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**JOHN T. HUGHES
LETTER, 14 SEPTEMBER 1837**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John T. Hughes (1817–1862) was born near Versailles, Kentucky, and later moved with his family to Fayette, Missouri. He served in the Mexican War and was a teacher, author, newspaper man, militia man, planter and slave owner. He joined the Missouri State Guard at the outbreak of the Civil War and fought for the Confederacy. Hughes commanded the force that attacked the Union garrison at Independence, Missouri, in August, 1862, and was killed during the fighting.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Hughes writes from Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana to John Loring who had just left and is now in Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana on 14 September 1837. Much of the letter describes the trouble with the Irish canal workers around Vernon, Jennings County, Indiana, and a request from the “Vernonites” to the people of Madison to send a force to assist them in putting down the violence. The letter goes on to describe the activities of the force that traveled from Madison to Vernon.

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