

RICHARD (DICK) E. BROWN II COLLECTION  
1903-2008

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## **Biographical History**

Richard E. Brown II (January 28, 1922 – August 19, 2011) was a member of the Old Fashioned Revival Hour Quartet and of Fuller Theological Seminary's first entering class in Fall 1947. During World War II, he served with the Seabees at Peral Harbor and on Samar, Phillipines. Having grown up in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Brown made the decision, affirmed by Charles E. Fuller, to pursue ordination in that denomination. Brown left Fuller Seminary in order to earn his Bachelor of Divinity at Brite Seminary, Texas Christian University in Forth Worth, Texas.

One of Brown's ministries was participating on Dr. Hogg's radio drama, "The Country Church of Hollywood." After World War II, Brown participated as a member of its Goose Creek Quartet, a musical group within the drama's fictional community in Tennessee. After his involvement with the Country Church, Brown pastored churches in Texas, Oklahoma, and California. Brown also worked as Executive Director of three anti-poverty and enconomic opportunities agencies. He served on church school boards, taught Sunday school, served as a part pastor in two National Parks, and participated in missions work.

After many years of ministry, in 1987, Brown entered an active retirement of ministry, teaching, writing, travel and golf. In 1995, Brown retired from professional service at Belmont Christian Church in Fresno, CA. In 1997, he helped found Christian Heritage Ministry, which began rebroadcasting the Old Fashioned Revival Hour in 2002.

## **Related Collections**

Charles E. and Grace Payton Fuller Collection, Fuller Theological Seminary

Old Fashioned Revival Hour and Joyful Sound Audio Collection, Fuller Theological Seminary

Country Church of Hollywood Collection, Fuller Theological Seminary

## **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). Materials include wartime letters and a music collection. There are also papers from several Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) where Dick Brown served as pastor and family letters and mementos. Brown particularly collected 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**

The collection is organized into 14 boxes consisting of 6 series:

Series I: Personal: Biographical Information, Education, and Family Papers, 1903-1990  
(Boxes 1-3)

Series II: Pastoral Ministry and Other Ministries, 1905 (Boxes 4-5)

Series III: Music & Quartet papers, including Country Church of Hollywood, c.1993 (Boxes  
6-7)

Series IV: Military Career and Mementos, 1939-2008 (Boxes 8-9)

Series V: Family Scrapbooks & Photo Albums (Boxes 10-12)

Series VI: Recordings, 1947-2008 (Boxes 13-14)

**Container List****Series I: Personal: Biographical Information, Education, and Family Papers, 1903-1990.  
Boxes 1-3.****Box 1: Personal**

Folder	Item	Date/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	1978, 1984 Reunions
8	Dinuba Joint Union High School history, 1939-1959	
9	Dinuba Christian Church centennial	
10	Recordings at Live Oak Christian Fellowship	2006-2008, Quartet
11	Correspondence	
12	Letters M Hickmon to Browns	Enclosures
13	Life Membership award PTA	1956

**Box 1A: Personal**

Folder	Item	Date/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**

Folder	Item	Date/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	Date/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	Chapmen College Cardinal Quartet	1941, Photos, note
6	Chapman College Yearbooks	1940-1943
7	Chapman College Memories	
8	Chapman College diploma	50 <sup>th</sup> reunion
9	Tape of Chapman College Homecoming	21 February 1981
10	Texas Christian University diploma	Bachelor of Divinity
11-12	Fuller Theological Seminary Reunion booklet	Class of 1950
13	<i>Feeling Great at 88</i>	By Richard E Brown Jr.

**Series II: Pastoral Ministry and Other Ministries, 1905-2007. Boxes 4-5.**

**Box 4: Pastoral Ministry and Other Ministries**

Folder	Item	Date/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	1955-1956, Achievement
11-12	Sheridan Ave Christian Church	1963-1964, Directory
13	First Christian Church of Manteca	1976, Directory
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	1992, Directory
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	Date/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	2003, Lake Ave
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	1968, By Dick Brown
11	Explaining death to children	By Dick Brown
12	Seven Singing Suggestions	By Dick Brown

**Series III: Music & Quartet Papers, including Country Church of Hollywood, c.1993.****Boxes 6-7.****Box 6: Music and Quartet Papers**

Folder	Item	Date/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 November 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**

**Series IV: Military Career and Mementos, 1939-2008. Boxes 8-9.****Box 8: Military Career**

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

**Box 9: Mementos**

Folder	Item	Date/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 <sup>st</sup> pastorate
5	Christian Heritage Ministry certificate of appreciation	2008
5	Proposal to create a Charles E. Fuller Repository	Read Burgan
6	"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
Loose	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 <sup>th</sup> anniversary medallion	Baptismal records

**Series V: Family Scrapbooks & Photo Albums. Boxes 10-12.****Boxes 10-12**

Box	Description	Date/Note
10	Family scrapbooks	
11	Family scrapbooks	
12	Family photo albums	

**Series VI: Recordings, 1947-2008. Boxes 13-14.****Box 13: Rudy Atwood, OFRH Quartet, Charles Fuller recordings**

Item	Description	Date/Note
1	Beth Farnum: The Heavenly Voice of the Old Fashioned Revival Hour, Christian Heritage Media	2004, CD
2	Charles E Fuller: A Generation's Voice for God, narrated by Paul Harvey, Christian Heritage Media	2003, CD
3	The Old Fashioned Revival Hour Quartet with Rudy Atwood, Christian Heritage Media	2006, CD

4	Keyboards & Strings: Paul Mickelson, Organ, Rudy Atwood, Piano, Christian Heritage Media	2007, CD
5	Old Fashioned Revival Hour Quartet, H Leland Green, Director, Christian Heritage Media	2005, CD
6	There's a Path...Old Fashioned Revival Hour Quartet, Christian Heritage Media	2003, CD
7	Old Fashioned Revival Hour Quartet with Rudy Atwood, featuring Art Jaissle, Christian Heritage Media	2007, CD
8	Walking in Jerusalem: Old Fashioned Revival Hour solos by Bill MacDougall, Christian Heritage Media	2005, CD
9	Shepherd of Love, Joseph W Barclay, Christian Heritage Media	2005, CD
10	Honey in the Rock, Solos by Art Jaissle, Christian Heritage Media	2004, CD
11	Tell Me the Old, Old Story, Featuring Dick Brown, Baritone, Christian Heritage Media	2003, CD
12	Wonderful Grace of Jesus: the Dick Brown Acappella Quartet, Christian Heritage Media	2005, CD
13	Wire Recording (Unedited) by Pastor Dick Brown, Christian Heritage Media	1947, CD
14-15	Dedication Service of the Charles & Grace Fuller Library, Christian Heritage Media	2001, cassette tape
16	OFRH Quartet Vol. 1, Christian Heritage Media	1998, cassette tape
17	OFRH Quartet Album #7, Christian Heritage Media	cassette tape
18	OFRH Quartet Album #8, Christian Heritage Media	cassette tape
19	The Incomparable Rudy Atwood, Word	1972, cassette tape
20	Rudy Atwood: Crown Him with Many Crowns, Word	1977, cassette tape
21	Rudy Atwood: Jesus is a Friend of Mine	1977, cassette tape
22	Rudy Atwood: What Child Is This	cassette tape
23	My Savior First of All—Rudy Atwood	1975, cassette tape
24	Wonderful Old Chestnuts—Rudy Atwood	1973, cassette tape
25	Rudy Atwood in Concert	cassette tape
26	Rudy Atwood's Final Service & Old Recordings	1992, cassette tape
27	Memorial Service for Rudy Atwood at Country Church of Hollywood—Dick Brown presiding	11 November 1992, cassette tape

**Box 14: Dick Brown and Family Recordings**

Item	Description	Date/Note
1	Live Interview with Duffy and Lt. Gen. Richard "Tex" Brown on KKLA, OFRH Studios, Pasadena, CA	21 January 2008, CD
2	Live Interview with Duffy "Complete Unedited Archival Edition", Christian Heritage Media	21 January 2008, CD
3	Live Interview with Duffy "final version", Christian Heritage Media	21 January 2008, CD
4	Songs for Naomi N. Kelly's memorial service, Tentative	25 May 2002, CD
5	Memory Lane: Bob Gardiner, La Crescenta Baptist	1962, CD

6	Easter Sunrise Service, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, CA	1951, CD
7	Songs by Dick Brown	1981-1982, cassette tape
8	Solos by Dick Brown “One Day at a Time” “How Great Thou Art” and others	cassette tape
9	Home-church recordings of Pastor Dick Brown, Belmont Christian Church	cassette tape
10	Side A: OFRH—Kenjo. 1 <sup>st</sup> tape recording of Quartet made Side B: from 787 RPM records used Kenjo Recording Studio, Fresno	1982, cassette tape
11	Solos by Dick Brown	cassette tape
12	OFRH Quartet, Dick Brown, Soloist	cassette tape
13	Mom’s Reminiscences – Greta Mari Johnson Brown Plopper stories – Jim Reeves	cassette tape
14	Dick Brown – Old Time Religion, He’s Still Workin’ On Me, Learning to Lean, Love of God, Sweet Holy Spirit	cassette tape
15	Parts of Dick’s talk to CWF	29 January 1987, cassette tape
16	Solos by Dick Brown, Recorded by Ruth Macleod	1982-1983, cassette tape
17	Mixed Quartet: Sue Lakes, Soprano, Mary Ann Aguilar, Alto, Marvin Van Wagner, Bass, Dick Brown, tenor	cassette tape
18	Tribute to Pastor Dick Brown, Christian Heritage Media	6 November 1999, cassette tape
19	Bethany Joy Brown #1 & Richard E Brown Jr. in concert, First Christian Church, Springfield, OK	cassette tape
20	Nick’s Ordination	cassette tape
21	Our Family Offers Thanks	Thanksgiving 1991, cassette tape
22	Skit: Country Synagogue of Palestine	cassette tape
23	Fresno First Christian Church Choir	cassette tape
24	Side A: Mom’s 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Side B: Geor. Brown & Etheleen Fiske	14 November 1990, cassette tape
25	Bill MacDougal Mem. Fred Wilson, Bishop Blaine	28 April 1989, cassette tape
26	Rick’s Kiwanis talk, North Fresno Kiwanis Club	Secret Mission to Israel, cassette tape
27	Huntington Park Christian Church	26 May 2000, reunion, cassette tape
28	Celebration—memorial for Greta Brown Plopper, United Congregational Church, Lodi, CA	29 February 1992, cassette tape
29	Greta Marie Johnson Brown Plopper Reminisces	With Dick Brown, May 1989, cassette tape

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30-31	A Praise Celebration	17 May 1997, cassette tape
32	Mother's Day to Grandmeider	From the Bob Lambert family, cassette tape
33	Quartet at George Brown's	cassette tape
34	First Christian Church Youth Group, Manteca, "Together Show"	cassette tape
35	California Parks Ministry	cassette tape
36	Little Country Church of Hollywood – 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	1958, cassette tape
37	Entering class of FTS ('47) Reunion	Home of Dan Fuller
38	OFRH Reenactment, Fuller Theological Seminary 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration	17 September 1997 cassette tape
39	Kingdom Heirs—Qt., Children Go., Lighthouse, etc.	cassette tape
40	Dick Brown	Wire Recording no.1, cassette tape
41	Dick Brown	Wire Recording no.2, cassette tape
43	Snake Story	Gospel songs with note, cassette tape
44	Family History, Rev. Richard E. Brown St. and children	31 May 1996, video