

TITLE: The Phylena Wallace Tonge Papers

DATE RANGE: 1827-1866

CALL NUMBER: MS 1023

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 box, 1 linear foot

PROVENANCE: This collection was donated by Claude Cline, of Prescott in March, 1986. Cline is the great-grandson of Phylena Wallace Tonge.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: In 1848, Phylena Wallace traveled in a wagon from Iowa to Tucson, Arizona. The wagon train went on to San Diego, California, arriving in January, 1849. She married William Hopkins Tonge in Dan Diego in 1850.

William and Phylena moved to the gold country, around Hornitos, Mariposa County, California, in 1850. Their daughter, Eliza Langdon Tonge, was born in Hornitos July 20, 1858. The family left this area in 1862 and went to San Francisco. From there they went by boat to Mazatlan, Mexico, then overland to Guaymas and Hermosillo. They arrived in the Tucson area in 1862 and are listed in the Arizona census records for 1864. Phylena taught school at the San Xavier settlement, and in Tucson.

Apparently Phylena wrote this story around 1866. Sometime prior to her death in 1912 she passed it on to her daughter, Eliza. Phylena is buried in El Centro, California.

Eliza Tonge Cline, my grandmother, sent word to me in 1936 that she wanted to see me. She was ill and knew that I was the only family member who had shown any interest in the family history. She gave me these written recollections of her mother just prior to her death in 1936. My wife, Betty, made a typewritten copy of the original in about 1960 because the paper used in the original writing was becoming very brittle. The typed copy is spelled and punctuated exactly as the original was written. (Written by Claude Cline)

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: The collection consists of the handwritten reminiscences of Phylena Wallace Tonge, written around 1866, and a typescript of the manuscript. The original is 42 pages long and spans the years 1827-1849.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Typescript of the Phylena Wallace Tonge Reminiscence,	1827-1849
	2	Original, handwritten version of Phylena Wallace Tonge Reminiscence,	1866