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Description

The collection consists of one copy of "A History of Early Irving" written by Netta Brown (Mrs. Otis Brown), circa 1949. The history is two pages in length and deals primarily with Schulze and Brown's buying the land for the town; the auction of the first lots; and the arrival of the various utilities. Also included in the history is a list of the additions and subdivisions developed by Otis Brown.

Note

Onetta "Netta" Barcus Brown, born April 21, 1880, was the daughter of William and Katye Barcus. In 1886, the Barcus family settled in the Western Heights section of Dallas.

Netta taught school in the Kit Community, located approximately one mile east of present-day downtown Irving. While boarding at the Britain farm, she met Otis Brown, who was also staying with the Britains while he worked on a railroad survey crew.

In June 1903, Netta Barcus married Otis Brown. Later that year, Otis Brown and J.O. Schulze founded the town of Irving. The Browns built the first house in the town.

Netta Barcus and Otis Brown had five sons and lived their entire lives in Irving. Netta Barcus Brown died at the age of seventy-seven on April 4, 1958.