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Historical/Biographical Sketch:

The Hughes Memorial Foundation, Inc. was founded in 1961 as the Hughes Budwood Foundation by Lena B. Smithers Hughes in honor of her late husband Dr. Ausker E. Hughes. Dr. Hughes had been a chemist with the United States Department of Agriculture in Orlando, Florida. While there, he began to develop a budwood cross between Valencia and Parson Brown oranges. After his death in 1944, Lena Hughes continued her husband's work, even though it did not prove successful at first. However, in 1955, the USDA and Florida's Division of Plant Industry's Budwood Registration Program became interested in the Hughes's budwood because of a need for virus-free budwood. After passing five years of testing, in 1960, the Hughes Budwood began to be distributed across growers in Florida. Today, it is the most prolific version of the Valencia orange across Florida and can be found in many other countries as well. The proceeds of the sales of this budwood led to the creation of Hughes Memorial Foundation, Inc. to provide scholarships for undergraduate students in citrus and agricultural programs at both Florida Southern College and the University of Florida. The Foundation's first scholarship was given at Florida Southern in 1965, and in 1966, scholarships would be given the University of Florida for undergraduate and graduate students as well. In 2007, ownership of the Foundation was transferred to the Florida Citrus Nurserymen's Association, and by 2008, the transfer process had been completed thus ending the Hughes Memorial Foundation.

Scope and Content Note:

Materials in this collection were organized chronologically and broken down into the following series:

The **History of the Foundation** series contains biographical information about Lena and Ausker Hughes as well as information about Hughes Budwood and the Foundation.

The **Board Meetings** series contains meeting minutes from the annual meetings of the Board. Also in this series may be materials passed out at the meeting such as the annual Treasurer's Report. File names in this series are reflective of the title given to the meeting by the Directors as indicated in the meeting minutes.

The **Financial Records** series contains tax documentation, bank records, and correspondence related to financial matters of the organization.

The **Scholarships** series primarily contains correspondence between the Foundation and the schools that receive funding for scholarships: ***Florida Southern College*** and the ***University of Florida***. The ***Other Institutions*** subseries includes information on institutions and organizations that inquired about Foundation funding but were ultimately unsuccessful.

Restrictions:

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Provenance Statement:

The Hughes Memorial Foundation, Inc. Records were donated to the McKay Archives in 2015 by Charles Youtsey, former Secretary/Treasurer of the Foundation from 1977 to the end of the organization in 2007. Also included in this donation were the **Charles Youtsey Papers**.

Note to Researchers:

For more information on Secretary/Treasurer Charles Youtsey, please see the **Charles Youtsey Papers**.

1		**History of the Foundation**		
1	1			Hughes Budwood, 1956, 1959-1961, 1985, 1992
1	2			Articles of Incorporation, 1961, 1965
1	3			Foundation History, 1960s-1980s
1	4			Estate of Lena B. Smithers Hughes, 1987, 1989, 1992-1993
1	5			End of Foundation, 2007-2008
1	6			Group Photograph, n.d.
1	7			Stationery, n.d.
1		**Board Meetings**		
1	8			Annual Meeting, October 23, 1961
1	9			Annual Meeting, September 24, 1962
1	10			Board Meeting, September 14, 1977
1	11			Directors' Meeting, February 9, 1978
1	12			Meeting, December 16, 1980
1	13			Directors' Meeting, December 16, 1982
1	14			Annual Meeting, November 23, 1983
1	15			Directors' Meeting, April 23, 1985
1	16			Annual Meeting, July 22, 1986
1	17			Annual Meeting, May 24, 1988
1	18			Annual Meeting, November 16, 1989
1	19			Annual Meeting, May 31, 1990
1	20			Annual Meeting, October 3, 1991
1	21			Annual Meeting, October 26, 1992
1	22			Annual Meeting, May 12, 1993
1	23			Annual Meeting, November 28, 1994
1	24			Annual Meeting, November 3, 1995
1	25			Annual Meeting, November 25, 1996
1	26			Annual Meeting, December 9, 1997
1	27			Annual Meeting, December 8, 1998
1	28			Annual Meeting, September 28, 1999
1	29			Annual Meeting, December 5, 2000
1	30			Annual Meeting, October 2, 2001
1	31			Annual Meeting, May 22, 2002
1	32			Annual Meeting, September 23, 2003
1	33			Annual Meeting, January 19, 2005
1	34			Annual Meeting, May 2, 2006
1	35			Annual Meeting, February 27, 2007
1		**Financial Records**		
1	36			Financial Ledger, 1972-2007
2	1			1977
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4	6			2004
4	7			2005
4	8			2006
4	9			2007
4	10			2008
4		**Scholarships**		
4			***General***	
4	11			Informational Pamphlet, ca. 1966
4	12			Informational Pamphlet, ca. 1980s
4	13			List of Recipients, 2005
4			***Florida Southern College***	
4	14			1986
4	15			1987
4	16			1988
4	17			1989
4	18			1990
4	19			1991
4	20			1992
4	21			1993
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4	26			1998
4	27			1999

4	28			2000
4	29			2001
4	30			2002
4	31			2003
4	32			2004
4	33			2007
4			***University of Florida***	
4	34			1968
4	35			1969
4	36			1970
4	37			1971
5	1			1972
5	2			1974
5	3			1975
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5	26			2002
5	27			2003
5	28			2004
5	29			2007
5			***Other Institutions***	
5	30			Polk Community College, 1982
5	31			United States Olympic Committee, 1983
5	32			Loveland School, 1984
5	33			Suncoast Sound Drum and Bugle Corps., Inc., 1984

5	34			Pilot International Foundation, 1985
5	35			University of California Department of Physiology, 1985
5	36			John L. Snook Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, 1995