
MANUSCRIPT VERTICAL FILES

Collection Number: MVF 2-04

Accession Numbers: 9697-10; 0001-03; 0001-17

Item(s): 9697-10 Publications (2): Irving Pageant of Homes, 1953, and Report on Irving, Texas Its Economic and Cultural Advantages, 1946;

0001-03 Photograph - Dorety Brothers gas station with brothers in front, 8 in x 10 in., sepia.

0001-17 Photo of the Irving Rotary Club, 1938; Rotary Club correspondence (photocopies), 1937; membership roster, 1952; and shift assignments for Rotary Hotcake Day, 1959.

Producer: Pageant of Homes produced by the Builders of Irving and the Irving Chamber of Commerce; Report on Irving, Texas Its Economic and Cultural Advantages produced by the Irving Chamber of Commerce; and shift assignments by the Irving Rotary Club.

Donor: Dr. Ben Thomas

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Description

The file contains two pamphlets. The Irving Pageant of Homes pamphlet was put together for a home show of newly built Irving homes in 1953. The pamphlet is made up of black and white photos of the homes in the show and advertisements for home appliances and other household materials. Also included are some photos of contemporary businesses and scenes around town.

The 1946 Report on Irving, Texas, was put together by the Irving Chamber of Commerce to promote the city to industry and business outside of the area. It contains information on agriculture, transportation, labor, and natural resources. Included are photos of contemporary buildings. Also included in the file are copies of correspondence from Rotary Clubs around North America congratulating the Irving club on its founding, 1937; a roster of members from 1952-53; and a list of members' assignments for a "Hotcake Day" held April 4, 1959.

The collection also contains two photos: an 8x10 sepia photo of the Dorety brother's gas station with the brothers in front, c. 1934; and the Irving Rotary Club, 1938.

The photos have been placed in MVF Photo Collection Box #1.

Note

In addition to the information on 1940s and 1950s Irving, the publications contain photos of buildings and street scenes in Irving from the time period such as: the red brick school building; Irving High School; the community building before any addition; the old city hall and fire station; Main Street looking north from Second Street, c. 1946, Irving State Bank; and Hill and Martin's Ice and Cold Storage Company.

The donor, Dr. Ben Thomas, has lived and worked in Irving since the early 1950s.