

ANDREW HYNES PAPERS  
1814-1847  
MSS 185  
64 items

Andrew Hynes was born on December 22, 1786 in Kentucky. His father, Andrew Hynes, was one of the founders of Louisville and later a delegate to the Kentucky Constitutional Convention in 1792. At some unknown time, Andrew Hynes, the younger, moved to Tennessee. There he served in the state militia and on April 5, 1814 Major Andrew Hynes was appointed Adjutant General of the entire state militia and promoted to Colonel. He served as Adjutant General for the rest of the War of 1812 and for some time after. He also served as Aide-de-Camp to Major General William Carroll during the campaign at New Orleans.

After the war, Col. Hynes became a merchant in Nashville and was very successful. On March 2, 1817 he married Nancy Erwin, the daughter of Joseph Erwin. Joseph Erwin was a very wealthy man. He owned plantations in both Tennessee and Louisiana. But in the early 1820's he went heavily into debt and remained in debt until his death in 1829. After Erwin's death, Col. Hynes and John B. Craighead, helped Erwin's widow, Lavinia, reduce much of the debt her husband had left. When Lavinia died in 1836, the Erwin estate was divided between Col. Andrew Hynes, John B. Craighead and Issac Erwin.

Hynes worked his share of the plantation well and even enlarged it by the purchase of surrounding land. By the time of his death on January 21, 1849, Col. Hynes was a very wealthy man. He had become one of the largest slaveowners in the United States possessing 223 slaves valued at \$86,000. His estate was one of the largest sugar plantations in Iberville Parish. When Hynes died his son-in-law, Edward J. Gay of Missouri, inherited the estate. Gay continued to enlarge the plantation and changed its name to St. Louis Plantation.

Source: William Edwards Clement, Plantation Life on the Mississippi, (New Orleans: Pelican Publishing Company, 1961), pp. 38-43 and 82-86.



estate in order. He complains about family members harassing him about what they are to get from the estate. He also mentions how the sugar cane crop is doing.

ALS, 3 p. 1 item.

## II. Financial Records

- Folder 4      **1814 Feb. 25**      Two pages of a ledger titled A. Hynes, acct., with Hynes, P. and Fletcher. One page lists And. Hynes Dr. (debit) to Hynes, Porter and Fletcher and the other page lists Hynes, Porter and Fletcher Dr. to Andrew Hynes. In both cases most of the debits are money paid to individuals or sugar purchases.  
2 p. Xerox copy. 1 item.
- Folder 5      **ca. 1820 Sept. 14**      Account of Mr. Irwin (Erwin?) with William Hendricks for clothing and materials totaling \$39.00. A note at the bottom says that Andrew Hynes paid the account in full.  
NS, 1 p. 1 item.
- Folder 6      **1820 Dec. 20**      Debit sheet of Henry Dickinson's account with Robert Smiley showing that he owed Smiley \$33.63 for clothing. A note at the bottom says that Andrew Hynes paid the account in full.  
NS, 1 p. 1 item.
- Folder 7      **1821 Jan.**      Debit sheet of the account of John Erwin with Andrew Hynes from 1820 to January, 1821 for a total of \$35.31 for repairs of farm equipment and other iron and steel work.  
2 p. 1 item.
- Folder 8      **1821 Feb. 20**      Ledger sheet titled: Amount of Sales, Sugar which lists the amount of sugar sold, the person to whom it was sold and the price paid. The names on the list include Andrew Hynes, Thomas B. Craighead, Willie Blount and Erwin.  
4 p. 1 item.
- Folder 9      **1821 Apr. 21**      A memorandum of the sale of John Erwin's property. It is a list of what was for sale, who bought it and the amount

paid. A note on the bottom of page 3 states that Mark R. Cockerell was entitled to \$129.50 worth of credit on his purchases because of a receipt given to him by Andrew Hynes. Hynes also made purchases at the sale.

4 p. Xerox copies. 1 item.

Folder 10     **1822 July 15**     The account of Mr. Joseph Erwin, Jr. with Robert Smiley for \$22.50 (dated March 29, 1822). A note at the end of the account states that it was paid in full by Andrew Hynes on July 15, 1822.  
NS, 1 p. 1 item.

Folder 11     **1831 July 9**     Printed receipt which entitled Colonel Andrew Hynes to Pew No. 56 in the Protestant Episcopal Church, Christ Church, Nashville, for a tas of \$25 a year.  
DS, 1 p. 1 item.

Folder 12     **1831**             Notebook containing accounts and money collected by Hynes and Slaughter. Also accounts for Enders, Hynes and Co. It lists the debts of the late Joseph Erwin and those of his widow, Lavinia. Also included is a list of banks and the amount of money someone had in each one. Includes the names of the President and directors of the Louisiana Bank. There is also a short paragraph on how to break a wild horse.  
32 p. 1 item.

Folder 13     **1839 Oct. 1**     M. Canithers of Yeulman and Co., New Orleans to Messers. Hynes and Craighead stating that the company does not have enough cash on hand to redeem their note for \$3,000. He refers them to the Prices Current on the back of which the letter is written as proof.  
ALS, 2 p. 1 item.

Folder 14     **1840 Aug. 25**     Price, Johnson and Co., New Orleans to Messers. Hynes and Craighead, Nashville, Tennessee, giving them their account current with the company. There is a balance of \$10.26 due Hynes and Craighead. The letter is on the back of the latest Prices Current.  
4 p. 1 item.



Hynes that he has been appointed Adjutant General of the Tennessee Militia. Accompanying the letter is the official commission complete with the great seal of the state of Tennessee.  
ALS, DS, 2 p. Xerox copies. 2 items.

- Folder 22` **1814 July** The return of the 8th Brigade of the Tennessee Militia sent to Colonel Andrew Hynes, Adjutant General, Nashville, West Tennessee, from Brigadier General Thomas Coulter. The return lists the number of men in each regiment, their ranks and the amount of arms, ammunition and equipment in each regiment. In addition, all commissioned officers of each regiment are named and the dates of their commissions are given.  
DS, 1 p. Xerox copies. 1 item.
- Folder 23 **1814 Aug. 16** James White, Brigadier General, 3rd Brigade, Knoxville, to Andrew Hynes, Adjutant General, Nashville, Tennessee regretting that the return of his brigade did not reach Hynes yet.  
ALS, 1 p. Xerox copy. 1 item.
- Folder 24 **1814 Nov. 7** Brigadier General James White, Knoxville, Tennessee to Andrew Hynes, Adjutant General, Nashville, Tennessee in which White complains about the difficulty of getting the mail sent. He also informs Hynes that recently commissioned Lt. Col. Joab Hill has been arrested by General [George] Dougherty [Dogherty] and Col. Bradford has replaced him. White worries that he will not be able to meet Hynes in Nashville because he is ill.  
ALS, 2 p. Xerox copy. 1 item.
- Folder 25 **1814 Dec. 4** Willie Blount, Governor of Tennessee to Col. Andrew Hynes of the Army of Tennessee, now at Natchez in the Mississippi Territory, informing Hynes of British deserters that were captured and about possible British moves in the area of Pensacola. He talks about British attempts to recruit Indians and Negroes to fight the Americans.  
ALS, 2 p. Xerox copy. 1 item.



return lists each regiment of the brigade, its county of origin, its commander's name and the number of men and the amount of material available to it.  
DS, 1 p. Xerox copy. 1 item.

Folder 32     **1815 Aug. 21**     A printed copy of the return of the 4th Brigade of the Tennessee Militia, commanded by Brigadier General William Hall. The return lists each regiment, its county of origin, its commander and its strength in men and material.  
DS, 2 p. Xerox copy. 1 item.

Folder 33     **1815 Aug. 28**     Brigadier General Thomas Johnson, commanding the 6th Brigade of the Tennessee Militia, Springfield, Tennessee, to Colonel Andrew Hynes, Adjutant General of Tennessee, Nashville, explaining that the return of the 6th Brigade was incomplete because he, Johnson, had not received the returns of the 24th and 36th Regiments. He promised to forward the returns as soon as he received them.  
ALS, 1 p. Xerox copy. 1 item.

Folder 34     **1815 Sept. 16**     Lt. Colonel William Phillips, commander of the 36th Regiment of the Tennessee Militia, Veron to Colonel Andrew Hines (sic) Adjutant General, Nashville, Tennessee explaining why he sent the return of the 36th Regiment.  
ALS, 2 p. Xerox copy. 1 item.

Folder 35     **1815 Sept. 18**     Andrew Hynes, Adjutant General, to Willie Blount, Governor of Tennessee, presenting to him the Return and Condition of the entire Tennessee Militia. He informs the Governor that several regiments failed to make returns.  
ALS, 1 p. Xerox copy. 1 item

Folder 36     **1815 Sept. 26**     Brigadier General Thomas Johnson, Springfield, Tennessee to Andrew Hynes, Adjutant General of Tennessee, Nashville ordering Hynes to return the sword of Major General John Cocke, commander of the 1st Division of the Tennessee Militia. Along with this letter (ALS) Johnson sent three other letters to explain the situation to



Hynes: 1. Governor Blount to General Thomas ordering Thomas to return the sword of General Cocke, dated September 19, 1815. Copy. 2. Thomas' answer to the Governor, dated September 26, 1815. Copy. 3. Official order to Hynes telling him to return the sword to Cocke and telling him where to find the sword and Cocke. ALS, 4p. Xerox copy. 4 items.

- Folder 37    **1815 Oct. 7**    The return of the 7th Brigade of the Tennessee Militia, commanded by Brigadier General Thomas K. Harris; the return lists each regiment, its county of origin, its commander and its total number of men and material. DS, 1 p. Xerox copy. 1 item.
- Folder 38    **1815 Oct. 30**    Andrew Hynes to His Excellency Joseph McMinn, Governor of Tennessee, Nashville, thanking the Governor for his appointment as Adjutant General of the Tennessee Militia. ALS, 1 p. Xerox copy. 1 item.
- Folder 39    **1815 Oct. 31**    A clipping from the Clarion & Tennessee Gazette, Nashville which contains a letter from Andrew Hynes, Adjutant General of Tennessee, to Major General William Carroll, commanding the 2nd Division of the Tennessee Militia at Nashville, telling him to equip and send one 500 man regiment to Major General Gaines of the U.S. Army for service. Also printed is Carroll's order to each brigade to supply one company of volunteers to make up the regiment. 1 p. Xerox copy. 1 item.
- Folder 40    **1815 Nov. 16**    The return of the 8th Brigade of the Tennessee Militia, commanded by Brigadier General Thomas Coulter; it lists each regiment, its county of origin, the name of its commander and the number of men and the amount of material it had. DS, 1 p. Xerox copy. 1 item.
- Folder 41    **[1815]**    The return of the 9th Brigade of the Tennessee Militia, commanded by Brigadier General Thomas Washington, sent

to Colonel Andrew Hynes, Adjutant General, Tennessee; the return contains a regiment by regiment breakdown of the men and supplies available to the 9th Brigade. DS, 1 p. Xerox copy. 1 item.

Folder 42     **1816 June 1**     The return of the 4th Brigade of the Tennessee Militia, commanded by Brigadier General William Hall, sent to Colonel Andrew Hynes, Adjutant General of Tennessee; the return is a regiment by regiment breakdown of the strength of the 9th Brigade. It lists each regiment, its commander and the number of men and material available to it. DS, 2 p. Xerox copy. 1 item.

Folder 43     **1816 Aug. 20**     William Alexander, Governor Joseph McMinn's Secretary, to Colonel Andrew Hynes, Nashville, Tennessee, informing him that enclosed with this letter are the official documents naming Hynes as Adjutant General under both McMinn's and Blount's administrations. However, only the commission signed by McMinn accompanies the letter. Letter: ALS 1 p. Xerox copy. Commission: DS 2 p. Xerox copy. 2 items.

Folder 44     **1818 Dec. 11**     A copy of Congressional Report No. 28 on the petition of Colonel Isaac Clark of Vermont in which Clark asked to be rewarded in the same manner as Colonel William Lawrence, who commanded Fort Boyer at Mobile, Alabama, during the War of 1812. 1 p. 1 item.

Folder 45     **1819 Jan. 4**     A copy of Congressional Report No. 66 approving the payment of \$6581.06 to Thomas Shields for a storehouse and its contents destroyed by Lt. [Thomas A. P. Catesby] Jones, U.S.N. at Bay St. Louis, [Mississippi] on December 13, 1814 to keep it out of the hands of the British. 2 p. 1 item.

Folder 46     **1821 Dec. 12**     Governor William Carroll, Nashville, to Colonel Andrew Hynes of Nashville to deliver to Captain Tappan 57 strand of arms and to keep the letter as a

- receipt.  
ALS, 1p. 1 item.
- Folder 47    **1821 Nov. 21**    William Carroll, Governor of Tennessee, to Colonel Andrew Hynes ordering him to deliver 45 strand of arms to Captain David Shropshire and 75 strand of arms to Captain William Armstrong.  
ALS, 1p. 1 item.
- Folder 48    **1823 Feb. 19**    William Carroll to Colonel Andrew Hynes instructing Hynes to turn over to Captain Locke two boxes of arms. A note at the bottom states that Mr. Crotcher will give the bearer the boxes and it is signed B. F. West.  
ALS, 1p. 1 item.
- Folder 49    **1823 June 10**    William Carroll to Colonel Andrew Hynes ordering him to give Mr. Spence forty strand of arms.  
ALS, 2 p. 1 item.
- Folder 50    **[n.d.]**            Memo written by Andrew Hynes laying down the structure of an infantry brigade for the Tennessee Militia, with particular attention to the organization of the regiments and companies.  
ALS, 2 p. Xerox copy. 1 item.

IV.

Miscellaneous

- Folder 51    **1846 Oct. 17**    J. E. Craighead, Plaquemine [Iberville Parish] Louisiana, to his father John B. Craighead in Nashville, Middle Tennessee in which he tells his father about life on a Louisiana sugar plantation. He writes about how the crop is doing and about disease among the Negroes and his own children. He complains that Colonel Hynes told the foreman to ignore his orders.  
ALS, 2 p. 1 item.
- Folder 52    **1846 Oct. 24**    J. E. Craighead, Plantation, to his father, John B. Craighead in Nashville, Tennessee telling him about the sugar plantation. He laments that there is no rain and the cane is small and hard and

will not yield much sugar. He also asks his father's advice on selling fifty hogsheads of sugar.  
ALS, 2 p. 1 item.

Folder 53    **1856 Oct. 29**    A receipt from W. F. Bang & Co., Nashville to E. J. Gay for his subscription to the Tri-Weekly Republican Banner for one year.  
DS, 1 p. 1 item.

Folder 54    **1845 Nov. 14**    J. E. Craighead, Plaquemine, to his father telling him about the sugar plantation; he speaks of the poor crops but they are still doing well. He says that Colonel Hynes intends to go to Nashville to live and he will let Mr. Edward J. Gay run the plantation since he will inherit it anyway.  
ALS, 3 p. 1 item.

Folder 55    **1847 July 26**    J. E. Craighead, Plaquemine, Louisiana, to his father John B. Craighead, in Nashville, Tennessee telling him about the problems of running the plantation. He talks at length about his wife's nervous derangement and suggests that his father send her home to him. He also says that Colonel Hynes is unwilling to give him their third of the wood for making sugar.  
ALS, 2 p. 1 item.

Folder 56    **[n.d. 1840's]**    Possibly an envelope addressed: "For Colonel Hynes, near Plaquemine, La."  
1 item.

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