

Family of William Thomas Hughes by Mary Suggs Palermo, March 2012

Per Mamie Velma Hughes b.abt 1889 in St.Francis Co., Arkansas:Link

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School Picture taken around 1900 in Widener:Mamie Velma Hughes is third from left, on third row from top:Link

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William Thomas Hughes was born in St.Francis County, Ark., Nov.15,1860. He was the son of Matthew Hughes, born 1835, and Margaret Elmira Houston. Matthew Hughes was 17, Margaret 14, when they married. Margaret Houston was born Jan.1,1838, so they were married about 1852. They eloped and were married on a small streamboat that came up the St.Francis River at that time. A Captain could officially marry them and he performed the ceremony. There was another son that died in infancy. I do not know his name or age at death (Alfred). Matthew Hughes died and left his wife and son, William Thomas, about one year old, and she went home to her parents. She later married a Mr.Anderson, and they had three daughters, Mollie, Lucy, and Mamie, and a son Robert Kingston Anderson. He died and left her and the children a plantation that took 13 colored families to cultivate. Perhaps 500 or 600 acres. This land lies east of bridge on "old" road out of Forrest City, Arkansas. Not I-40. My father was a step-son to Mr.Anderson and was not adopted by him. So he did not share in this estate. My father worked on this farm and he was 30 years old when he married Lizzie T.Clark. He met her at a Country Dance when she was 16. By his records she was 20 or 21 when they married, she was born 1870 month not given, date of marriage was Jan.21,1891. Mr.Clark came from Louisville, Kentucky. Uncle Robert in filing Mamie's birth certificate put Tell City, Indiana, but pappa has her birth place as Louisville,Ky. in family bible. I'm sure is right for I've heard him talk about it. Mr.Clark was crippled man. Besides Lizzie, he had a son Toni George Clark who visited us when I was a child. He had been in Army in the Phillipine Islands and picked up some foreign language whcih delighted us children.

(Spanish)

Uncle Tom lost his wife and son at same time. My father lost his wife and two children, Annie and Alexander. There was an epidemic of Spinal Meningitis, when all that had it died except two people, one white and colored, and they were left mentally afflicted. I do not know if there were other Clark children in this family. Mr.Clark was a blacksmith and was in partnership with J.P.Avery in Louisville, Ky. The came by flat boat and Mr.Clark came to eastern Arkansas and Mr.Avery went on to Tell City, Indiana, and founded the J.P.Avery Plow Co. He tried to persuade Mr.Clark to go with him to Indiana. As you will see from records Annie L., Mamie Velma, William Martin, are children born to this union. I see I've left out Alexander. In the spring them moved the cattle to high ground which was Crowley's Ridge. Their houses were on stilts and the hog pens, chicken coops and other small buildings were built to float and were tied up during floods. A boat was kept at the door and they paddled around for a month to 6 weeks until water went down. They decided to come to western Arkansas and came by train to Clarksville, Arkansas in 1898. They were on a R.R. line through Arkansas on this side of Mountain Home. But was built before mother married. They got a man to move them to Mt.Magazine. A friend, Capt.Evans ran the hotel. They came on down here in fall. Bill remembered picking up hickory nuts at new home, the two story 8 room house he built. My grandmother owned hotel in Blue Mountain and operated it. I can remember going there. My father, W.T.Hughes and my mother, Laura Wales were married Oct.9,1901. They had 12 acres here and 40 acres of Petit Jean bottom land.

William Thomas Hughes:Link

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Elizabeth "Lizzie" Clark:Link

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Mamie Velma Hughes:Link

2.Goodspeed Biography:ANDERSON MARGRET E. (HOUSTON)-MRS

On the first day of January, 1839, was born in St. Francis County the subject of this sketch. Her father, Alfred K. Houston, first saw the light of this world in South Carolina, December 21, 1814, and came to Arkansas with his parents at the age of five years, who settled in St. Francis County, Ark., where he was reared, and followed the occupation of a farmer, dying in this county in March, 1879. He was married to Miss Sallie Evans, of North Carolina origin, who came to Arkansas when a girl, and who departed this life in 1860. The issue of this union was seven children, four of whom are living: Margret E. (the principal of this sketch), Wellman C. (a farmer of this county), Hiram (living in this county, whose sketch is given elsewhere), Francis M. (also a resident of this county). Mrs. Anderson has been twice married, and is now a widow, her second husband dying some ten years ago. Her first marriage, on June 20, 1855, was to Aaron M. Hughes, of Georgian birth, and who died May 18, 1862; by this marriage were two sons, only one of whom is living, Wellman T., born November 15, 1860. She married again on June 20, 1867, to Robert Anderson, of South Carolina, and a son of Robert and Lucy (Beazley) Anderson, who died February 20, 1879. Four children were given to them, three of whom are still living: Sarah L., Robert K. and Nancy E. Of her husbands it can be said they were honest, industrious farmers, who succeeded in life and laid up some property for those who were dependent on them, and merited the great respect shown them. Mrs. Anderson is now living on her magnificent farm, situated on the banks of the St. Francis River, and in connection with this, owns a half-interest in 560 acres of valuable land, also the homestead, 115 acres. Her son, William T. Hughes, a model and rising young farmer, has the affairs of the farm under his supervision, and is making a decided success of it, and they have a happy home, wherein dwells ease, comfort and plenty. Mrs. Anderson is a member of and worships with the Methodist Episcopal Church. William T. Hughes is a member of the

Knights of Honor.

3.Houston, Sarah E. m.Evans, Mrs.

Hiram Houston is a native of this county, and as he was reared in a locality but thinly settled, his advantages for a schooling were somewhat limited, but these were enough to lay the foundation for his success in life as a farmer, which occupation he engaged in for himself at the age of twenty-two, and now owns 223 acres of fine bottom land on the St. Francis River, seventy-five acres of which are under a fair state of cultivation. He also owns a steam grist-mill and cotton-gin. He was married November 2, 1884, to Miss Annie L. Clark, a daughter of Thomas A. and Susan A. Clark, originally of Kentucky and Ohio, respectively. They are the parents of three children, only one of whom is living: Nannie E. (at home). Mr. and Mrs. Houston belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Alfred K. Houston, the father of our subject, was born in North Carolina in 1814 and died in St. Francis County in 1879, and was a most successful farmer. He married Sarah E. Evans, a South Carolinian by birth, and who was the mother of seven children, four of whom are still living: Margaret E. (widow of Robert Anderson, of this county), William C. (a farmer of this county), Francis M. (also a farmer of St. Francis County) and Hiram (the principal of this sketch). Goodspeed's Biography 1884.

United States Census, 1880 for William T. Hughes

name: William T. Hughes

residence: Griggs, St. Francis, Arkansas

birthdate: 1861

birthplace: Arkansas, United States

relationship to head: Son:

father's birthplace: Georgia, United States

mother's name: Margaret E. Anderson

mother's birthplace: Alabama, United States

race or color (expanded): **White**

gender: **Male**

marital status: **Single**

age (expanded): **19 years**

occupation: **Farm Laborer**

nara film number: **T9-0056**

page: **220**

page character: **A**

entry number: **131**

film number: **1254056**

Household Gender Age

parent Margaret E. Anderson F 41

Sarah L. Anderson F 12

Robert K. Anderson M 4

Vancie L. Anderson F 2

William T. Hughes M 19

United States Census, 1910 for William T Hughes

name: **William T Hughes**

birthplace: **Arkansas**

relationship to head of household: **Self**

residence: **Blue Mountain, Logan, Arkansas**

marital status: **Married**

race : **White**

gender: Male

immigration year:

father's birthplace: Georgia

mother's birthplace: Arkansas

family number: 6

page number: 1

Household Gender Age

William T Hughes M 49y

spouse Laura Hughes F 33y

child Mamie Velma Hughes F 15y

child Willie M Hughes M 13y

child Maurine M Hughes F 7y

child Bessie Fay Hughes F 6y

child Rodney Hughes M 3y

United States Census, 1930 for William T Hughes

name: William T Hughes

event: Census

event date: 1930

event place: Blue Mountain, Logan, Arkansas

gender: Male

age: 69

marital status: Married

race: White

birthplace: Arkansas

estimated birth year: 1861

relationship to head of household: Head

father's birthplace: Georgia

mother's birthplace: Arkansas

enumeration district number: 0003

family number: 21

sheet number and letter: 1B

line number: 95

nara publication: T626, roll 82

film number: 2339817

digital folder number: 4532440

image number: 00582

Household Gender Age

William T Hughes M 69 b.Ark. Father b.Ga Mother b.Ark.

spouse Laura Hughes-F-53 b.Ark. Father b.S.Carolina Mother b.Ark

child Fred L Hughes M 15 b.Ark

Dorthea Johnston F 21 (Boarder)

Arkansas County Marriages, 1837-1957 for W T Hughes

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name: W T Hughes

event: Marriage

event date: 09 Oct 1901

event place: , Logan, Arkansas, United States

age: 39

estimated birth year: 1862

residence: Blue Mountain, Logan, Arkansas

spouse: Laura Wales

spouse's age: 25

spouse's estimated birth year: 1876

spouse's residence: Blue Mountain, Logan, Arkansas

marriage license date: 07 Oct 1901

page: 293

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