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Administrative Information

Title:

Richard (Dick) E Brown II Collection, 1903-2008

Collection Identifier:

CFT00052

Creators:

Brown, Richard E.

Size:

14 Boxes

Repository:

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Provenance:

The gift of Dick Brown, June 2009. In September 2009, 3 additional boxes of papers were given and integrated into the collection.

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Biography

Richard E. Brown II (1922 - 2011) was a member of the first entering class of Fuller Theological Seminary in the Fall of 1947. He was at that time a member of the Old Fashioned Revival Hour Quartet. Having grown up in the Christian Church he made the decision, affirmed by Charles E. Fuller, to pursue ordination in that denomination. He therefore left Fuller in order to earn his Bachelor of Divinity at Brite Seminary, Texas Christian University in Forth Worth, Texas. After many years of ministry in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), in 1987 he entered an active retirement of ministry, teaching, writing, travel and golf. In 1997 he helped found Christian Heritage Ministry which began rebroadcasting the Old Fashioned Revival Hour in 2002.

Scope and Content

The Richard (Dick) E Brown II Collection, 1903-2008 consists of papers and recordings documenting the varied life of Rev Brown, a minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These include wartime letters to family at home, a collection of music accumulated through a lifetime of singing, papers from several Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) where Dick Brown served as pastor and family letters and mementos, as well as many Rudy Atwood and the Old Fashioned Revival Hour (OFRH) Quartet recordings.

Subjects:

- Atwood, Rudy
- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Christianity
- Country Church of Hollywood
- Fuller, Charles Edward
- Fuller Theological Seminary
- Music
- Old Fashioned Revival Hour (Radio program)

Arrangement

This collection is organized into 14 boxes consisting of 7 series as follows:

Series 1: Personal: Biographical Information, Education, and Family Papers (Boxes 1-3)

Series 2: Pastoral ministry and other ministries (Boxes 4-5)

Series 3: Music & Quartet papers, including Country Church of Hollywood (Boxes 6-7)

Series 4: Military career including wartime letters home (Box 8)

Series 5: Mementos (Box 9)

Series 6: Family Scrapbooks & Photo Albums (Box 10-12)

Series 7: Recordings (Box 13-14)

Box Inventory

Box 1: Personal

Folder	Item	Note
1	Dick Brown Biographical information and photos	
2-3	Miscellaneous family papers, cards, letters	
4	Amanda Borelli	Letter
5	David W. Luo	
6	George Harsh, family tree by Nathan Harsh Brown	1963
7	Education at Santa Ana High School: awards, photo	Reunions '78, '84
8	Dinuba Join Union High School history, 1939-1959	
9	Dinuba Christian Church centennial	
10	Recordings at Live Oak Christian Fellowship	Quartet 2006-2008
11	Correspondence	

12	Letters M Hickmon to Browns	Enclosures
13	Life Membership award PTA	1956

Box 1A: Personal

Folder	Item	Note
1	Memorial Richard E Brown in <i>Christian Messenger</i>	1935
2	Senior Class History – Dinuba Joint Union High School	1939-1959
3-6	Dick brown’s writings, notes, lectures papers	
7	Greta Marie Johnson Brown Plopper mementos	
8	Memories: Greta Tells All, obituary, photos	
9	Family photos	1947-1965
10	Sheridan Ave Christian Church news, 1 volume	1962-1963
11	Retirement party, Belmont Christian Church mementos	1990
12	Certificate honoring Archive Anderson, principal of school attended by “Tex” Brown 1960-1962	Note by Dick
13	Dick’s book – suggestions	
14	Manuscript for <i>Feeling Great at 88</i>	

Box 2: Personal—Tex Brown and family

Folder	Item	Note
1-3	Son Tex Brown papers and photos	
4	Change of Command Ceremony	Richard E Brown III
5	Golf tournament with son and grandson	Photo
6	Fishing trip – Bethany Ewing	

Box 3: Personal—Family and history

Folder	Item	Note
1	Photo collage of Tex Brown, family wedding	
2	Letter about the death of “gramps” (Clifford)	1965
3	Yoshiko Father’s Day portrait	1977
4	Family mementos	1903-1943
5	Chapman College Cardinal Quartet 1941	Photos, note
6	Chapman College Yearbooks 1940-1943	
7	Chapman College Memories	
8	Chapman College diploma	50 th reunion
9	Tape of Chapman College Homecoming	Feb 21, 1981
10	Texas Christian University diploma	Bachelor of Divinity
11-12	Fuller Theological Seminary Reunion booklet	Class of ‘50
13	<i>Feeling Great at 88</i>	By Richard E Brown Jr.

Box 4: Pastoral Ministry and other ministries

Folder	Item	Note
1	Christian Endeavor (CE) picnic promo	Songs by Dick Brown
2	Skit “The Little Country of Synagogue of Palestine”	Tape and note
3	Script for a skit—Finis, Maggie, Rudy & Homer	
4	“News Reprt” YMCA Camp	1944
5	Reference letters for Dick Brown	
6	Clippings	
7	“Funerals” file	

8	Record of Ordination, memorials, weddings, columns “Pastor’s Notebook: From the notes of Dick Brown”	Photos
9	Pastor Dick Brown miscellaneous papers	
10	First Christian Church, Mineral Wells, Texas	Achievement 1955-56
11-12	Sheridan Ave Christian Church	Directory 1963-64
13	First Christian Church of Manteca	Directory 1976
14	First Christian Church, Woodson, Texas	1905-1990
15	Photos and papers, Church of the Sequoias	1984-1994
16	Church of the Sequoias Tape Ministry	OFRH tapes
17	Belmont Christian Church, Fresno –Directory	Short bio of Dick Brown
18	Central Christian Church, Fresno, Rusty Howard	Directory 1992
19	Directory of Churches & Religious Organizations	Fresno Ministerial Assoc.
20	Kiwanis Directories—CA-Nevada-Hawaii Kiwanis Story Telling Olympics won by D.B.	1991-1994 1985
21	Wedding performed Oregon	2002
22	Ojai Christian Academy	2004-2007

Box 5: Pastoral Ministry and other ministries

Folder	Item	Note
1	Photos	
2	Richard E Brown Scholarship	Brochure
3-4	Christian Heritage Ministry	
5	Heart to Heart: a publication of the New OFRH	2003-2007
6	An Old Fashioned Hymn Sing, Paul & Marjorie Ferrin	Lake Ave 2003

7	Skid Row Charity Fund	
8	Solano County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc	Dick Brown Executive Director
9	Financial Responsibility	By Dick Brown
10	A Rural Community Action Program <i>The Christian</i> 1968	By Dick Brown
11	Explaining death to children	By Dick Brown
12	Seven Singing Suggestions	By Dick Brown

Box 6: Music and Quartet papers

Folder	Item	Note
1-2	Quartet clippings, promo, notes, photos, songbooks	
3	“Sheet music collected and used by Dick Brown during most of his life beginning summer 1936”	Note by Dick Brown
4	David and Goliath	Sheet music
5	Because	Sheet music
6	Songs from the Old Fashioned Revival Hour	Songbook
7	OFRH Quartet Listings for program numbers 113-162 (Microgroove recordings 1957-1958) by R.G.B. Photos of the Quartet, Charles Fuller, Mrs. Sunday	Not yet used in making albums as of 11/1993
8	Rudy Atwood	Tape ministry
9	Dick Brown A cappella quartet photos, order form	Ojai Valley Community Church
10	Country Church of Hollywood –petitions and legal documents re status as a historic-cultural monument	Packet of papers

Box 7: Country Church of Hollywood legal documents

Box 8: Military career

Folder	Item	Note
1-38	Dick Brown's Wartime letters to family	1943-1945
39	Seabees: 28 th Special Naval Construction Battalion Cargo Soundings Album	April 1944 to Nov 1945
40	Photocopied pages from Seabees Album	Notes
41	Capstan –Midshipmen's School, Notre Dame	Jan 1944
42	Veteran's Administration documents, Discharge	
43	Seabee Reunion	Nashville 2006

Box 9: Mementos

Folder	Item	Note
1	Joseph Brancato remembers Navy days	Clipping
2	World War II US Navy Basketball Team	Photo
3	Congregation of Dick Brown's home church	1939
4	First Christian Church Mineral Wells, Texas photo Gods & Generals booklet with note	1 st pastorate
5	Christian Heritage Ministry certificate of appreciation	2008
5	Proposal to create a Charles E Fuller Repository	Read Burgan
7	"The Black Sheep with a White Spot" by Natalie T Gardner, wife of Erle S Gardner, creator of Perry Mason	Story of a literary career
On top	Mementos: Seabees, Golf tourney, <i>ichthus</i> , slides of Dick's family in the 1920s, a very worn pocket New Testament, business cards, FTS 50 th anniversary medallion	Baptismal records

Box 10 & 11: Family scrapbooks

Box 12: Family photo albums

Box 13: Rudy Atwood, OFRH Quartet, Charles Fuller recordings

CD's

Title		Date
Beth Farnum: The Heavenly Voice of the Old Fashioned Revival Hour	Christian Heritage Media	2004
Charles E Fuller: A Generation's Voice for God, narrated by Paul Harvey	Christian Heritage Media	2003
The Old Fashioned Revival Hour Quartet with Rudy Atwood	Christian Heritage Media	2006
Keyboards & Strings: Paul Mickelson, Organ, Rudy Atwood, Piano	Christian Heritage Media	2007
Old Fashioned Revial Hour Quartet, H Leland Green, Director	Christian Heritage Media	2005
There's a Path...Old Fashioned Revial Hour Quartet	Christian Heritage Media	2003
Old Fashioned Revival Hour Quartet with Rudy Atwood, featuring Art Jaissle	Christian Heritage Media	2007
Walking in Jerusalem: Old Fashioned Revival Hour solos by Bill MacDougall	Christian Heritage Media	2005
Shepherd of Love, Joseph W Barclay	Christian Heritage Media	2005
Honey in the Rock, Solos by Art Jaissle	Christian Heritage Media	2004
Tell Me the Old, Old Story, Featuring Dick Brown, Baritone	Christian Heritage Media	2003
Wonderful Grace of Jesus: the Dick Brown Acappella Quartet	Christian Heritage Media	2005
Wire Recording (Unedited) by Pastor Dick Brown		1947

Cassette Tapes

Title		Date
Dedication Service of the Charles & Grace Fuller Library –set of 2 tapes	Christian Heritage Media	2001
OFRH Quartet Vol. 1	Christian Heritage Media	1998
OFRH Quartet Album #7	Christian Heritage Media	
OFRH Quartet Album #8	Christian Heritage Media	
The Incomparable Rudy Atwood	Word	1972
Rudy Atwood: Crown Him with Many Crowns	Word	1977
Rudy Atwood: Jesus is a Friend of Mine	Duplicated from original	1977
Rudy Atwood: What Child Is This	Duplicated from original	
My Savior First of All—Rudy Atwood	Duplicated from original	1975
Wonderful Old Chestnuts—Rudy Atwood	Duplicated from original	1973
Rudy Atwood in Concert	Duplicated from original	
Rudy Atwood’s Final Service & Old Recordings		1992
Memorial Service for Rudy Atwood at Country Church of Hollywood—Dick Brown presiding	Recorded November 11	1992

Box 14: Dick Brown and family recordings

CD’s

Title		Date
Live Interview with Duffy and Lt. Gen. Richard “Tex” Brown on KKLA	OFRH Studios, Pasadena	1/21/2008
Live Interview with Duffy “Complete Unedited Archival Edition”	Christian Heritage Media	1/21/2008
Live Interview with Duffy “final version”	Christian Heritage Media	1/21/2008

Songs for Naomi N. Kelly's memorial service	Tentative	5/25/2002
Memory Lane: Bob Gardiner	La Crescenta Baptist	1962
Easter Sunrise Service	Rose Bowl	1951

Cassette Tapes

Title	
Songs by Dick Brown	Recorded 1981-1982
Solos by Dick Brown "One Day at a Time" "How Great Thou Art" and others	
Home-church recordings of Pastor Dick Brown	Solos at Belmont Christian Church
Side A: OFRH—Kenjo. 1 st tape recording of Quartet made	Side B: from 787 RPM records—used Kenjo Recording Studio, Fresno, 1982
Solos by Dick Brown	
OFRH Quartet, Dick Brown, Soloist	
Mom's Reminiscences—Greta Mari Johnson Brown	Plopper stories Jim Reeves
Dick Brown—Old Time Religion, He's Still Workin' On Me, Learning to Lean	Love of God, Sweet Holy Spirit
Parts of Dick's talk to CWF Jan 29, 1987	
Solos by Dick Brown	Recorded by Ruth Macleod 1982-83
Mixed Quartet: Sue Lakes, Soprano, Mary Ann Aguilar, Alto	Marvin Van Wagner, Bass, Dick Brown, tenor
Tribute to Pastor Dick Brown	Christian Heritage Media Nov 6, 1999
Bethany Joy Brown #1 & Richard E Brown Jr. in concert	Springfield, OK First Christian Church
Nick's Ordination	
Our Family Offers Thanks	Thanksgiving 1991

Skit: Country Synagogue of Palestine	
Fresno First Christian Church Choir	
Side A: Mom's 90 th Birthday	Side B: Geor. Brown & Etheleen Fiske 11/14/1990
Bill MacDougal Mem. Fred Wilson, Bishop Blaine	April 28, 1989
Rick's Kiwanis talk, North Fresno Kiwanis Club	Secret Mission to Israel
Huntington Park Christian Church	Reunion 5/26/2000
Celebration—memorial for Greta Brown Plopper	Lodi, CA Feb 29, 1992. United Congregational Christian Church
Greta Marie Johnson Brown Plopper Reminisces	With Dick Brown May 1989
A Praise Celebration	May 17, 1997—2 parts/tapes
Mother's Day to Grandmeider	From the Bob Lambert family
Quartet at George Brown's	
First Christian Church Youth Group, Manteca	Rev. Brown "Together Show"
California Parks Ministry	
Little Country Church of Hollywood	25 th Anniversary 1958
Entering class of FTS ('47) Reunion	Home of Dan Fuller
OFRH Reenactment	Sept 17, 1997
Kingdom Heirs—Qt.	Children Go., Lighthouse, etc.
Dick Brown	Wire Recording no.1
Dick Brown	Wire Recording no.2
Snake Story	Gospel songs –with note

Video

Title	
Family history Rev Richard E Brown Sr. & children	May 31, 1996