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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size</b>	0.3 linear ft., 1 vol., 1 OS folder
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	Monroe, Louisiana; Tennessee
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1891-1954, undated
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Summary</b>	Correspondence, financial documents, printed items, volumes, photographs, newspaper clippings, and certificates from Timothy O. (T. O.) Brown, the former Superintendent of Schools of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, and the founder of the University of Louisiana at Monroe.
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## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Timothy Oscar (T. O.) Brown (1865-1943) was born and raised near Waverly, Tennessee and received his teaching degree from the Tennessee State Normal School in 1891. After teaching for several years in Tennessee, Brown moved to Louisiana in 1896 to teach at the Louisiana Male and Female College of Arcadia. He was later employed by the Ouachita public school system, first as principal of the parish high school, then as the Superintendent of Schools. During Brown's tenure, the parish public school system grew from one school with four teachers to twenty-one schools with 281 teachers. He was also prominent in state educational affairs and founded Ouachita Junior College in 1931, which was the first junior college in the state of Louisiana. The institution was initially operated as part of the parish's public school system, but in 1934 Louisiana State University (LSU) received authority from the State Legislature to operate the facilities of the Junior College as the Northeast Center of Louisiana State University. Although it did not grant the first academic degree until seven years after Brown's death, the institution, now known as the University of Louisiana at Monroe, recognizes him as one of its founders. A campus building (Brown Hall) was named in his honor in 1944.

T. O. Brown was married to Florence Cason Brown of Monroe, Louisiana, and they were the parents of two children.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Timothy O. Brown Papers include correspondence, financial documents, printed items, volumes, photographs, newspaper clippings, and certificates.

Included in the correspondence is a recommendation letter for Brown from a school in Dickson, Tennessee (folder 1), and copies of his actual Tennessee teaching certificates are in folder 2. Student tuition bills from the Male and Female College of Arcadia are among the financial documents and are housed in folder 3.

Among the printed and graphic items present are articles by Brown and others (folder 9), a catalog from Ouachita Parish High School (folder 6), and the first yearbook from Ouachita Junior College (vol. 1). Louisiana education journals are the publications mentioned in folder 10, and eulogies given in Brown's honor by various individuals at the time of his death are collected in folder 11. Photographs include portraits of Brown and photographs of him with his students (folders 4-5). An oversize photograph of Brown with the Ouachita Parish High School student body (circa 1902) is housed in an oversize folder.

**INDEX TERMS**

**Materials relating to these people, places, and things can be found throughout the collection.**

<b>Ouachita Parish High School (Monroe, La.)</b>
<b>Monroe (La.)</b>
<b>Brown, T. O. (Timothy O.), 1865-1943.</b>
<b>Educators.</b>
<b>Teachers colleges.</b>
<b>Yearbooks.</b>
<b>Letters (correspondence)</b>
<b>Photographic prints.</b>
<b>Northeast Louisiana University.</b>
<b>University of Louisiana at Monroe.</b>

**CONTAINER LIST**

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
<b>5:49</b>	1	1	Correspondence, 1892-1939
		2	Teaching certificates, 1891-1894
		3	Financial documents, 1896-1935
		4-5	Photographs of T. O. Brown, circa 1896-1940, undated
<b>OS:B</b>	--	OS 1	Photograph of Ouachita High School student body, 1902-1903
<b>5:49</b>	1	6	Ouachita Parish High School catalogue, 1903-1904
		7-8	Newspaper clippings, 1905-1946, undated
		9	Articles and ephemera, 1907-1946
<b>OS:B</b>	--	OS 1	Certificate: Appointment of T.O. Brown as member of the State Test Book Committee, Fifth Congressional District, August 10, 1910
<b>5:49</b>	1	10	Publications, 1930-1954
	--	Vol. 1	<i>The Chacahoula</i> yearbook, 1933
		11	Speeches, eulogies, and addresses, 1934-1944