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SUMMARY

Size.	131 items; 14 volumes
Geographic locations.	Louisiana.
Inclusive dates.	1830-1933
Bulk dates.	1903-1908
Language.	English
Summary.	Financial and legal documents and manuscript volumes for Woodlawn and Himalaya sugar plantations in Assumption Parish, owned by the William W. Pugh and related W. P. Flower families. Survey plats, maps, and associated notes depicting the Pugh property holdings, as well as other property boundaries.
Organization.	Grouped chronologically into folders according to types of materials and size considerations.
Restrictions on access.	No restrictions.
Related collections.	Alexander Franklin Pugh Papers, Mss. 354 William Whitmell Pugh Sketch, Mss. 540 Thomas Pugh Estate Inventory, Mss. 779 Whitmell Hill Pugh Certificate, Mss. 810 Francis and William Pugh Papers, Mss. 1077 Mrs. W. W. Pugh, Jr. Civil War Account, Mss. 1756 Col. W. W. Pugh and Family Papers, Mss. 2052 Welman F. Pugh Diary, Mss. 2113 Josephine Nicholls Pugh Civil War Account and Biographical Sketch, Mss. 2618 Pugh Family Genealogical Records, Mss. 2747
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

William W. Pugh (1811-1906) was a sugar cane planter of Woodlawn Plantation in Assumption Parish, Louisiana. Pugh was colonel of the Assumption militia regiment; hence he was commonly called "Colonel Pugh." Pugh married William Ann Thompson (died 1843) in 1831 and Josephine Wilhelmina Nichols (1824-1868) in 1844. He had at least ten children with wife Ann (Mary Eliza, William W., Jr., and Robert L. are known) and four with wife Josephine (Welman F., Edward N., and Lawrence H. are known).

Pugh was active politically in Louisiana as a member of the state House of Representatives (circa 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., Ltd., from its inception in 1903 until his death in 1906.

Detailed information about William W. Pugh and his family may be found in Barnes F. Lathrop's dissertation *The Pugh Plantations, 1860-1865: A Study of Life in Lower Louisiana* (1945) [LaColl E 565 L36]. A colorful description of the Pugh family is provided in *Growing Up in Louisiana, 1913 to 1933*, by Mary Flower Pugh Russell (1984) [LaColl CS 71 P9785].

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers include correspondence, legal and financial papers, township maps and survey plats, and printed materials. Financial volumes deal with Woodlawn, Himalaya, and Mount Lawrence plantations. Papers also include minutes of the Woodlawn Planting & Manufacturing Co., of which Pugh was chair; maps of land holdings in Assumption Parish; and cashbooks, ledgers, record books, and a time book.

LIST OF SERIES

Series I. Correspondence, 1888, 1909-1910, undated

Series II. Legal, 1858, 1903-1906

Series III. Financial, 1855-1912

Series IV. Township Maps and Survey Plats/Maps, 1830-1933, undated

Series V. Printed Materials, 1884-circa 1929, undated

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Correspondence, 1888, 1909-1910, undated (4 items)

Correspondence consists of a letter from Pugh Bros. & Co., cotton and sugar factors in New Orleans; a letter of request for work; a letter from W. P. Flower regarding his lease of Mount Lawrence Plantation; and a note about W. P. Flower's debt.

Series II. Legal, 1858, 1903-1906 (1 item; 1 volume)

Legal items consist of a petition to the Louisiana Legislative Committee on Banks and Banking from the Mortgage Stockholders of the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana (February 20, 1858), and a volume (volume 10) recording the formation of the Woodlawn Planting & Manufacturing Co., Ltd., as well as names of officers, and minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings (1903-1906).

Series III. Financial, 1855-1912 (9 items; 13 volumes)

Financial papers include Ulyssi Himel's expense account with Woodlawn Plantation & Manufacturing Co., Ltd.; sugar order slips of Woodlawn Planting & Manufacturing Co., Ltd.; a mimeograph letter from Harry Bros. Co. of La., with labor notes/payroll on reverse; and labor payroll notes.

Financial volumes 1 and 2 are cashbooks in which daily cash disbursements and expenditures of laborers were recorded. More detailed information regarding expenditures for itemized merchandise purchased by laborers and credit or cash for labor provided were recorded in volumes 3 and 4. Volume 3 also contains lists of supplies given to cooks to make meals for "white hands" working at Mount Lawrence Plantation. Volume 4 contains expenditures of the Howard Memorial Library and the Fish Free and Public Library, both in New Orleans, as well as accounts (1865-1866) associated with shipping (boat and rail) costs and receipt of goods and commissions (possibly through Pugh Bros. & Co., cotton and sugar factors in New Orleans).

Volumes 5 through 9 consist of ledgers. Credit and debit records for various members of the Pugh family are described in volume 5, whereas volumes 6 and 7 were used to record the credits and expenditures of laborers. These latter volumes also included the number of days worked, rate of pay, and cash received by laborers. Volume 8 contains details about the sugar cane crop of 1909 and volume 9 was used as a plantation ledger. It records the cash received from sugar and molasses sales from the sale of merchandise, as well as cash disbursements for plantation expenses and payroll.

Volumes 11 through 13 are record books for Woodlawn and Himalaya plantations containing production of and prices for molasses and sugar for the 1903-1908 crops, Mount Lawrence Plantation expenses, and sugar sales. Volume 14, a time book of only two pages, lists laborers' names, job titles, time worked, rate, and pay.

Series IV. Township Maps and Survey Plats/Maps, 1830-1933, undated (111 items)

Loose items include sketches of property boundaries, size of tracts, and ownership of land in Assumption Parish; sketched township and range maps (measuring 8.25" x 8.25"); and notes and correspondence about land ownership and transfer. Additionally, ten undated maps illustrate the

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route of a survey line through property, including Hermitage, Rearwood, and Belle Helene plantations, in Assumption Parish. These maps occasionally illustrate vegetation and structure locations on the landscape.

Township and Range survey plats filed in the Surveyor General's Office and associated notes (not survey field notes) of the William W. Pugh and family property holdings in Assumption Parish. Many of these maps depict property boundaries and owner names.

Series V. Printed Materials, 1884-circa 1929, undated (6 items)

A copy of Louisiana Act No. 38 requiring the police juries of each Parish (excepting Orleans) to conform abstracts of title to the township and range system for ease of tax assessment; a copy of the United States Department of Agriculture's Circular No. 22; a blank promissory note of the Marshall National Bank; two blank copies of an Oil, Gas, and Mineral Lease (different years); letterhead of Pugh & Williamson, Attorneys at Law; letterhead of Himalaya Planting and Manufacturing Co.; and, the cover of a pad of stationery.

INDEX TERMS

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Pugh family.	I-IV	all	all
Pugh, William W. (William Whitmell), 1811-1906.	I-IV	all	all
Pugh Brothers & Company.	III	1:1	--
Sugar growing--Louisiana--Assumption Parish.	I-III	1:1, 3	1-14
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G:38-39	1	1	Series I. Correspondence, 1888, 1909-1910, undated
			Series II. Legal, 1858, 1903-1906
OS:P	2	1	Petition, February 20, 1858
G:38-39	--	--	Vol. 10: Woodlawn Plantation and Manufacturing Co., Ltd. minute book, 1903-1906
			Series III. Financial, 1855-1912, undated
	1	2	Financial papers, 1905-1911, undated
	--	--	Vol. 1: Cashbook, Woodlawn Plantation, W. W. Pugh, 1907-1908
	--	--	Vol. 2: Cashbook, W. W. Pugh, 1908-1909
	--	--	Vol. 3: Journal, W. P. Flower, 1855, 1876
	--	--	Vol. 4: Journal, David McCoard, 1865-1866, W. W. Pugh, 1903
	--	--	Vol. 5: Ledger, W. W. Pugh, 1885-1897
	--	--	Vol. 6: Ledger, payroll accounts, Woodlawn and Himalaya plantations, W. W. Pugh, 1905-1906
	--	--	Vol. 7: Volume 7, Ledger, labor accounts, W. W. Pugh, 1906-1908
	--	--	Vol. 8: Ledger, payroll accounts, Woodlawn and Himalaya plantations, W. W. Pugh, 1909-1910
	--	--	Vol. 9: Ledger, general accounts, W. W. Pugh, 1911-1912
	--	--	Vol. 11: Record book, Woodlawn Plantation, expense account and payroll, 1899-1909
	--	--	Vol. 12: Record book, sugar and molasses, Woodlawn and Himalaya plantations, 1903-1908
	--	--	Vol. 13: Record book, cane record, Woodlawn and Himalaya plantations, 1903-1908
	--	--	Vol. 14: Time book, W. W. Pugh, 1908
			Series IV. Township Maps and Survey Plats/Maps, 1830-1933, undated
	1	3-5	Sketched maps and associated notes, 1894-1933, undated
OS:P	2	2-7	Township maps and survey plats/maps (oversize), 1830-1860, 1889, undated
G:38-39	1	6	Series V. Printed Materials, 1884-circa 1929, undated
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