

Guide to the Ellis Hughes Papers [1813-1866], 1813-1866

Descriptive Summary

Title :	Ellis Hughes Papers [
Creator:	Hughes, Ellis
Dates :	1813-1866
ID Number :	H38
Size:	2 boxes
Abstract:	The Ellis Hughes papers consist of Hughes' journal, kept during the Second Seminole War, a transcription of his journal entries and miscellaneous material which are housed in one document box and one phase box. The bulk of the documentation falls with the range of the 1830s through the 1840s with the balance of the material covering the 1850s through 1861. The materials principally consist of transcriptions and photocopies of the author's journal during his tour of duty as an Assistant Surgeon in Florida during the years 1838-1840. The contents of the journal provide a wealth of information on Florida during the first half of the 19th century. There are wonderful descriptions of Indian life and culture, the daily activities of military personnel, natural history subjects and American social customs. In addition, the author provides a visual dimension with sketches of the people and places he visited.
Language(s):	English
Repository:	Special Collections University of South Florida Libraries 4202 East Fowler Ave., LIB122 Tampa, Florida 33620 Phone: 813-974-2731 - Fax: 813-396-9006 Contact Special Collections

Administrative Summary

Provenance:	Hughes, Ellis
Acquisition Information:	Purchase.
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Biographical Note

Ellis Hughes was born in Baltimore, Maryland in August 1813, the son of Jeremiah Hughes, publisher of the *Niles Register*. After receiving his medical degree from the University of Maryland, he was commissioned an Assistant Surgeon in August 1839 and assigned to the forces fighting the Seminoles in Florida. From February to May, 1840, he was stationed at Ft. Lauderdale, then served at Black Creek on the St. Johns River from May to July, when he resigned his commission. Upon termination of his military career, Dr. Hughes returned to Maryland to engage in journalistic work with his father. In 1849, he moved to the District of Columbia, becoming editor of the *Georgetown Advocate*. He resided in Georgetown until his death on October 5, 1866.

Scope Note

This collection consists of a journal, correspondence, and sketches. Both originals and photocopies/transcriptions are held.

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Subject Headings

Corporate Names:	United States -- Army -- Military life United States -- Army -- Surgeons -- Diaries United States -- Social life and customs -- 1783-1865
Subject Terms:	Florida -- Description and travel Florida -- History Seminole Indians

COLLECTION CONTENTS

BOX 1 : Document Originals

Scope/Content: Original diaries are shelved in the Special Collections vault. Items are encased in a box titled, "The Diaries of Dr. Ellis Hughes."

ITEM : Diary - Vol. 1

ITEM : Diary - Vol. 2

BOX 2 : Document Reproductions

Scope/Content: Documents reproductions are boxed and shelved as a manuscript collection.

FOLDER 1 : Transcriptions: Journal - Pages 1-119

FOLDER 2 : Transcriptions: Journal - Pages 120-237

FOLDER 3 : Transcriptions: Journal - Pages 238-402

FOLDER 4 : Photocopies: Letters, 1838-1861

FOLDER 5 : Transcriptions: Miscellaneous, 1836

FOLDER 6 : Photocopies: Miscellaneous, 1839-1842

FOLDER 7 : Photographs: Journal Sketches, 1838-1840

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