

William Hughes letters

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Hughes, William, b. 1794.
Title:	William Hughes letters
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Biographical/Historical Note

William Hughes was born in Sunbury, Georgia and attended the Sunbury Academy. He was the last surviving pupil of Dr. William McWhir, the long-time principal of the Academy. He taught at Sand Hills School from 1816 to 1817, and again in 1819. He also taught at the Sunbury Academy in 1818; both of these schools were in Liberty County. He was elected surveyor of Liberty County in 1844 and continued in that capacity into the 1880s. In 1847 he was also Deputy Surveyor of Bryan County. He made surveys in both of these counties, and in several other nearby counties (MS 406).

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of letters written to William Hughes while living in Buck and Liberty County, Georgia. The letters date from 1815 to 1849. Many of which concern land purchases and ownership, as Hughes was a land surveyor; others contain discourses in personal affairs, including deaths from Yellow Fever and murder in Sunbury, Georgia. Two separate letters in the collection affirm Hughes's purchases of cotton. Correspondents include Mr. Samuel James Jones, Thomas Bacon, Major A. Maylank, Matthew Bennet, Polly Spain, Thomas L. Winn, Matthew Spain, Allen Inman, P. M. Compton, Dr. C. W. Rogers, Col. George McAllister, John J. Maxwell, William Rembrant(?), Edward Anderson, Elias Reed, and Captain P. Wiltberger. An additional letter between P. M. Compton and Lewis H. Lynch is included in the collection.

Index Terms

Buck County (Ga.)
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Hughes, William, b. 1794.
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Sunbury (Ga.)
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Container List

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| 1 | From Mr. Samuel James Jones regarding current affairs in Bullville including the murder of Mr. Bysanz(?), 1815, 4 November |
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| 1 | From Thomas Bacon regarding land being purchased from William Hughes, Esq., 1819, 8 October; |
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| 1 | From Major A. Maylank regarding current affairs in Sunbury including Yellow Fever and 14 deaths contributed to it, 1819, 30 October |
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| 1 | From Matthew Bennet, cousin of William Hughes, regarding Bennet's search for a wife and the deaths in Riceboro contributed to [Yellow] Fever, 1819, 18 December |
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- 1 From Mrs. Polly Spain, sister (?) of William Hughes, regarding her recent travels and her onset of the [Yellow] Fever, 1820, 25 September

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- 1 From Rev. Thomas L. Winn regarding the welfare of Bro. White, 1823, 4 February

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- 1 From John McDean regarding Religious news of people who have recently converted to Christianity, 1824, 18 July

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- 1 From Rev. Thomas L. Winn regarding the \$10 debt of Edward Way. Hughes is prompted to remind Way of his debt, 1825, 12 January

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- 1 From Matthew Spain regarding the death of Hughes's sister (?) Polly Inman due to the [Yellow] Fever. Hughes is asked to visit and receive the assets left by Polly Inman, 1829, 19 November

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- 1 From Allen Inman regarding personal matters; a friendly correspondence, 1835, 4 March

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- 2 From P. M. Compton regarding a debt of 50¢; the letter once contained a certificate plot and grant to Samuel Miller's 800 acres as indicated by the discourse, 1846, 20 April

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- 1 From Dr. C. W. Rogers regarding a growing interest on a bank note of Hughes that was due on 1846, 21 June that has not been paid off, 1846, 5 July

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2 To P. M. Compton; From Lewis H. Lynch regarding information about land, 1846, 3 December

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2 From Col. George W. McAllister regarding personal matters; a friendly correspondence, 1847, 2 August

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2 From John J. Maxwell regarding personal matters; a friendly correspondence, 1847, 10 August

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2 From William Rembrant(?) regarding a land purchase and agreement, 1847, 6 October

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2 From Edward Anderson regarding a request for plots of the plantations of the late George Anderson, 1848, 28 March

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2 From Elias Reed regarding the sales of two bags of cotton, totally \$136.95, 1848, 12 April

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2 From Captain P. Wiltberger regarding a recent land purchase by Wiltberger, 1849, 7 February

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2 From Elias Reed regarding the sales of two bags of cotton, totaling \$85.48, 1849, 28 April