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1859-1865

**Mss. 354**

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**SUMMARY**

- Size:** 0.25 linear feet (7 manuscript volumes, 3 transcript volumes, and 11 manuscript items).
- Geographic Locations:** Louisiana.
- Languages:** English.
- Inclusive Dates:** 1850-1865
- Bulk Dates:** 1850-1852, 1859-1863, 1865.
- Summary:** Plantation diaries of Alexander Franklin Pugh, a planter in Assumption and Lafourche parishes.
- Related Collections:** Thomas Pugh and Family Papers, Mss. 4437  
Whitmell Hill Pugh Sketch, Mss. 540  
Pugh-Williams-Mayes Family Papers, Mss. 730, 733, 741, 1208  
William W. Pugh and Family Plantation Records, Mss. 740, 753  
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Whitmell Hill Pugh Certificate, Mss. 810  
Mrs. Mary W. Pugh Papers, Mss. 897, 1055  
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, 2113, 2160  
Josephine Nicholls Pugh Civil War Account and Biographical Sketch, Mss. 2618  
Pugh Family Genealogical Records, Mss. 2747  
W.W. Pugh Letters, Mss. 3578  
Josephine Nicholls Pugh Family Papers, Mss. 4275  
George W. Pugh Collection, Mss. 4750  
Alexander Franklin Pugh Papers, University of Texas at Austin.
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**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Alexander Franklin Pugh (1819-1883) was the son of Cynthia (ca. 1799-1860) and Augustin (1783-1853) Pugh and the grandson of William Scott Pugh of Bertie County, N.C. Augustin Pugh (1783-1853) moved to Louisiana around 1820 with his brother Whitmell Hill (1781-1834) and half-brother Thomas (1796-1852). They initially settled along Bayou Teche near Franklin, where they raised sugarcane. Later, the brothers moved closer to New Orleans and settled along Bayou Lafourche.

Pugh was part owner and manager of Augustin, Bellevue, Boatner, New Hope, and Whitmell plantations on Bayou Lafourche in Assumption and Lafourche parishes. He married Ellen Mary Boatner (1832-1909) in 1851. They lived on Boatner Plantation.

[Additional information can be found in Barnes F. Lathrop, **The Pugh Plantations, 1860-1865** (Ph.D., Univ. of Texas at Austin, 1945) and Philip D. Uzee, **The Lafourche Country**: 69, 235-37.]

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Exclusively diaries of Alexander Franklin Pugh, planter in Assumption and Lafourche parishes.

Entries describe weather conditions, harvesting and yield of crops, water levels on Bayou Lafourche, behavior and health of slaves, Civil War news, economic conditions, and distribution of profits of W. H. Pugh & Company, a family partnership. The 1863 volume also contains entries for January 1-10, 1864. The 1865 volume records Pugh's payroll accounts for his former slaves, with his observations on their dissatisfaction with wages and unwillingness to work.

Additional papers, including the diaries for 1853-1858, 1864, and 1866-1879, of A. Franklin Pugh are housed in the Barker Texas History Center at the University of Texas at Austin.

**INDEX TERMS**

Bayou Lafourche (La.)  
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