

**TITLE:** Thomas and Anna Molloy Collection

**DATE RANGE:** 1900 – 1974

**CALL NUMBER:** Y-MS 49

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** .5 linear feet (1 box)

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:** Thomas Molloy was an attorney in early Yuma. He was born in Ireland around 1863. He arrived in the United States in New York but soon found himself drawn west to Arizona where he settled for a time in Phoenix before coming to reside in Yuma in 1901. In 1903 Thomas was admitted to the Bar after passing his law examinations. During his time in Yuma he served as a prison guard, Clerk of the Court, and Yuma County Attorney. He was also present when President Taft signed the proclamation of Arizona's statehood. He died of surgical complications in 1923.

Anna Wadin Molloy was a prominent business woman in early Yuma and the second wife of Thomas Molloy. She was born around 1886 in Minnesota. Anna moved to Yuma in 1898 with her parents. In Yuma Anna was involved in several mining companies. She also served a year as president of the Yuma Business and Professional Women Club and was State President of the VFW Auxiliary. In the 1950s Anna moved to Tucson where she lived until her death in 1974.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** This collection contains papers concerning the lives of Thomas and Anna Molloy. The majority of the legal documents concern Thomas and a title company. Anna's papers document her mining interests. The writings are a random selection of materials given to one or the other of the couple, including a humorous attempt to translate the rules of chess into legalese. The materials are organized alphabetically, then chronologically within.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>1</b>	1	Biographical	1899 – 1974, n.d.
	2	Correspondence	1915 – 1927, n.d.
	3	Legal	1901 – 1969, n.d.
	4	Mining	1909 – 1929, n.d.
	5	Mining, Minutes Book	1902 – 1906
	6	Mining, Minutes Book	1904 – 1906
	7	Writings	n.d.