes Family Bible
- Item 2 Account Book of Samuel Hughes (1878 – 1886)
- Item 3 Account Book of Samuel Hughes (1895 – 1901)