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**MS 874****WINDES, ROMULUS ADOLPHUS, 1849-1932  
WINDES PAPERS, 1901, 1931-32****DESCRIPTION**

The collection relates primarily to the missionary efforts and pioneer travels of Romulus Windes. The collection is divided into two series; the first is the correspondence and the second is manuscripts. The correspondence includes letters from Alice and Maggie Windes to the Historical Society (1931-32). The manuscripts include a brief speech of pioneer reminiscences by Maggie Windes given in 1930 and a 140 page typescript manuscript concerning organization of Baptist congregations in Prescott, Jerome, Phoenix, Globe, and Verde Valley, Arizona between 1879-1900. The typescript includes reminiscences of Windes' early life in Alabama and Tennessee as well as his overland journey from Chicago to Tucson.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Romulus Adolphus Windes was born in Applegrove, Alabama in 1849. Before he was five, he had already begun preaching. He left home in 1867 and enrolled in Union University in Tennessee. He left school and worked at odd jobs until 1869 when he began his readings in seminary studies at the Baptist Seminary of the University of Chicago. Before he completed his education, his father died and he left school to work for the family. Two years later, he joined a missionary group and worked as a circuit missionary in Alabama. At this time, he married Maggie Reid. By 1879, he had degrees from both the University of Chicago and the Baptist Union Theological Seminary. Due to Maggie's health problems, they decided to move to Arizona. They made the journey, arriving in Prescott in 1879. In January 1880, he organized the Lone Star Baptist Church. He spent time organizing churches in Phoenix, Globe, the Verde Valley, Jerome and Cottonwood. He settled in Tempe in 1900 and made his home there for the rest of his life. The latter years of his life were spent in the insurance and real estate businesses. He died in 1932.

**ACQUISITION**

Donated by the Windes family in 1931/32.

**ACCESS**

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**PROCESSING**

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