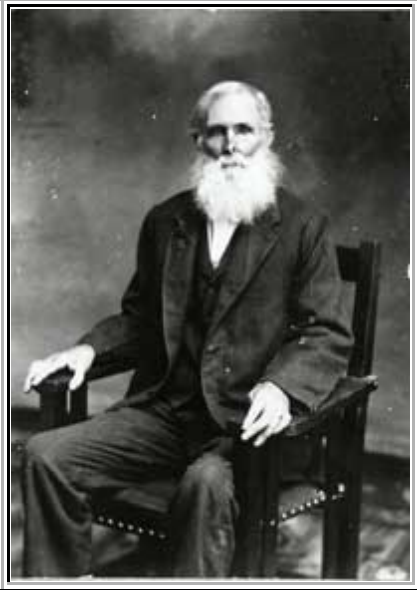


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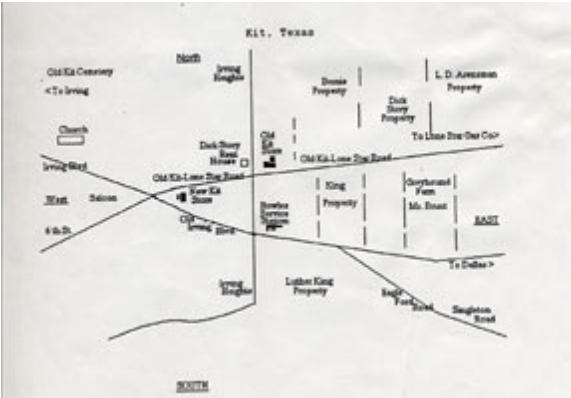
## Kit Community Life



Jonathan Story, born in 1825, came to Texas from Illinois with his wife Saphronia and their children in 1855. He bought 320 acres of land in what would become the Kit community and later be part of eastern Irving. They were some of the first settlers in northwest Dallas County.



H. W. Britain had a large ranch in the area on the western edge of the Kit community. Britain sold 80 acres of his land to two members of a Chicago, Rock Island & Gulf Railway survey crew in 1902. The land was about one mile west of the Kit community store. The two young railroad surveyors would found the town of Irving, Texas, on the site in 1903.



Cake sold for the school house for the prettiest girl on the ground  
 also one for the laziest man  
 10 votes for Miss named 50  
 Bob Lively 300  
 G. J. Lively 300  
 money for Ice cream 360  
 1050  
 1115  
 2165

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On the left is a hand drawn map of the Kit community as it appeared about 1900. On the right is an entry from Ike Story's ledger from 1895. The entry indicates that the community was raising money for a schoolhouse through a cake and ice cream event and a prettiest girl and laziest man contest.