

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Fred S. Brown Collection**

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**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1844-1922
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	Scrapbook located in Archives Annex B-6

**Historical Sketch**

The Brown family lived near Yuton Station, in section 14 of Dry Grove Township. S.H. Brown was a farmer and stock raiser. He was one of the early and prominent settlers of the county. S. H. was born in Windsor Co., Vermont, August 12, 1815. He came to Illinois in 1836 and located in Tazewell County. In 1840 he married Fidelia Munsell, and the couple had three children. Brown married again in 1850 to Mary Henry, who was born in Ohio March 23, 1828. They had six children, one of whom (Fred) was still alive in 1879. S.H. Brown appears to have been active in Dry Grove Township government in the last third of the 19th century. He has held offices of Justice of the Peace twelve years and Assessor three years.

(Adapted from page 1046-47 of The History of McLean County 1879)

S. H. and his son Fred (born September 30, 1956) were farmers. At some point Fred S. Brown and his wife Ella moved to Bloomington from Dry Grove Township and took up residence at 1119 E. Grove St. Fred and Ella had three children, Louis E., Grace E., and Carl S., and Dora, who died in 1925.

Fred S. Brown died at his home on Grove St. on October 11, 1934. He is buried in Park Hill Cemetery.

## Scope Note

This collection contains correspondence, posters, property tax receipts, insurance forms, cash books, and legal papers associated with Fred S. Brown and his parents S. H. & Mary E. Brown.

## Box and Folder Inventory

### Folder 1: Correspondence

- 1.1 Undated letter from Fred S. Brown to illegible (*health, grace can walk & talk, write to Angie to see if she is at home*)
- 1.2 1914 wedding invitation for marriage of Myrtle Belle to Howard Harry Piper in Pasadena, California
- 1.3 1907 letter to Mrs. Fred Brown in response to an article in the paper about her Japanese poppy plant. The writer insists there is no such thing as a Japanese poppy.
- 1.4 February 14, 1901. Letter to Fred S. Brown from A. L Chapman, M.D of Carlock IL. (*received check, enclosed receipt*)
- 1.5 April 6, 1893. Letter from M. Henry to her sister Mary Brown (*health, visit, wants to go to world fair but doesn't have the money*)
- 1.6 March 21, 1893. Letter from Julia in New York to her sister Mary E. Brown in Yuton Illinois. (*health, family update, crops, hopes Mary has fun at World Fair*)
- 1.7 February 14 1890. Letter from Julia (sister) and Guy (nephew) in York, Nebraska to Mary Brown. (*legrippe, family update, birthday party, oyster dinners, smooth roads, visit, marriage, say hi to Ella and Fred, school, send a picture*)
- 1.8 July 7, 1889. Letter from Fred S. Brown to his mother Mary E. Brown. (*health, family update*)
- 1.9 1888 invitation to the marriage of Lillie Kepner to George H. Johnson
- 1.10 1888 invitation to the marriage of Carrie E. Brown to Mrs. Charles H. Gratton
- 1.11 1884 invitation to the "Wooden Wedding" (fifth anniversary) of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Joyslin

### Folder 2: Notes

- 2.1 7 pages of brittle notes of names and arithmetic on J. E. Burke & Co. letter head.

### Folder 3: Township Road Posters

- 3.1 6 blank copies of "Highway Notice!" posters
- 3.2 2 blank copies of petition for altering road posters
- 3.3 6 blank copies of "Release of Road Damage" posters

### Folder 4: Property Tax Receipts

- 4.1 March 8, 1879, \$73.18, S. H. Brown
- 4.2 February 23, 1889, \$11.06, Fred S. Brown
- 4.3 March 9, 1907, \$148.24, Fred Brown
- 4.4 March 9, 1907, \$2.40, Fred Brown
- 4.5 March 24, 1911, \$32.89, Ella H. Brown
- 4.6 March 24, 1911, \$137.56, Fred Brown
- 4.7 March 17, 1911, \$73.40, Fred S. Brown
- 4.8 February 17, 1916, \$ 12.28, F. S. Brown

- 4.9 March 17, 1917, \$9.58, Fred S. Brown
- 4.10 Envelope from Treasury Department Springfield, Illinois
- 4.11 Letter from McLean County Collector requesting property tax be paid before March 10, 1919
- 4.12 March 10, 1905, \$126.38, Fred Brown
- 4.13 1904, \$198.87, Fred S. Brown
- 4.14 1903. \$103.25, Fred S. Brown
- 4.15 March 19, 1902, \$126.55, Fred S. Brown
- 4.16 January 26, 1893, \$25.29, Mary E. Brown
- 4.17 February 4, 1899, \$48.67, Fred Brown
- 4.18 February 17, 1899, \$26.16, Mary Brown
- 4.19 March 5, 1898, \$2.96, Fred Brown
- 4.20 February 4, 1898, \$5.63, Mary Brown
- 4.21 January 20, 1894, \$46.58, Fred Brown
- 4.22 1894, \$25.26, Mary E. Brown
- 4.23 March 12, 1897, \$28.23, Mary E. Brown
- 4.24 February 28, 1896, \$53.90, Fred Brown
- 4.25 March 9, 1901, Fred Brown, \$27.99
- 4.26 March 9, 1901, Samuel H. Brown \$55.66
- 4.27 March 27, 1900, Fred Brown, \$54.23
- 4.28 January 26, 1900, \$30.91, Mary Brown
- 4.29 January 13, 1896, \$30.57, Mary Brown
- 4.30 March 1, 1895, \$51.96, Fred Brown
- 4.31 February 22, 1895, \$28.12, Mary E. Brown
- 4.32 March 1893, \$51.07, Fred Brown

**Folder 5: Receipts**

- 5.1 Promissory note S.H. Brown to pay \$100 to Abraham Stiger
- 5.2 July 18, 1883 \$100 paid to W. B. Wiley
- 5.3 May 22, 1892 \$1.20 from Fred Brown
- 5.4 August 9, 1892 \$2.50 from Mary E. Brown
- 5.5 August 29, 1892 \$81 from F. S. Brown
- 5.6 September 21, 1892 \$23.63 from Fred Brown
- 5.7 Paid check \$500
- 5.8 Paid check February 23, 1909 \$727.50
- 5.9 Paid check October 8, 1910 \$150
- 5.10 note
- 5.11 Promissory note to pay \$150 to R. Johnson
- 5.12 Envelope and receipt from Rogers Wall Paper Co. June 1918
- 5.13 Envelope and receipt from W. S. Harwood Lumber & Coal Co. August 1920 \$19.20
- 5.14 Hand-written notes
- 5.15 Order for Hoover Suction Sweeper April 25, 1918
- 5.16 Receipt for Dickson Seed Merchants \$96.78
- 5.17 Receipt for Chicago & Alton Rail Road purchase
- 5.18 Receipt for Ross-Johnston Co. \$1.45
- 5.19 Receipt for Berenz & Son Concrete and Bridge Contractors \$45.64 August 30, 1912

- 5.20 \$32 receipt April 21, 1918 Union Gas and Electric Company
- 5.21 Receipt for \$49.45 March 14, 1918
- 5.22 G. H. Read & Bro. \$7.48 December 1, 1917
- 5.23 Hanger & Maxfield receipt \$23.43
- 5.24 W. S. Harwood Lumber & Coal Co. September 29, 1917
- 5.25 Sales Ticket Union Gas & Electric Company April 27, 1918 \$30.40
- 5.26 The Safe Deposit Company
- 5.27 Franklin Motor Car Company February 1919
- 5.28 Franklin Motor Car Company March 1919
- 5.29 Hanger & Maxfield \$8.55
- 5.30 J.W. &G. Trotter Lumber, Coal & Crain January 27, 1880
- 5.31 J.M. Fordice, Dr.
- 5.32 December 27, 1881 receipt \$17
- 5.33 Bloomington 1881 receipt \$79.85
- 5.34 Bloomington Nov. 8, 1880 S. H. brown \$7.00
- 5.35 City Weigher's Scales receipts
- 5.36 W. S. Harwood Lumber & Coal Co. \$16.65
- 5.37 Ross-Johnston Co. High Class Plumbing \$10.55 April 1919
- 5.38 Piper & Lott Farm Machinery, Wind Mills, Pumps, Tanks, Pipes, and Fittings \$15.00  
1920
- 5.39 W. S. Harwood Lumber & Coal Co. \$11.79
- 5.40 G. H. Read & Bro November 4, 1887 \$82.81 and \$78.05

#### **Folder 6: Insurance**

- 6.1 The Aetna Indemnity Company envelope
- 6.2 American Insurance Co. collection notice
- 6.3 Mutual Fire and Lighting Insurance for Fred S. Brown December 1916
- 6.4 Tornado Insurance Fred S. Brown 1893 Fred S. Brown
- 6.5 Tornado Insurance Fred S. Brown 1894 Fred S. Brown
- 6.6 Tornado Insurance Fred S. Brown 1896 Fred S. Brown
- 6.7 Tornado Insurance Fred S. Brown 1898 Fred S. Brown
- 6.8 Tornado Insurance Fred S. Brown 1902 Fred S. Brown
- 6.9 1888 Fred S. Brown Rockford Insurance Company
- 6.10 1894 Fred S. Brown Rockford Insurance Company
- 6.11 1896 Fred S. Brown Rockford Insurance Company
- 6.12 1898 Fred S. Brown Rockford Insurance Company
- 6.13 1905 Fred S. Brown American Insurance Company
- 6.14 5 Blank Patrons' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Stanford, Illinois Application
- 6.15 Receipt for vehicle insurance
- 6.16 Receipt for fire-theft-collision insurance

#### **Folder 7: Club Booklets**

- 7.1 Illinois Club Schedule of Entertainments 1906-1907
- 7.2 Constitution by-laws and rules of order Lodge 77
- 7.3 Rotary Club Roster 1943
- 7.4 Rotary Club Roster 1953

### **Folder 8: Yuton Grain Company**

- 8.1 Envelope addressed to Fred S. Brown
- 8.2 By-Laws of the Yuton Grain Company 1910
- 8.3 Business and Financial Statement of Yuton Grain Company 1920
- 8.4 Business and Financial Statement of Yuton Grain Company 1922
- 8.5 Yuton Grain Company receipt

### **Folder 9: Tuberculosis and Consumption Publications**

- 9.1 The Cause, Prevention and Cure of Tuberculosis or Consumption
- 9.2 A War on Consumption
- 9.3 The Springfield Open Air Colony

### **Folder 10: Dry Grove Township Register of Electors**

- 10.1 Register of Illinois Electors 1872
- 10.2 Register of Illinois Electors 1874

### **Folder 11: Cash Books**

- 11.1 S. H. Brown cash book 1844-1849
- 11.2 Fred Brown 1886 Fred Brown cash book
- 11.3 Geo. W. Brown & Co. agricultural implements finance book
- 11.4 1874-1875 cash book
- 11.5 1863-1864 cash book
- 11.6 5 pages torn from a ledger book

### **Folder 12: Legal Papers**

- 12.1 State of Illinois summon to appear at court December 1910
- 12.2 Envelope to Mr. Fred S. Brown from Rolland A. Russell
- 12.3 Summon to appear at court house August 1905
- 12.4 December 21, 1884 summon to appear for jury duty S.H. Brown
- 12.5 Estate claim paper for Mary E. Brown, 1902

### **Folder 13: Banking**

- 13.1 German-American Bank \$6.50 due
- 13.2 German-American Bank envelope
- 13.3 1920 First National Bank of Bloomington paid check \$100
- 13.4 1919 First National Bank of Bloomington paid check \$31.80
- 13.5 1920 First National Bank of Bloomington paid check \$25.00
- 13.6 1920 First National Bank of Bloomington paid check \$7.50
- 13.7 1910 First National Bank of Bloomington paid check \$14.00
- 13.8 First National Bank of Bloomington cancelled vouchers envelope
- 13.9 First National Bank of Bloomington blank envelope

### **Folder 14: Miscellaneous**

- 14.1 W.C.T.U. Parlor and White-Ribbon Inn meal card
- 14.2 delivery service business card

- 14.3 W. F. Hefner business card
- 14.4 W. P. Eicher candidate for Sheriff card (2)
- 14.5 Claude S. Miller wood box inspector
- 14.6 Morrell City Gallery envelope
- 14.7 1000 Lbs. ice coupon book
- 14.8 A. D. Thomas, assistant treasurer envelope
- 14.9 Obituary for Fred S. Brown

**Folder 15: WWI**

- 15.1 Knitting instructions for socks and sweaters
- 15.2 Application for bonds
- 15.3 Letter from the treasury department suggesting to help clothe and feed a soldier

**Folder 16: WWII**

- 16.1 Manual for Civilian Defense booklet
- 16.2 United States Savings Bonds booklet

**LOOSE ITEMS:**

Profile chart of Fred S. Brown's land.