



## Clan HUGHES

<b>ARMS</b>	A blue shield with a gold lion, three red bars and three gold stars in chief.
<b>CREST</b>	Not available
<b>MOTTO</b>	None

**H**ughes is among the forty most common names in Ireland, among the first fifteen in Ulster, the first five in Co. Armagh, and in the first ten in counties Tyrone and Monaghan. Like Hayes, it was often used as an anglicization of the Irish name Óh Aodha, 'descendant of Hugh'.

Hugh, from Old German Hugo, meaning 'heart' or 'mind', through Old French Hue, was a very popular personal name after the Norman Conquest of England and it is the source of at least ninety different modern surnames. Hughes itself was first recorded in the Domesday Book and has now become one of the twenty most common names in England and in Wales. Many in Ulster will be of English or Welch stock (the name is not common in Scotland), and descended from settlers who arrived first in 1640s.

The Ulster septs of Óh Aodha who anglicized as Hughes were originally of Ardstian in north Tyrone (where they were lords of Ui Fiachrach); of the Ballyshannon district of Donegal; of south Down (where in 1160 Oh Aodha was described as King of Ó Neach [Iveagh]); of the parish of Tynan, barony of Turanny, C. Armagh; and of Fasney in Co. Monaghan.

In Monaghan the variant Óh Aoidh was made Hoey. The most Reverent John Hughes, 1797-1864, was born at Annaloughlan in Co. Tyrone. He was the first Catholic Archbishop of New York and founder of Fordham University.

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