

Perry Co.

# BIOGRAPHICAL MEMORANDA

IN REFERENCE TO

Corps William S. Hughes

Great care should be exercised in filling the blanks which follow. Data should be full and accurate. The facts given will form the basis for sketches, and if wanting in detail or if carelessly prepared, the sketches will be correspondingly deficient. The facts called for have reference to the subject of the sketch. Collect all data and examine blank carefully before attempting to fill. Attach sheets of this size for additional data.

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1. Full name (do not use initials): William Scott Hughes  
2. Present P. O. (give last address, with date of death if dead): A. E. F. France July 26-1918

3. Exact date and place of birth: on Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1897 at Sprott  
in the county of Perry State of Alabama

4. Full name of the subject's father: Erasmus Dowen Hughes born at Sprott  
in the county of Perry State of Ala

He lived at Sprott all his life  
Give also any particulars concerning him, as official position, war services, etc., books written by, etc.

He was born during the Civil War with the States. Was just a good farmer

He was the son of Richmond Pierson Hughes and his wife Elizabeth Jane Stuart  
Full name Full name

who lived at Sprott Perry Co Alabama

5. Maiden name in full of the subject's mother: Lena Tallulah Coker She was the daughter of Noah Bluford Coker and his wife Martha Ann Eady  
Full name Full name

who lived at Auburn Ala, Randolph Ala, Centreville Ala

6. Remarks on Ancestry. Give here any and all facts possible in reference to your parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc., not included in the foregoing, as where they lived, offices held, Revolutionary or other war service; what country the family came from to America, where first settled, county and State; always giving full names (if possible) and never referring to an ancestor simply as such without giving the name. It is desirable to include every fact possible, and to that end the full and exact record from old Bibles should be appended on separate sheets of this size, thus preserving the facts from loss:

His grandfather Hughes was the son of a carpenter and was born at Pensacola Florida His parents came from N.C. on the Adkin river, Richmond Pierson Hughes was wounded twice in the civil war One bullet went in near the right ear and lodged in his throat He coughed it up and lived to be about 87

years old. His Grandfather Noah Bluford Coker was in Louisiana when the civil war broke out and enlisted in the 12<sup>th</sup> Louisiana Reg. He was wounded twice slightly, he rose to the rank of Sergeant. His people came from S.C. to Bibb Co Ala, Noah Bluford Coker, was a teacher, Notary Public and was Sheriff of Bibb Co from Aug 1880 until Aug 1884 They descended from Scotch, Irish, English & French

7. Early education—where obtained, incidents, names of teachers: *Spott Ala, His teacher was Miss Mary Bolling. Next he moved to Marion went to Public School under Maj Charles C. Johnson. Then to High School under Prof Alton York now of Monroeville*

8. College education—where attended, and year of graduation, with college honors and degrees: *He never had the advantage of a College Education*

9. Professional education, if any—where obtained, date of graduation, with degrees:

*He took civil service lessons by mail from Franklin Institute*

10. Profession or occupation—date entered upon, where practiced, and incidents of:

*He wasn't but 19 years of age when he joined the army and had no profession He had farmed a little*

11. Every civil office held—city, county, State or national, with exact dates as far as possible. If ever a member of the Legislature, give date of session:

12. Miscellaneous: Reform movements, influence on affairs, etc:

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13. Political party—official position, committee work in, etc.: *He was a Democrat but too young to have any part in politics*

14. Church connection—with official position, if any: *Not a member of any Church but loved Sunday school and the B.Y.P.U. He associated himself with the Missionary Baptist church*

15. If a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows, or other secret order, give names, with official position, if any:

16. Titles of books written or edited. Give exact copy of title page, with the number of pages the book contains:

17. Maiden name in full of the subject's wife, with date and place of marriage:

She was the daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ and his

Full name

wife \_\_\_\_\_ who lived at \_\_\_\_\_

Full name

Give also other and full particulars of wife's ancestry, as far as possible:

18. Military record: (1) exact rank, (2) name of commands and commanders, (3) date and places of service, (4) heroic or trying incidents personal to your service, all as full as possible, and

if necessary on separate sheets of paper: His record as a soldier was unexcelled. He was a Corp. He was in the M.G. Co 167<sup>th</sup> Inf 42 or Rainbow Div. He was under Colonel William R. Screws - Captain Smith - Capt Julian Strassburger. He fought at Chalons in front of Champagne on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 1918. Next battle was at Chateau Thierry or to be more exact at Croix Rouge Farm on July 26<sup>th</sup> 1918. He received citations or commendations by his Division in each battle. The French also cited him in each battle. They gave him the Croix De Guerre with Palm. He was wounded in right shoulder and multiple abdomen just about sundown on July 26<sup>th</sup> 1918 and reached first aid station alive but died before reaching field hospital.

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19. Full list of children (if any) of the subject of the sketch, with full names of husbands or wives of each, in case of marriage, with present place of residence and P. O., numbering them in regular order, viz:

(1) The subject of this sketch was never married

The foregoing data was prepared by

Mrs Lena J. Ford

Name

Date Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1921

Marion Ala

Address