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**MS 0365
HUGHES, FRED GEORGE, 1837-1911
PAPERS, 1872-1897****DESCRIPTION**

The collection contains manuscripts by Hughes as well as incoming and outgoing correspondence, Territorial Documents, and handwritten manuscripts. It includes a copy of the handwritten *Semi-Monthly Pickwick Newspaper*, Fort Bowie, A. T. January 28, 1874. Other items are letters from Hughes to his wife from his station at Apache Pass, A. T., 1876, a letter from John Clum concerning the Chiricahua Apache removal in 1876, a handwritten manuscript *A Short Indian Story* describing his participation in the Pyramid Lake, Nevada Indian War in 1860 and other military campaigns against Apaches in Arizona in the 1870s. There is also one folder of materials relating to Hughes conviction of embezzlement from the Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society in 1897.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

1 Box, .10 linear feet (rare)

INVENTORY

- F. 1 Biographical material
- F. 2 Documents concerning APHS, 1891-97
- F. 3 Legislative documents, 1872-96
- F. 4 Incoming Correspondence, 1876-97
- F. 5 Outgoing Correspondence, 1876-97
- F. 6 Invitations/Membership Cards, 1879-96
- F. 7 Manuscripts, undated
- F. 8 *Semi-Monthly Pickwick Newspaper*, Fort Bowie, A. T. January 28, 1874

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Fred G. Hughes, Arizona Territorial Official, Indian Scout and founder of Greaterville, Arizona, was born in England in 1837. He moved to the United States as a young boy and joined the Gold Rush at age 16. He joined the army in 1860 and served under William Ormsby in the Pyramid Lake War against Nevada Paiutes, taking part in the disastrous battle in which 76 of the 105 man contingent were killed. In 1862, he joined the California Column in the march to New Mexico from Fort Yuma to Fort Craig, N. M. He engaged in various military attacks in Arizona and was mustered out in New Mexico in 1866. He settled for a time in New Mexico and then accompanied the Mimbres Apaches in their 1872 movement to Tularosa. In 1872, he became assistant to Tom Jeffords at the new Chiricahua Agency in Arizona. Hughes later settled in Tucson with interests in mining, politics and as a professional faro dealer. He was elected to the Territorial Council five times and was clerk for the Pima County Board of Supervisors. Because of gambling, he embezzled funds from the Board of Supervisors and from the Arizona Pioneers Historical Society. When it was discovered, he fled to Mexico but returned for trial and was sentenced to the Territorial

Prison in Yuma. He was paroled in 1900 and thereafter he developed the mines at Greaterville. In 1911, he was struck by lightning and killed.

ACQUISITION

The collection was donated by Sophia Hughes Pickett and Edna Hughes in 1960.

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