

T. C. Hughes, 1626 Baltimore, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Born, Plattsburg, Missouri, 1859. Parents, John T.
and Mary L. Hughes. White (Welsh Ancestry).

MR. HUGHES' STORY:

"We came to the drawing for homestead, 1900, or
1901 I think and stayed. Our number failed. built
first cotton gin at Mallett Okla.

"I came to Tulsa Shortly after the first Bridge was
constructed over the Ark River at Tulsa, by Mr Geo Williamson
& Mel Beard, (deceased)

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"I was City Engineer of Tulsa 1906-1916 Made all
improvements from a town of 6000 to one of 100,000 pop approx.

"Built all the subways under RRs Except the 6th St Sub.
which was built after 1916. Built 1st Municipal water plant.
and promoted the present spavinaw gravity line supply. Let
the 1st contract for Paving 1907 & bring Teddy Roosevelt Panic.
Against the advice of all Tulsa Bankers. Had to get the
contractor to bring the Pay roll here in a grip every month
from Cleveland Ohio. Bankers here would not risk their
money on Tulsa's future. They figured that large a debt
would kill the town, only 500 a week could be had of them
that Sunner[sic.] That year we had an \$11800 water works

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debt. \$200000 paving debt, The Bankers said the town
was a goner never could pay out or recover. I built one
of the first casing head gasoline plants at Glen Pool,
being Part owner. Built the First Concrete high ways in
the state in 1918 - \$2,000,000 of them for Tulsa Co.
That Started concrete highways in Okla."