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## Summary Information

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**Creator:** Hughes, John

**Title:** Archbishop John Hughes Collection

**Date:** 1823 - 1864

**Extent:** 7.2 Linear feet (in 2 Hollinger boxes, 4 Paige boxes, and 1 oversize box)

**Language:** English; Latin

**Access Restrictions:** Collection is open to researchers at the Archives of the Archdiocese of New York. Advance appointments are required for the use of archival materials.

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**Location of Related Materials:** Material related to John Hughes may be found in other Archives collections, specifically Collection 012: St. Patrick's Cathedral. Images of John Hughes can be found in Collection 016: Prints and Photographs.

## Biographical/Historical Note

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Born in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, John Hughes came to America at age twenty. After several years as a laborer and gardener at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Hughes entered Mount Saint Mary's, and was ordained for the Diocese of Philadelphia in 1826. In 1838, Hughes was ordained to the episcopacy as coadjutor to Bishop Dubois in New York. After Dubois' death in 1842, Hughes assumed leadership in New York. Some of the major challenges faced by Hughes were a rapidly growing Catholic population and a resurgent anti-Catholicism. A champion of the immigrant and a strong defender of the Church, many of the churches, schools, and healthcare institutions now in place have their roots in the Hughes era. Hughes was a major advocate for achieve equal recognition of parochial schooling. In 1850, New York was named an Archdiocese and Hughes an Archbishop. He numbered many of the era's leading citizens among his friends, including President Abraham Lincoln and Governor (later Secretary of State) William H. Seward. Hughes died on January 3, 1864, and is buried at the new Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue, his most well-known legacy.

## Scope & Content Note

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This collection consists of material created either by or for John Hughes. The majority of the material relates to his time as Archbishop of New York (1842 – 1864). Much of the material in the collection is correspondence, but there are also lectures, articles, and sermons by Hughes. Whenever possible, the material is arranged alphabetically. Series I – IV are entirely correspondence, sorted alphabetically by correspondent. A prior organization of the Hughes papers had separated out his correspondence into the series seen here; this work was maintained when rehousing this collection, as attempting to reestablish original order would be impossible. Series V is also correspondence, but on Hughes' behalf to and from James Roosevelt Bayley, his secretary, later Bishop of Newark and Archbishop of Baltimore. Series VI consists of lectures and articles by John Hughes, some handwritten, and some published as pamphlets after they were delivered. Many deal with two of Hughes' most well-know projects: the school question and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Series VII, Sermons and Pastoral Letters, includes a number of handwritten sermons by Hughes on a variety of topics, as well as some particular to Sundays and Feast Days, and some pastoral letters published as pamphlets. Series VIII, Ledgers and Account Books, contains a variety of materials, including but not limited to, bank account books and ledgers of draft letters from his time representing the Union government in France (1861-62). Series IX consists of Notes & Miscellanea, mostly including notes made by Hughes in relation to speeches or correspondence, but also some reports and forms. Series X, Faculties and Legal Papers, contains Faculties granted to Hughes, as well as

papal correspondence, indentures, and other legal papers. Series XI, Publications and Newspapers, includes secondary source material published about Hughes and his activities.

## Arrangement

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The Archbishop John Hughes Collection is arranged in 12 series: Series I: Correspondence from John Hughes; Series II: Correspondence to John Hughes; Series III: Correspondence to John Hughes from the Clergy; Series IV: Correspondence to John Hughes from the Laity; Series V: Correspondence of Rev. James Roosevelt Bayley, Secretary to John Hughes; Series VI: Lectures and Articles; Series VII: Sermons and Pastoral Letters; Series VIII: Ledgers and Account Books; Series IX: Notes and Miscellanea; Series X: Faculties and Legal Papers; Series XI: Publications and Newspapers; Series XII: From the Cardinal McCloskey Collection.

At some point, the Hughes Collection had been sorted and rearranged without regard for provenance. Rehousing of the material followed this imposed order.

A note on Series XII: The materials contained in this box were originally housed under the Cardinal McCloskey Collection. However after closer inspection by the archivists, it was determined that these materials belong with the Archbishop Hughes collection. They were kept together as they were in their original collection and just added onto the existing Hughes collection.

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**Processing Note:** Original order for this collection was impossible to ascertain, as the collection had been pulled apart and reassembled at some time in the past. Materials related to this collection had also been pulled from the collection and housed elsewhere. When rehousing this collection, every attempt was made to bring all the related materials back together. The recreated order of the collection was maintained when rehousing, and collection material was placed in acid-free folders and boxes. General series information from the collection rearrangement was maintained whenever possible. Folder titles were assigned, as there were no pre-existing folder titles.

**Related Materials:** Material related to John Hughes may be found in other Archives collections, specifically Collection 012: St. Patrick's Cathedral. Images of John Hughes can be found in Collection 016: Prints and Photographs.

**Separated Materials:** There were no materials removed or separated from this collection at the time of rehousing. Every attempt was made to reincorporate materials that were separated from the collection in the past.

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## Collection

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Box Number	Folder Number	Description	Date Range	Old Box Number
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1	2	Correspondence from John Hughes, B - Ba	1859-1861	A-1
1	3	Correspondence from John Hughes, Bb - Bi	1853-1861	A-1
1	4	Correspondence from John Hughes to the Bishops of the Province	1857-1861	A-1
1	5	Correspondence from John Hughes, Bj - Bu	1851-1863	A-1
1	6	Correspondence from John Hughes to Orestes Brownson	1856-1861	A-1
1	7	Correspondence from John Hughes to Rt. Rev. Dr. Simon Bruté	1828-1834	A-1
1	8	Correspondence from John Hughes to Cardinal Barnabo (Letters 1-14)	1852-1859	A-1
1	9	Correspondence from John Hughes to Cardinal Barnabo (Letters 15-20)	1859-1860	A-1
1	10	Correspondence from John Hughes to Cardinal Barnabo (Letters 21-27)	1860-1861	A-1
1	11	Correspondence from John Hughes to Cardinal Barnabo (Letters 28-37)	1860-1863	A-1
1	12	Correspondence from John Hughes, C - Ca	1853-1863	A-2
1	13	Correspondence from John Hughes, Cb - Cn	1854-1861	A-2
1	14	Correspondence from John Hughes, Co	1845-1863	A-2
1	15	Correspondence from John Hughes, Cp - Cu	1850-1863	A-2
1	16	Correspondence from John Hughes, D - Di	1843-1862	A-2
1	17	Correspondence from John Hughes, Dj - E	1855-1863	A-2
1	18	Correspondence from John Hughes, Fa - Fi	1858-1861	A-3
1	19	Correspondence from John Hughes, Fj - Fu	1848-1861	A-3
1	20	Correspondence from John Hughes, G	1845-1863	A-3
1	21	Correspondence from John Hughes to Thomas James Glover	1855-1963	A-3
1	22	Correspondence from John Hughes, H	1846-1863	A-3
1	23	Correspondence from John Hughes, I - K	1846-1863	A-4
1	24	Correspondence from John Hughes, L	1857-1862	A-4
1	25	Correspondence from John Hughes to Abraham Lincoln	1861-1863	A-4

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1	27	Correspondence from John Hughes to Rev. William McCloskey	1859-1863	A-4
1	28	Correspondence from John Hughes, Ma - Mn	1845-1862	A-5
2	1	Correspondence from John Hughes, Mo	1849-1861	A-5
2	2	Correspondence from John Hughes, Mp - Mu	1857-1863	A-5
2	3	Correspondence from John Hughes, N	1854-1861	A-5
2	4	Correspondence from John Hughes, O	1845-1861	A-5
2	5	Correspondence from John Hughes, P - Pi	1844-1861	A-6
2	6	Correspondence from John Hughes, Pj - Pr	1845-1862	A-6
2	7	Correspondence from John Hughes, Q - R	1843-1863	A-6
2	8	Correspondence from John Hughes, Sa - Sg	1850-1861	A-6
2	9	Correspondence from John Hughes, Sh - Su	1845-1862	A-6
2	10	Correspondence from John Hughes to William Seward	1861-1862	A-7
2	11	Correspondence from John Hughes to Rev. Father Smith	1853-1859	A-7
Oversize Cabinet 1, drawer 1		Correspondence from John Hughes, Subscription to St. Patrick's Cathedral fund	1858	
2	12	Correspondence from John Hughes, T - V	1843-1862	A-8
2	13	Correspondence from John Hughes, W - Y	1854-1863	A-8
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2	14	Correspondence to John Hughes, A - Bl	1835-1861	A-9
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2	15	Correspondence to John Hughes, Bl - By	1838-1860	A-9
2	16	Correspondence to John Hughes from Rt. Rev. Dr. Simon Bruté	1827-1839	A-1
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2	18	Correspondence to John Hughes, C	1826-1861	A-9
2	19	Correspondence to John Hughes, D	1849-1863	A-9
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2	21	Correspondence to John Hughes, F	1829-1859	A-9
2	22	Correspondence to John Hughes, G - J	1841-1863	A-9
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3	1	Correspondence to John Hughes, Mc	1840-1863	A-10
3	2	Correspondence to John Hughes from Rev. William McCloskey	1859-1863	A-4

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3	3	Correspondence to John Hughes, M	1844-1861	A-10
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Oversize Cabinet 1, drawer 1		Correspondence to John Hughes from Dorchester Olive Free Stone Company	1858	A-13
5	2	Correspondence to John Hughes from Propoganda Fide	1839-1848	B-5
5	3	Correspondence to John Hughes from Propoganda Fide	1849-1858	B-5
3	5	Correspondence to John Hughes, R - S	1834-1863	A-10
3	6	Correspondence to John Hughes from William Seward	1861-1862	A-7
3	7	Correspondence to John Hughes from Rev. Father Smith	1856-1862	A-7
3	8	Correspondence to John Hughes, T - V	1841-1863	A-10
3	9	Correspondence to John Hughes, W - Z	1843-1860	A-10
<i>Series III: Correspondence to John Hughes from the Clergy</i>				
3	10	Correspondence to John Hughes from the Clergy, A - B	1838-1862	A-11
3	11	Correspondence to John Hughes from the Clergy, C	1842-1863	A-11
3	12	Correspondence to John Hughes from the Clergy, D	1839-1863	A-11
3	13	Correspondence to John Hughes from the Clergy, E - H	1824-1862	A-11
3	14	Correspondence to John Hughes from the Clergy, I - J	1853-1863	A-11
3	15	Correspondence to John Hughes from the Clergy, Mc	1836-1860	A-12
3	16	Correspondence to John Hughes from the Clergy, M - N	1841-1863	A-12
3	17	Correspondence to John Hughes from the Clergy, O - R	1844-1863	A-12
3	18	Correspondence to John Hughes from the Clergy, Propagation of the Faith	1842-1859	A-12
3	19	Correspondence to John Hughes from the Clergy, S - Z	1838-1863	A-12
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3	21	Correspondence to John Hughes from the Laity, Bj - By	1841-1863	A-13
3	22	Correspondence to John Hughes from the Laity, C	1839-1863	A-13
3	23	Correspondence to John Hughes from the Laity, D	1847-1863	A-13
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3	24	Correspondence to John Hughes from the Laity, E - F	1837-1862	A-14
3	25	Correspondence to John Hughes from the Laity, G	1841-1863	A-14
3	26	Correspondence to John Hughes from the Laity, H	1838-1863	A-14
3	27	Correspondence to John Hughes from the Laity, I - K	1843-1863	A-14
3	28	Correspondence to John Hughes from the Laity, L	1834-1863	A-14
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5	5	The Decline of Protestantism and Its Cause, A Lecture Delivered in St. Patrick's Cathedral	1850	n/a
4	12	Lectures and Articles, Jesuits	1857-1858	A-17
5	6	A Lecture Delivered in Metropolitan Hall on March 8, 1852, for the Benefit of the House of Protection, under the Charge of the Sisters of Mercy, by the Most Rev. John Hughes	1852	n/a
5	11	A Lecture on the Mixture of Civil and Ecclesiastical Power in the Governments of the Middle Ages	1843	n/a
5	7	A Lecture on the Importance of a Christian Basis for the Science of Political Economy and its Application to the Affairs of Life, by Rt. Rev. Dr. Hughes	1844	n/a
5	8	The Persecution in New York as Shown in an Authentic Collection of the Letters Already Published by the Most Rev. Archbishop Hughes and the Rev. Fathers Dayman and Camps	1859	n/a
5	9	The Popes and their Temporal Power in the States of the Church: A Discourse delivered by the Most Rev. Archbishop of New York	1860	n/a
4	13	Lectures and Articles, Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum		A-17
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2	25	First Sermon Delivered in St. Patrick's Cathedral	1856	n/a
5	13	John Hughes, Pastoral Letters	1842-1861	n/a
5	14	A Letter on the Moral Causes that Have Produced the Evil Spirits of the Times; Addressed to James Harper, Mayor of New York	1844	n/a
<i>Series VIII: Ledgers and Account Books</i>				
5	15	Account Book, Butchers' & Drovers' Bank	1857-1863	n/a
6	1	Diary, Names of Persons who Called on Archbishop Hughes While He Was in Europe	1861	n/a
6		Draft Letters on Miscellaneous Business, Paris	1861-1862	St-E-3
4		Ecclesiastical Spiritual Exercises in New York, Record Book	1840-1848	St-E-3
6		Letterbook of Archbishop John Hughes, Copies of Letters to Hon. William H. Seward and Miscellaneous Business	1861-1862	St-E-3
1		New York Catholic Church Debt Association Record Book	1841	St-E-3
6	4	Visiting Book of the Most Rev. John Hughes		n/a
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6	5	Faculties Granted to Archbishop Hughes	1860-1863	B-7
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6	7	Biographical Sketch of the Most Rev. John Hughes, D.D., Archbishop of New York	1864	n/a
7		The Body of the Late Most Rev. Archbishop Hughes, Lying in State in St. Patrick's Cathedral, January 6, 1864	1864	St-B-Supra-21
6	8	Concilium Neo-Eboracense Primum	1854	n/a
6	9	The Controversy between Senator Brooks and "Dagger John," Archbishop of New York	1855	n/a
7		<i>Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper</i> , on the death of Archbishop Hughes	1864	St-B-Supra-21
7		<i>Harper's Weekly, A Journal of Civilization</i> , June 26	1858	St-B-Supra-21
6	10	Letters to John Hughes, D.D., Papal Archbishop of New York, in Review of His Sermon Preached in St. Patrick's Cathedral, June 29, 1851	1851	n/a
6	11	A Letter to the Rt. Rev. John Henry Hopkins, D.D., by Patrick Kenrick, Bishop of Philadelphia	1843	n/a

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