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MS 443
TONGE, WILLIAM HOPKINS, 1824-1902
PAPERS: 1868-1869

DESCRIPTION

The small collection contains papers of cases presided over by William H. Tonge, justice of the peace. The first file contains materials relating to a complaint by John Legler against Lt. James L. Hunt, 1869. The second folder contains papers about a case of Alex Levin vs. Jeremiah Kenney, 1869. The third contains miscellaneous complaints and warrants signed by Tonge as justice of the peace, including more against Jeremiah Kenney for debts.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William H. Tonge, Justice of the Peace for Pima County, was born in London in 1824. He came to New York as a child and joined the army in St. Louis in 1846. After serving in the Mexican War, he was discharged in California in 1851. He married Phylena Wallace in San Diego and they left for the Gold Rush area in California. He arrived in Tucson in 1862. He was a customs officer in Calabasas, worked on the Arivaca Ranch, Cerro Colorado mine and for Solomon Warner in his store. He was Justice of the Peace as early as 1864. He had a bakery in Yuma in 1879, was Under Sheriff in Yuma in 1884. It appears that he lived in Los Angeles from around 1888 to 1902 when he died.

ACQUISITION

Provenance is unknown.

RELATED MATERIAL

MS 1023 is the reminiscences of Phylena Wallace Tonge, wife of William H. Tonge.

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