

Bliss Brown Collection 1900-1975

**Ontario City Library
Robert E. Ellingwood Model
Colony History Room**



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Descriptive Summary

Title

Bliss Brown Collection 1900-1975

Creator

This collection was donated to the Library on March 7, 2006 by Library Board president Ruby Leavitt.

Extent

Number of containers: 1 half-size archive box

Linear feet: ½ foot

Abstract

Bliss Brown was a longtime Ontario fixture. He was born in the late 1800's or early 1900's and died Feb. 1977. He came to the attention of Wayne Leavitt, Ruby's husband when he was asked to administer Mr. Brown's estate. This estate consisted of a 5 acre parcel on Taylor St. near the Sunkist laboratory. It was covered with junk as Mr. Brown was a junk dealer. In 1975, through the combined efforts of the Ontario Fire and Code Enforcement Departments and the Ontario Kiwanis club, Mr. Brown's junk was sold/disposed of and his property was exchanged for a similar parcel in Fontana. He was moved to that property and apparently died 2 years later, leaving no heirs. The Leavitts decided to donate the following items to the Model Colony Room.

Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research during the operating hours of the Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room, or by appointment.

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Acquisitions Information

See abstract above.

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Container List

One worn gold velvet photo album with ornate lock circa early 1900's with photos of 37 individuals

Folder 1 – various photos and postcard photos of Brown family members

Folder 2 – various paper items:

Business reply card to Farmers Insurance circa 1920

1 WCTU pamphlet on the dangers of marihuana circa 1920

1 New South Wales lottery ticket

1 birth announcement for Carole Brock to her grandmother, L.B. Brown, Bliss' mother

1 birth announcement for Timothy Brock to grandmother Brown

Calling cards for Agnes T. Holden, Mrs. Earl Brown, Benson H. Black

24 canceled checks of Lalia Brown's First National Bank of Ontario account covering 1912-1924.

Will of Henry Black undated

Letter written by Barney Barnett

Receipt for a \$100 bond in Lalia Brown's name

2 newspaper articles from the Daily Report, 1975 describing the effort to relocate Mr. Brown