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WILLIS, NANCY CEDENIA BAGLEY, 1854-1945

DESCRIPTION

The collection consists of one handwritten "journal" of reminiscences written by Cedenia Bagley Willis and one 71 page transcript of the same. It was written between 1913-1924. There is also one folder of a biographical form and correspondence with the Arizona Pioneer's Historical Society upon her donation in 1941. Most of the journal describes her life after marriage, describing life in the Mormon church in Taylor and Mesa. Much of the journal is personal reminiscences of raising her family, rather than descriptive.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Cedenia Willis was born in Utah in 1854 of Mormon parents. Her family came to Arizona in 1878 and settled in Taylor. They moved to Mesa around 1885 where she remained. She married Merrill Erastus Willis in Salt Lake City in 1871; he died in Mesa in 1922. She had nine children and died in Mesa in 1945.

ACQUISITION

Donated to the Arizona Historical Society by Cedenia Willis in 1941.

ACCESS

There are no restrictions on this collection.

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PROCESSING

The finding aid was completed in 1997 by Riva Dean, Library/Archives Co-Manager.

INVENTORY

- F. 1 Original Journal
- F. 2 Typescript of Journal
- F. 3 correspondence and biographical form