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#### **SUMMARY**

**Size.** 938 items and 11 manuscript volumes

Geographic

locations.

Louisiana.

**Inclusive dates.** 1833-1941

**Bulk dates.** 1861-1908

**Language.** English and French.

**Summary.** Papers of a planter of Assumption Parish and his family largely concerning

business, family, and political matters in the South during Reconstruction and

afterwards.

**Organization.** Arranged chronologically.

**Restrictions on** 

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**Related** W.W. Pugh Sketch, Mss. 540

**collections.** William W. Pugh and Family Plantation Records, Mss. 740, 753

Mrs. W. W. Pugh, Jr., Civil War Account, Mss. 1756

Welman F. Pugh Diary, Mss. 2113

Thomas C. Nicholls Record Book, Mss. 2160

Josephine Nicholls Pugh Civil War Account and Biographical sketch, Mss. 2618

William W. Pugh Letters, Mss. 3578

Josephine Nicholls Pugh Record Book, Mss. 4275

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Citation. Colonel W. W. Pugh Family Papers, Mss. 2052, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi

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**Stack locations.** U:165-166, H:9, OS:P

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#### **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

William W. Pugh (1811-1906) was a sugar cane planter of Woodlawn Plantation in Assumption Parish, Louisiana, and was colonel of the Assumption militia regiment during the Civil War. Pugh married William Ann Thompson in 1831 and Josephine W. Nicholls in 1844. He had at least ten children with wife Ann and four with wife Josephine. Three of these children include Thomas B. Pugh (1853-1952), medical doctor of Assumption Parish, W.W. Pugh, Jr., who married Eliza Lofton Phillips and ran Lyn's Hope Plantation in Assumption Parish, and Edward N. Pugh (1849-1919), lawyer of Donaldsonville in Ascension Parish.

W.W. Pugh was politically active in Louisiana as a member of the state House of Representatives (ca. 1845 and 1852-1858), chairman of the 3rd District Levee Board, and president of the Canal and Claiborne Railroad. He was also chairman of the Woodlawn Planting & Manufacturing Co., from its inception in 1903 until his death in 1906.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Col. W.W. Pugh Family Papers reflect Pugh's interest in Reconstruction politics, his association with the Board of Levee Commissioners for the 3rd District, participation in the affairs of Christ Episcopal Church in Napoleonville, La., the education of his children, and family and plantation matters between 1848 and 1891.

Correspondence, bills, receipts, and manuscript volumes document the career of Thomas B. Pugh, son of W.W. Pugh and physician of Assumption Parish, La. (1833, 1855-1941). His papers pertain to his education in Virginia and Louisiana, his medical practice in Baltimore and Assumption Parish, and his interests in politics and history. A scrapbook of newspaper clippings of W.W. Pugh's daughter-in-law, Eliza Lofton Phillips Pugh of Lyn's Hope Plantation in Assumption Parish, pertains principally to her published writings. Scrapbooks of Edward N. Pugh, son of W.W. Pugh and attorney of Donaldsonville, La., concern Confederate history.

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#### **COLLECTION DESCRIPTION**

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U:165	1a	1	Imprint by Samuel A. Cartwright, "Some additional observations to the cholera and" (Natchez, 1833).

Official letter from G. F. Shepley, military governor of Louisiana, New Orleans, discussing lack of authority of Executive Central Committee of Louisiana to issue proclamation concerning elections within Federal lines (Oct. 29, 1863); 2 rough drafts and reply (copy) to Shepley (Oct. 31, Nov. 3, 1863); 1 (copy) of 2 rough drafts and 1 reply (copy) resignation from Central Executive Committee to J. Q. Fellowes, secretary (Nov. 10, 1863).

Letter to W. W. Pugh (July 30, 1869) and from Henry E. Sharp, New York (Sept. 2, 1869), discussing windows for Protestant Episcopal Church, Napoleonville; 2 items apparently edited by Edward N. Pugh, consisting of diary entries, May 19-29, 1863 (removed from Vol.6, scrapbook) discussing travel to join Confederate forces opposite Port Hudson, and list of friends and relatives, (1863). In (Vol.9) scrapbook and taken from Pugh (Welman F.) Diary.

Letters to Thomas B. Pugh, Assumption Parish, from his brother Charlie, Louisiana State Seminary student, discussing financial matters (Feb. 5, 1866 and Feb. 12, 1867), and commenting on commercial course to be offered by Major Venable and replacement of Admiral Semmes as commandant by Confederate officer (Mar. 12, 1867); letter from Willie T. Nichols (cousin of Thomas), New Orleans, stating admission of black children to public schools forces whites to attend "paying" schools (Aug. 11, 1867).

School essay and broadside from Amelia Academy, Amelia County, Virginia (1871); letters to Thomas B. Pugh, Amelia Academy, concerning local news in Assumption Parish including school disciplinary case (Jan. 15, 1870), custom of boys and girls not corresponding with each other and adverse influence on circus of epidemic in Napoleonville (Feb. 12, 1871), social happenings and wit of General Francis T. Nicholls (Feb. 12, May 7, and Nov. 19, 1871), enthusiasm of citizens of Marshall, Texas, over Texas and Pacific Railroad Bill (Mar. 20, 1871).

Letters to Thomas B. Pugh including 2 letters from W. W. Pugh, Woodlawn, mentioning performance of actor Joseph Jefferson in *Rip Van Winkle* in New Orleans and damage to church windows by lightning (Feb. 3, 1870), and commenting on publication of *In a Crucible* by Eliza Lofton

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Pugh, adverse effect of late elections on democracy and need to unseat political scamps (Nov. 13, 1871); 3 letters from William Bradford, Normount, Tarquay, England, discussing preparation for entrance to Cambridge University, social life, and stating he hopes Tom likes Washington and Lee University (Sept. 3, Oct. 15 and 29, 1871), and 1 letter from (Eliza) Lofton Pugh, from Lyn's Hope in Assumption Parish, sister-in-law and writer discussing Christmas celebration at Woodlawn, describing New Varieties Theatre and improved appearance of New Orleans, and stating her book was issued with "flourish of trumpets," (Dec. 31, 1871).

Letter to W.W. Pugh from Henry E. Sharp and reply (copy) regarding church windows (Jan. 6, 1870), and legal petition concerning joint ownership of sugar plantation with Clairville Himel (July 5, 1871).

U:165 1a 4 Factor letters to Thomas B. Pugh from Foley, Conger, and Co., New Orleans (Oct. 9, Dec. 27, 1872, and Mar. 7, 1873).

Letters from W. W. Pugh to Thomas commenting on family's observance of Christmas (Jan. 8, 1872), sugar crop, legal practice of Edward N. Pugh, inability of flatboats to navigate bayou (Jan. 8, 1872), favorable review of Eliza's book (Jan. 8, 1872), national and state politics and election resulting in conservatives gaining control of state legislature and defeat of Horace Greely (Jan. 8, May 27, Aug. 6, Oct. 27, and Nov. 25, 1872), race riot in Thibodaux, La., resulting from murder of a black woman by the wife of an Episcopal minister (May 27, 1872), legislators' fear that railroad may result in closing of Bayou Lafourche at Donaldsonville (May 27, 1872), excellent speech to state convention in New Orleans by black speaker (Aug. 6, 1872), better economic prospects for New Orleans and completion of railroad to Shreveport and Houston (Nov. 25, 1872), and presence of "breakbone" (dengue) fever (Sept. 10, 1873).

Letters to Thomas from family, friends, and associates at Amelia Academy including from R. H. Nicholas, Lexington, Va., (Nov. 16, 1873); from Samuel Floyd commenting on lack of secret societies at Kentucky A&M (Oct. 31, 1872); from S. R. Flower commenting on lack of secret societies (fraternities) and strictness of faculty and celebration of Washington's birthday at Kentucky University (Feb. 23, 1873), and from cousin Gussie Pugh discussing social life on Bayou Lafourche and doll party given by Mrs. Frank Nicholls (Jan. 14, 1872).

U:165 1b 5 Letters to W. W. Pugh including from J. L. Satterfield, Elmwood, discussing land matters (Sept. 21); from R. W. Nicholls, Helena, Ark., mentioning death of son and election as city attorney (Sept. 16 and Nov. 4, 1874); and from Charles W. Stocking, Chicago, requesting recommendation

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for Dr. Fulton as bishop.

Letters from W. W. Pugh to Tom, University of Virginia, expressing concern over his health, mentioning marriage of Walter Guion and Sue Webb, and stating "Tete" carried large crowd and band to Mardi Gras (Feb. 5, Mar. 14); letter from A. Sidney Robertson, Woodlawn, advising Tom regarding health and mentioning crops (Feb. 4, 1874).

Letters to Tom, University of Virginia and New Orleans, from relatives and friends including Samuel R. Flower mentioning Christmas (Jan. 15, 1874), W. P. Flower, stating "Tete" carried 300 passengers to Mardi Gras (Feb. 24, 1874), R. H. Nicholal, Washington and Lee, discussing Tom's illness, dismissal of Floyd Farrar by General G. W. C. Lee for associating with a black woman (Mar. 1), commencement exercises and retirement of Lee (June 7); Charles E. Pratt, medical doctor, Bay View Asylum, Baltimore, Md., discussing advantages and facilities offered and commenting on large number of deaths (Nov. 26); and letters from students, membership, and change in issuing awards (Dec. 13 and 20).

Letters from sister Annie Pugh, Woodlawn, discussing Christmas (Jan. 11), family and local matters (Feb. 28 and Mar. 2), Easter decorations in church (Mar. 31), and upcoming trip (1874).

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6 E. N. Pugh, Donaldsonville, livery bill (June 10, 1876); items of Thomas B. Pugh consisting of receipt for registered letter, admit card to Ascension Church wedding, invitation and broadside concerning reunion of Delta Psi in Philadelphia (June 2, 1876); letters to Thomas B. Pugh, Baltimore and Donaldsonville, from W. W. Pugh discussing church matters (May 28, 1875) and family matters (Feb. 7, 1876).

Letters to Thomas B. Pugh, Baltimore and Donaldsonville, from relatives and friends including William P. Nicholls, New Orleans, advising Tom to settle in Donaldsonville because of the influence of the Nicholls name, mentioning successful law practice of Edward N. Pugh and mentioning friendly matters (Nov. 7, 1875), and urging him to come to Mardi Gras (Jan. 31, 1876); from nephew James A. Denny, Richland Parish, stating 5 whites and 80 blacks killed in riot at Waterproof, Tensas Parish (Oct. 31, 1876); from Charles E. Pratt, Auburn, Indiana, stating plan to settle there because Baltimore and Ohio Railroad will build shop nearby and advising Tom in matters pertaining to Bayview Asylum (Apr. 14, 1876); from R. H. Nicholas, Lexington, Va., commenting on change in feeling of southerners to Washington and Lee since Lee's death, and defeat of Washington and Lee baseball club by University of Virginia (May 23, 1876); and from W. B. Bradford, London, questioning value of foreign degree and stating

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			Republicans are fools not to come to terms with Anderson (June 8, 1876).

Memorandum of legal expenditures, receipted tinsmith bill, statement of parish taxes (1877), license form, broadsides from the Louisiana Board of Immigration (June 20, 1877), New Orleans Foundry and Machine Works, S. W. Hepworth's hanging centrifugal machine (Dec. 23, 1878); letters chiefly to W. W. Pugh, president, Board of Levee Commissioners for 2<sup>nd</sup> District, from B. M. Harrod, chief state engineer, New Orleans, Samuel Flower, secretary to governor and L. D. Martin, secretary, Board of Levee Commissioners for 2<sup>nd</sup> District concerning meeting and levying of taxes for levee work (1878).

Letters to Thomas B. Pugh, Assumption Parish, from W. Bradford, London, explaining difference between solicitors and barristers in England, commenting on the admiration of English people for conduct of southern people and democrats, and discussing states rights issue (Mar. 7, 1877); Mrs. W. D. Kellogg, Binghamton, giving account of Pell family (July 29, 1877); and Charles E. Pratt, Walker, Missouri, discussing his medical practice (May 6, 1878).

Items of Thomas B. Pugh consisting of letter from George W. Dame, county superintendent of schools in Pennsylvania, Danville, Virginia, promising to report for work (Mar. 30, 1879), receipt for medical services rendered, and memoranda of medical accounts (1879); broadside advertising sugar kettle, McMinnville, Tenn. (Feb. 15, 1879); religious broadside from Emmanuel Church, Chatham, Va. (Feb. 24); broadside advertising apparatus for bleaching cane juice (Dec. 22); broadside from the New Orleans Foundry and Machine Works (July).

Letter from Richard M. Day, medical doctor, Baton Rouge, to D. C. David, Houma, urging passage of bill supporting an agricultural bureau (May 11, 1879); LSU cadet letters to W. W. Pugh from his sons, Philip S. and Lawrence N., in Baton Rouge, commenting on homesickness, studies, living quarters, bad food, friends, dysentery, and school regulations (Oct. 10, 28, and 30, 1879).

Letters to W. W. Pugh from D. C. David, Houma, enlisting Pugh's support for passage of agriculture bureau bill endorsed by Richard M. Day and stating Day is a man of independent means, unselfish and educated, (May 18, 1879); from J. R. Ackling, U.S. representative, confirming Pugh's opinion of need of passage of levee commission bill but stating no further appropriations for Mississippi River available at present (June 16); and Ernest Norfleet, New Orleans, on board *U.S.S. Massachusetts*, stating inability to land because of fever on shore (July 23).

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Letters to W. W. Pugh principally from the secretary of the Board of Levee Commissioners for 3<sup>rd</sup> District (formerly 2<sup>nd</sup>) concerning the collection of taxes for levee purposes, complaints from tax assessors and collectors, and notice of meeting (Jan. 1, 2, 14; Feb. 12, 28; Mar. 2; Apr. 7; Oct. 9, 1879).

Letters to W. W. Pugh from family including cousin Laura S. Williams, Woodville, N.C. (Sept. 7 and Oct. 5, 1879); Ruffin, N.C. (Dec. 23); and niece Ida M. Lloyd describing river trip to St. Louis and living conditions there (Sept. 19); factor letter to W. W. Pugh from Conger and Kelly, New Orleans (Nov. 29, 1879); request for shingles from Mrs. A. B. Robertson, Assumption Parish, (May 8); and routine printed letter from W. H. Ragan, saw mill owner, Thibodaux (Aug. 5, 1879).

9 LSU cadet letters to Thomas B. Pugh and family from Sidney and Philip Pugh discussing visit to New Orleans for Mardi Gras and return to Baton Rouge on the *Lee* (Feb. 17, 1880), and commenting on preparations and plans for upcoming "hop," and stating President Johnston does not seem to have much to do but examines old gas pipes (Nov. 18, 1880).

Friendly letters to Thomas B. Pugh from Charles Pratt, Mt. Nebo, Maryland and Charleston, West Virginia (June 8, 1881, Nov. 11, 1884); items of Thomas B. Pugh consisting of receipted bill for groceries (Apr. 3, 1880), copy of medical prescription (Jan. 6, 1884), and broadsides advertising filter paper for milk analysis (1885); friendly letter to "My Dear child" from J. M. Jones, St. Mary County, Calif. (July 24, 1880).

- Invoices for merchandise, principally food and building supplies, shipped largely by Pugh Brothers and Co., and Conger and Kelly, factors, New Orleans, to W. W. Pugh for Woodlawn, Himalaya, and St. Claire Plantations, and to Mrs. Eliza L. Pugh, Hermitage Plantation (1886-1887)
- Invoices for merchandise, principally plantation supplies, shipped by Pugh Brothers and Co. to W. W. Pugh for Woodlawn and Himalaya Plantations, and to Mrs. Eliza L. Pugh, Hermitage Plantation (1888)
- U:165 3a 12 Medical bill to Mrs. W. W. Pugh, Jr. (Eliza Lofton Pugh) from J. E. Pugh, Albemarle, in Assumption Parish (Jan. 1, 1889); Bills and invoices to Woodlawn and Hermitage for purchase and shipments of plantation and family supplies, and purchase of books from Stauffer, Eshelman and Co., New Orleans, J. W. Platt, New Orleans, Pugh Bros. and Co., and Thibodaux Foundry, Thibodaux, in Lafourche Parish, and others (1889); statement of account to Pugh and Pugh, Albermarle, from H. Alexander and Sons (Aug. 31, 1889).

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U:165	3a	13	Bills, statements of account for sales of sugar and molasses, and a few related items pertaining to Col. W. W. Pugh, E(liza) L(ofton) Pugh, and W. W. Pugh, Jr. including bill W. W. Pugh from Frank Hoffman, for casket and funeral (Oct. 28, 1889), and bill to estate of Mrs. E. L. Pugh for medical services, coal, syrup and sugar (1889).
		14	Routine letters, bills, receipts, statements of account, and statements of sales of sugar and molasses, promissory notes, and drafts pertaining principally to Col. W. W. Pugh, Eliza Lofton Pugh, W. W. Pugh, Jr., and other members of the Pugh family (1890)
U:166	3b	15	Receipted bill for medical services rendered by Thomas B. Pugh at Woodlawn Plantation (Mar. 17, 1890); letter to W. W. Pugh, president, police jury, Assumption Parish, from D. Devall, president, police jury, West Baton Rouge Parish, thanking him for financial assistance rendered in effort to keep levee from breaking (Apr. 11, 1890); memoranda, letters, promissory notes, and bills and receipts of W. W. Pugh for purchase of general merchandise and supplies for Woodlawn and Himalaya plantations, repairs, payment of subscription to rector's salary, contribution to Louisiana Sugar Experiment Station, and for surveying services (March-May 1890).
		16	Promissory notes and bills and receipts for purchases of general merchandise, plantation supplies, lumber, and brick for Himalaya and Woodlawn Plantations, contribution to Louisiana Sugar Experiment Station, and payment of rector's salary (June-Aug. 1890).
		17	Broadside advertising Louisa Saw Mill, on Grand Bayou, in Assumption Parish (Sept. 1890); letters, bills, and receipts of W. W. Pugh for purchase of shingles, barrel heads, newspaper subscriptions, cooperage products, ice, building materials, shoes, lime, sulphur, steam pumps for Himalaya, Woodlawn, and Lyn's Hope Plantations (SeptDec. 1890).
U:166	4	18	Bills and receipts of Col. W. W. Pugh for payment of lumber and saddles; items of Thomas B. Pugh, including friendly letter from F. B. H., Wigwam (Sept. 8, 1891); tax receipts, receipts for payment of state and parish licenses (1898), and receipts for payment of medical license fee in state and parish (1898).
		19	Statements of account to Woodlawn Planting and Manufacturing Co. from Lehman, Stern, and Co., New Orleans, factors (1911); reprint of Henry J. Rainey's address, "The Return of the Pelican Flag," to the U. S. House of Representatives (1916); telegram to Mrs. Thomas B. Pugh concerning funeral spray for her sister (1925); items to Dr. Thomas B. Pugh including

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notice of his selection to the board of directors of the Bank of Napoleonville (Apr. 23, 1912); letter of inquiry concerning patient (1907); grocery bills, bills for professional services, tax receipts, and requests to visit patients (1911, 1920-1941).

U:166 4 20 Wedding invitation and steamboat *Martha* transportation card to ceremony of Bessie A. Lawrence and Arthur C. Gilman, Magnolia Plantation; handbill endorsing Chester B. Darrall, St. Mary Parish, for U.S. Representative;

trade card advertising Parker's Tolu Cough Syrup (undated).

Friendly letters and fragments to Thomas B. Pugh including fragment from Charles E. Pratt, Poolesville, Md.; letter from Elizabeth Webb Lee discussing possible sale of Rush letter to Rosenback Galleries, in New York City; letter from S. C. C., Vicksburg, commenting on political excitement caused by coming municipal election (undated); items consisting principally of medical prescriptions; stationery of Thomas B. Pugh, coroner; statements of account and bills and receipts (undated).

Printed items, principally broadsides and cards, including political broadside signed by W. W. Pugh "To the Voters of the Parish of Assumption;" and broadsides and cards advertising lamps, lamp oil, filter paper, and theatrical performances of *King Richard III* and *Cinderella* (undated)

## 22 <u>Newspaper clippings</u>

Clippings of Civil War interest concern the Army of the Potomac at Apin Hill, Fairfax County, Va. (Sept. 20, 1861); arrival of Federal prisoners in Houston (Jan. 27, 1863); siege of Charleston, South Carolina (Dec. 4, 1863); an account of the war by Col. W. W. Wood of Pickett's Division (1877); leadership of Jefferson Davis (1927); Lee's surrender (undated); and an account of Abraham Lincoln's genealogy by One of John Morgan's Original Squadron, Atlanta, Georgia (undated).

Clippings concerning the yellow fever epidemic of 1867; Joseph Jones' account of yellow fever investigations (Nov. 10, 1878); the arrest of Dr. Philip Berge for failure to report 2 cases of fever, and a poem by J. Dickson Bruns, medical doctor, written for the annual meeting of the State Medical Association of Mississippi in 1879 (Sept. 4, 1905).

Clippings concerning the Francis T. Nicholls family include death notice of Margaret Guion Lawton Nicholls, daughter (Oct. 5, 1878); editorial on Governor Nicholls, (1888); and obituary of Mrs. Francis T. Nicholls (1930).

Political clippings include minutes of the Republican Convention,

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Location			Napoleonville, George Drury, president, endorsing Thomas B. Pugh for coroner (Mar. 10, 1884); and proceedings of Assumption Parish Democratic Central Committee, meeting in Napoleonville (Mar. 4, 1891).		
			Miscellaneous clippings include poetry and articles of popular appeal, a published poem by Mrs. Thomas B. Pugh titled "The Memorial Coin;" obituary of Thomas H. Leary, Jr. (1877), and account of marriage of Hannah Davidson Jones to Alexander Waite, June 11, 1929.		
U:166	4	23	Photograph of a lynching at Labadieville, La. (Oct. 11, 1933)		
		24	Pamphlet: "The Doctor;" a quarterly journal of medicine and therapeutics. Vol. 4, no. 4. July, 1890.		
		25	Note about Thomas C. Nichols married to Louisa Harriet Drake, Jan. 21, 1914. Genealogical information about Thomas Atkinson, Third Bishop of North Carolina (undated		
		26	Empty envelopes (1875-1878, 1910, undated)		
OS:P	1	1	Oversized items: Certificate signed by Isaac Johnson and Charles Gayarre, governor and secretary of state, Baton Rouge, testifying to election of L. D. Nicholls as clerk of District Court, Ascension Parish (Jan. 5, 1850); 1 statistical chart by William F. Foster, The Traveller, listing membership of Louisiana Legislature (1856); "Quarantine Law, Ordinance No. 114," for Lafourche Parish (Aug. 2, 1878); broadside titled "Wall Street Stock Market and Counterfeit Bank Note Detector (Nov. 1879)		
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OS:P	1	Vol. 1. Schedul	Census Record Book (1850) les (July-Sept.) for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, Assumption Parish, concerning habitants, slaves, persons who died during the year, and agricultural		
H:9			ol. 2. Thomas W. Pugh Ledger (1923-1941) ledical accounts of Thomas B. Pugh with benevolent associations in Lafourche ea.		
U:166	4	Entries	Vol. 3. Memorandum Book (1874-1877) Entries by Thomas B. Pugh mention affiliation with Charity Hospital Medical College, Tulane University (1874-1875), and appointment (April 1875) as resident		

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physician, Bayview Asylum, Baltimore. Entries also concern lecture on obstetrics by Dr. Brickell and list names of students contributing to Brickell's publication; provide addresses; give medical remedies; mention money received and spent.

#### H:9 -- Vol. 4. Record Book

- a. Legal Case Entries (1855-1861)
- b. Thomas B. Pugh Medical Entries (1877-1899)

Entries concern the settlement of successions including that of T.C. Nicholls, Jr., Ascension Parish (1856), settlement of legal suits, memorandum regarding legal cases, expenses, and payments. Entries by Thomas B. Pugh list patients attended (1877), concern contract practice (1879-1880), medical service rendered at various plantations including Madewood, Rosedale, Melrose, and Hermitage (1878-1899), list subscriptions to medical journals and other magazines (1881-1882), concern medical treatment prescribed, and list postmortem examinations and bodies viewed as coroner (1880-1881).

#### Vol. 5. Cane Record Book (1907-1908)

Entries concern Pugh Himalaya Plantation, Himel Himalaya Plantation, Mount Lawrence, Texana, Daigle Tract, and B. Pugh Plantations, and furnish information on cane hauling and cutting, grinding, railroad expenses, and fuel accounts.

#### Vol. 6. Scrapbook

- a. Cash Entries (1848-1855)
- b. Newspaper clippings (1861-1867, 1876)

A few cash entries and memoranda of blankets, shoes, hats issued slaves. Scrapbook of Edward N. Pugh, cadet Louisiana State Seminary, Alexandria, and Confederate lieutenant, and Thomas B. Pugh, contain principally newspaper clippings of poems, including some by Louisa Howard Drake Nicholls, articles on the burial of Gov. Allen, destruction of Last Island, imprisonment of Jefferson Davis and Lt. Beale. Also included is a list of "young ladies" on the bayou between the ages of 12-15 in 1867, and an article on the admission of Walter Guion and Edward N. Pugh to the Bar (1870).

#### Vol. 7. Scrapbook (1850-1877)

Volume was the property of Noah Thompson Pugh and given to Welman Francis Pugh in 1853. In 1863, upon Welman's death, it passed to Louisa Hunta Pugh. At her death, in 1871, it was given to Thomas B. Pugh.

The scrapbook consists principally of newspaper clippings of poems, cartoons, Civil War articles concerning Confederate camps (including Camp Moore in Tangipahoa and Camp Pickens in Manassas Junction), obituary of Charles D. Dreaux, Confederate officer killed at Newport News; Federal military orders from New Orleans (1861); the siege of Vicksburg; Jackson's duel with Dickinson; Maximillian's last letter (1867); burial broadside of Josephine Nicholls Pugh (1868); Confederate currency; a pamphlet entitled "Speeches of the Reorganization of the

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Cannoneers of Donaldson" (1875); commencement address of Joseph Jones at University of Louisiana (1877); General Walker in Nicaragua (1857); Nicholls inauguration at St. Patrick's Hall New Orleans (1877); aspects of Reconstruction (1876-1877); a baseball game between the University of Virginia and Washington and Lee (1872); and articles on Ascension Parish, the White League, and nomination of Hayes (1876).

H:9 Vol. 8. Scrapbook (1861-1863)

Newspaper clippings of articles on the fall of New Orleans (1862), Confederate camp near Thibodaux; siege of Vicksburg; and obituary notice of Helen Eliza Robertson, age 13 (1863).

Vol. 9. Scrapbook

a. Edited entries of Francis Welman Pugh (1863)

b. Newspaper Clippings (1861-1863)

Edited entries of Welman Pugh diary, probably by Edward N. Pugh, discuss his departure for Confederate service, travel to Iberville Parish, firing at Port Hudson (May 19, 1863), and plantation activities (Nov. 1863). Clippings include published Confederate soldiers' letters, military orders from New Orleans (1861-1863).

Vol. 10. Scrapbook

a. Newspaper Clippings (1867-1878)

b. Time Entries (1865-1867)

Scrapbook of Eliza Lofton Phillips Pugh, wife of W. W. Pugh, Jr., contains clippings of her published writings frequently signed Arria, her pen name; obituaries of Robert Welman Nicholls (Oct. 18, 1874), Josephine Nicholls Pugh (1868), and General Robert C. Martin; and published letter from W. W. Pugh concerning Relief Committee of Terrebonne Parish for financial assistance in epidemic (1878).

Time entries pertain to work performed by African American workers.

## Vol. 11. Scrapbook (1875-1878)

Scrapbook of Thomas B. Pugh containing newspaper clippings reflecting his interest in medicine and politics including the recognition of Nicholls as La. governor, attempted assassination of Stephen B. Packard, the election of Hayes as president; an account of the submarine *Hunley*; obituary of Louisa Hunter Pugh (1871); career of Judah P. Benjamin; celebration of July 4 at Donaldsonville (1877); and death notice of Margaret Guion Lawton (1878).

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# **CROSS REFERENCES**

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
African AmericansPolitics and government19th century.	1872	Election in Ascension Parish influenced by large African American vote; not so in broadside by W. W. Pugh.
Amelia Academy (Amelia County, Va.)Students.	1870-1873	Prospectus and family letters to student Thomas B. Pugh, son of Colonel W. W. Pugh.
Ascension Parish (La.) History19th century.	1871-1890, undated	Letters, clippings, and manuscript volumes concerning Francis T. Nicholls, his family, gubernatorial nomination, election, and inauguration; reorganization of the Cannoneers of Donaldson, and observance of July 4 in Donaldsonville in 1877; and history of parish, 1876.
Asylums.	1874-1875	Charles E. Pratt discusses advantages and facilities offered by Bayview Asylum (Baltimore, Md.), Nov. 26, 1874, and advises Tom on hospital and staff matters, Apr. 17, 1875; appointment of Tom Pugh as resident physician, Apr. 1875, Vol.3, Memorandum Book.
Broadsides.	1860-1890	Louisiana Board of Immigration broadside (June 20, 1877); prohibiting persons from importing goods from any yellow fever area (1878); from Emmanuel Church, Virginia, seeking financial assistance (1879); advertising lamps, lamp oil, plantation machinery, filter paper, and saw mill (1878-1890); for Amelia Academy, frequently called "The Wigwam" (1871); from Col. Pugh addressed "To the Voters of the Parish of Assumption" as items outlining his platform (1860).
Christ Episcopal Church (Napoleonville, La.)	1869-1875	Correspondence of Colonel Pugh and Henry E. Sharp, New Orleans, discussing design and installing of stained glass windows. July 30 and Sept. 2, 1869; Jan. 6, 1870; letters to Thomas Pugh from family comment on damage to church windows by lightning, Feb. 3, 1870; Easter decorations, Mar. 31, 1874; and church matters, May 28, 1875.
Confederate States of America. Army.	1861-1863, 1877, 1927, undated	Newspaper clippings and scrapbooks contain Confederate currency, war news; pamphlet contains speeches given at the ceremonies of the reorganization of the Cannoneers of

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		Donaldson, (Donaldson Artillery, Company B), Vol.7, Scrapbook.
DengueLouisiana Assumption Parish.	1873	Colonel Pugh comments on presence of dengue fever "breakbone fever" in Bayou Lafourche area. Sept. 10.
ElectionsLouisiana.	1850-1876, undated	National and state politics terminate in election giving conservatives control in legislature and defeat of Greely (1872); letter by W. W. Pugh (Nov. 13, 1871); certificate signed by Isaac Johnson and Charles Gayarre testifying to election of L. D. Nicholls as clerk of District Court (1850)
FreedmenLouisiana.	1865-1867	Time entries for work performed by freedmen. Vol.10, Scrapbook.
Hermitage Plantation (La.)	1886-1890	Assumption Parish, invoices for plantation supplies shipped to Eliza Lofton Pugh at "Hermitage."
Himalaya Plantation (La.)	1871, 1908	Assumption Parish, petition certifying joint ownership by Col. Pugh and Clairville Himel (July 5, 1871); invoices for purchase and shipment by New Orleans factors of general merchandise, plantation and family supplies, and building materials (1886-1890); fees for medical service (1878-1899), Vol.4, Record Book; entries concerning cane hauling and cutting, grinding, railroad expense, and fuel (1907-1908), Vol.5, Cane Record Book.
LeveesLouisiana.	1875, 1878- 1879, 1890	Broadsides by Harrod, office Board of State Engineers and others titled "The Levees of Louisiana; Their Condition and Requirements" (1875); official correspondence of State Board of Levee Commissioners, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District, from Harrod, Office Board of State Engineers and others, concerning complaints from assessors and collectors (1878-1879); letter of thanks from West Baton Rouge Parish Police Jury to Assumption Parish Police Jury for financial assistance in guarding levee (Apr. 11, 1890)
Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College Students.	1866-1867, 1879-1880	Charlie Pugh discusses financial matters, new commercial course to be offered by Major Venable, and replacement of Admiral Semmes by Confederate officer. Feb. 5, 1866; Feb. 12 and Mar. 12, 1867. Phillip S(idney) and Lawrence N. Pugh comment on homesickness, studies, living quarters, bad food, friends, dysentery, and school regulations, Oct. 10, 28, and 30, 1879; discuss visit to

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		Mardi Gras, return trip on <i>Lee</i> from New Orleans to Baton Rouge, plans for "hop," Feb. 7 and Nov. 18, 1880.
Louisiana. Legislature.	1856, 1872	Statistical chart by William F. Foster, The Traveller, listing membership, 1856; legislators fear railroad at Donaldsonville may result in closing of Bayou Lafourche. Col. Pugh letter, May 27, 1872.
LouisianaCensus, 1850.	1850	Schedules, July-Sept., for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Congressional District concern free inhabitants, slaves, persons who died, and productions of agriculture. Census Record Book 1. Assumption Parish.
LouisianaPolitics and government1865-1950.	1863-1872	18 letters, 1863, 1870-1876, by W. W. Pugh, speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, 1856-1859; member of the Executive Central Committee of Louisiana, 1863; president of the State Board of Levee Commissioners, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District, 1878-1879; national and state politics terminate in election giving conservatives control in legislature and defeat of candidate Greely, Jan. 8, May 24, Aug. 6, Oct. 27, and Nov. 25, 1872.
Lyn's Hope Plantation (La.)	1867-1890	Ascension Parish, residence of W. W. Pugh, Jr. and his wife, Eliza Lofton Pugh, Vol.10, Scrapbook; routine bills and receipts for plantation supplies (1890)
Medical education.	1874-1875	Letters discuss size of medical class, enrollment, awards, and fraternity membership at University of Virginia. Dec. 1, 13, and 20, 1874; Thomas B. Pugh's affiliation with Charity Hospital Medical College includes notes on Brikell's lectures in obstetrics, medical remedies, and mention of money received and expended. Vol.3, Memorandum Book.
New Orleans, Battle of, New Orleans, La., 1815Speeches in Congress.	1916	Reprint of address by Henry T. Rainey of Illinois to the Congress, upon the occasion of the return of a Pelican flag, made during the War of 1812, to New Orleans.
Nicholls, Francis T. (Francis Tillou), 1834-1912.	1871-1888	Friendly letter mentioning wit of Nicholls, Nov. 19, 1871; loose newspaper clipping of editorial on Nicholls, 1888; clippings concerning gubernatorial nomination, election, and picture of inauguration, 1876-1877. Vol.7, Scrapbook.

# $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{COLONEL W. W. PUGH AND FAMILY PAPERS} \\ 1833-1941 \end{array}$

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Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)Louisiana.	1867, 1871- 1877	Letters and papers concerning elections, politics, African American voters, race riots in Lafourche Parish, the reorganization of the Cannoneers of Donaldsonville; from Eliza Lofton Pugh telling of cultural improvements in New Orleans, in spite of Federal oppression, false prosperity, commerce restrictions, etc., New Orleans presents new picture galleries, book stores, circulating libraries, opera troupe, and imposing public buildings Dec. 31, 1871.
School integrationLouisiana.	1867	William T. Nichols states that school integration forces whites to attend "paying" schools. Aug. 11.
Scrapbooks.	1848-1878	6 scrapbooks consisting principally of newspaper clippings concern Louisiana State University, Confederate States Army, Francis T. Nicholls and family, politics and elections, published writings of Eliza Lofton Pugh, and Reconstruction.
Shepley, George Foster, 1819-1878.	1863	Letter signed by Governor Shepley questioning source of authority of Executive Central Committee of Louisiana, and draft and final copy of reply by Col. W. W. Pugh. Also an account of the proceedings of the committee prior to the publication of an "address to the citizens of Louisiana," appearing in New Orleans newspapers. Oct. 29, 31, and Nov. 3.
Speeches.	1875-1876, 1916	Given at the ceremonies of the reorganization of the Cannoneers of Donaldsonville, (in French and English), pamphlet, 1875. Vol.7, Scrapbook; address by U.S. Representative Henry T. Rainey upon the occasion of the return of a War of 1812 Pelican flag to New Orleans, 1916; gubernatorial nomination speech, July 26, 1876, pamphlet, Vol.7, Scrapbook
United StatesHistoryCivil War, 1861-1865Personal narratives.	1863	Diary entries of E. N. Pugh discuss departure of Confederate service, travel to Iberville Parish, firing at Port Hudson, and plantation activities. May 19-29, 1863 and Vol.9, Scrapbook.
University of Kentucky Students.	1872-1873	Samuel Floyd discusses lack of fraternities, Oct. 31, 1872; and strictness of faculty and celebration of Washington's birthday, Feb. 23, 1873. 2 letters to Thomas B. Pugh.

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University of Virginia Students.	1872-1875	Friendly letters from family and former classmates commenting on size of medical class, enrollment, fraternities, and changes in making awards. Feb. 4, Mar. 1, Dec. 1, 13, and 20, 1874.
Washington and Lee University.	1873-1875	Account of baseball game with University of Virginia. Vol.7, Scrapbook; letters from R.H. Nicholas commenting on Lee's dismissal of Farrar for associating with African American woman, Mar. 1, 1874; commencement exercises and retirement of Lee, June 7, 1874; and defeat of baseball club by University of Virginia, May 23, 1875.
Yellow feverLouisiana.	1878	Broadside prohibiting persons and goods from entering Lafourche Parish, Aug. 2; shore leave in New Orleans not granted crew of <i>U. S. S. Massachusetts</i> , July 23.

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