

Guide to the

IRVING HISTORY EXHIBIT AT OLD RED MUSEUM SCRAPBOOK

April – June 2008

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COLLECTION NUMBER: 98

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Historical Sketch

The Irving Archives created an exhibit pertaining to the history of the city of Irving for exhibition in the Old Red Museum of Dallas County History and Culture, commonly known as “Old Red.” The exhibit ran April – June 2008.

Dallas County’s “Old Red” courthouse was constructed in 1892. Over the decades the building was updated and modernized and much of the original interior construction was covered by sheetrock, drop ceilings and other modern construction materials. In the early part of the Twenty First Century a restoration project was undertaken and the Romanesque style, red-sandstone building was restored to its original design. In 2007 the building opened as the Old Red Museum of Dallas County History and Culture.

The museum asked the Irving Archives to create a history of the city of Irving exhibit for its temporary exhibit space. The exhibit opened in the spring of 2008 and ran for three months.

Eleanor Bell, a long-time volunteer at the Irving Archives, created this scrapbook documenting the installation of the exhibit, the opening night reception, and the dismantling of the exhibit.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of one scrapbook that is housed in a flat box. The scrapbook provides a look at the installation and dismantling of the exhibit as well as the opening night reception. Additional photos of early Irving fill out the scrapbook.

Provenance Statement

The scrapbook, accession number 1718-10, was donated to the Irving Archives on November 8, 2017. Prior to its donation to the Archives, it was in the possession of the donor, Eleanor Bell.

Literary Rights

Permission to publish from the History of Irving Exhibit at the Old Red Museum Scrapbook must be obtained from the Irving Archives.

Container List

Series I. Scrapbook, 2008

Box 1

Vol. 1 Contains a scrapbook documenting the installation and dismantling of the history of Irving exhibit at the Old Red Museum. The scrapbook also documents the opening night reception for the exhibit. The scrapbook is made up of photographs, brochures, and newspaper clippings. The last few pages of the scrapbook are filled-out with early Irving photos.