

Dudley Mays Hughes campaign clipping

Descriptive Summary

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Biographical/Historical Note

Dudley Mays Hughes was a Georgian politician, farmer, and railroad executive. He was born on 10 October, 1848 to Daniel Greenwood Hughes and Mary Henrietta Moore Hughes. Although he was born in Jeffersonville, Twiggs County, Georgia, he lived much of his life in Danville, Wilkinson County, Georgia. Danville was named after Hughes's father, Daniel Greenwood Hughes. Hughes was educated at Oakland Academy and at the University of Georgia. Dudley Hughes married Mary Frances Dennard on 25 November, 1873. Together they had three children: Daniel Greenwood Hughes, Hugh Lawson Dennard Hughes, and Henrietta Louise Hughes. Dudley Mays Hughes died in Macon, Georgia.

It is said that Dudley Mays Hughes always had an affinity for agriculture, beginning when he was young. At one point, he left the University of Georgia (UGA) to return to the family plantation for work. He also created a large farming complex called Magnolia Plantation. While at the Georgia Fruit and Land Company, he served as the president of the Georgia Fruit Growers Association. Hughes also served as one of the original founders of the Macon, Dublin, and Savannah Railroad. He remained director and president until 1891. From 1904 until 1906, Hughes was the president of the Georgia State Agricultural Society. His participation in legislation laid the foundation for the Future Farmers of America (FFA) society found in present day high schools. In 1905, Hughes became a trustee of UGA and remained a trustee until death. In 1882, Hughes was elected as a Democratic Representative to the Georgia Senate. He was reelected the following year. In 1906, Hughes ran as a Democrat against incumbent Elijah B. Lewis for Georgia's 3rd Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Hughes lost the 1906 election, but won the following 1907 election. The 1907 election was held between Hughes and Elijah B. Lewis. Hughes defeated Lewis and went to serve four consecutive terms. In 1912, the Georgia General Assembly reapportioned districts, changing the 3rd district to become the 12th district. Hughes served the 12th district until 1916, when he lost the reelection.

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Scope and Content Note

This collection contains a newspaper clipping published circa 1916. The purpose of the clipping was to help Dudley Mays Hughes win reelection in the 1916 campaign for Congressman of the Twelfth Congressional District (formerly Third Congressional District) of Georgia. The clipping states facts about Hughes's previous election and term, as well as reasons to vote Hughes in again. The appeal to farmers is widely noted. The clipping also includes text from letters of support from President of the Farmers' Union, Chas S. Barrett and from the speaker of the House of Representatives Champ Clark.

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