

**Robert Patterson Hughes Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Robert Patterson Hughes Papers

**Span Dates:** 1876-1994

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1898-1909)

**ID No.:** MSS82579

**Creator:** Hughes, Robert Patterson, 1839-1909

**Extent:** 45 items

**Extent:** 2 containers plus 1 oversize

**Extent:** .4 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm94082579>

**Summary:** United States army officer. Correspondence, diaries, writings, printed memorial, biographical material, and photographs documenting Hughes's military career, including his account of the Battle of Little Bighorn written the following day as aide-de-camp to Gen. Alfred Howe Terry and material relating to his service during the Philippine insurrections (1898-1901).

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Hughes, Robert Patterson, 1839-1909.

Terry, Alfred Howe, 1827-1890.

### Organizations

United States. Army--Officers.

### Subjects

Little Bighorn, Battle of the, Mont., 1876.

### Places

Philippines--History--Philippine American War, 1899-1902.

Philippines--History--Revolution, 1896-1898.

### Occupations

Army officers.

## Provenance

The papers of Robert Patterson Hughes, army officer, were given to the Library of Congress by Patterson Hughes French and his wife, Elizabeth H. French, in 1993 and 1994.

## Processing History

The papers of Robert Patterson Hughes were processed in 1995 and the finding aid revised in 2007.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Robert Patterson Hughes is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## **Access and Restrictions**

The papers of Robert Patterson Hughes are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## **Preferred Citation**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Robert Patterson Hughes Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Robert Patterson Hughes (1839-1909) span the years 1876-1994, with the bulk of the material dating from 1898 to 1909. The collection consists of diaries, correspondence, photographs, writings, a printed memorial, and biographical material documenting aspects of Hughes's military career from his enlistment as a private in the 12th Pennsylvania Infantry in 1861 to his retirement as major general in 1903.

The bulk of the papers pertains to Hughes's service in the Philippines between 1898 and 1901. A series of six diaries kept between July 1898 and December 1899 chronicles Hughes's activities as inspector general of the Expeditionary Force from May 17 to August 1898, inspector general and provost marshal general of Manila from August 1898 to May 1899, and as commander of the Department of the Visayas after May 1899. A typed transcript is available for the first two volumes covering the period July to October 1898.

The papers also include a detailed account, accompanied by a hand-drawn map, of the Battle of Little Bighorn, written by Hughes to his wife on 30 June 1876. Hughes, then aide-de-camp to Alfred Howe Terry, arrived at the site of the battle on June 27th. His correspondence includes an 1893 letter from George D. Ruggles recalling the expedition's departure from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Fort Abraham Lincoln, North Dakota.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material.

## Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Battle of Little Bighorn, account of, 1876
BOX 1	Biographical material, 1909, undated
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1893-1909, undated (3 folders)
BOX 1	Diaries
BOX 1	Original volumes
BOX 1	1898, July 15-1899, Aug. 27 (3 folders)
BOX 2	1899, Nov. 10-19
BOX 2	Typed transcript, 1994
BOX 2	French, Simeon Webster, account of 1863 encounter with Confederate forces near Romney, W.Va., 1885
BOX 2	Nozaleda, Bernardino, archbishop of Manila, Philippines, translation of two 1898 sermons, undated
BOX 2	Photographs, undated 1898-undated 1899
BOX 2	Printed soldiers' memorial, 85th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, undated <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX OV 1	Oversize
BOX OV 1	Printed soldiers' memorial, 85th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, n.d (Container 2)