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**HUGHES, THOMAS, 1843-1907
PAPERS, 1872, 1886-1888**

DESCRIPTION

This small collection primarily consists of the reminiscences of Thomas Hughes, entitled *Tucson's Earliest Days* (8 pages), written by Hughes "by request of the Society of Arizona Pioneers" on February 7, 1888. In addition, there is one letter written by Hughes to W. J. Osborn in 1886 in behalf of the Society of Arizona Pioneers and his oath of office as Director of the Arizona Pioneers' Society. The reminiscences give a brief history of Tucson and Pima County, rather than his own personal reminiscences. The other item in the collection is the general account book kept by Thomas Hughes when he was post trader at Ft. Crittenden, 1872-1878.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPICAL NOTE

Thomas Hughes, Territorial Auditor between 1890-1893, was brother to Samuel Hughes and Gov. Louis C. Hughes. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1843, moved to Kansas as a child and joined the First Regiment of Kansas Volunteers in 1861. He served in the civil war and resigned in 1867 with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He came to Arizona in 1868 and became a rancher near Fort Crittenden. He moved to Tucson in 1882 and was in business with W. E. Stevens. He was involved in various business enterprises including hardware, ranching and mining. He was elected treasurer of Pima County in 1884 and was president of the Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society. He died in Tucson in 1907.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Thomas Hughes in 1888.

ACCESS

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