



Early 1900's Elgin Pocket Watch from the Talbot Museum Collection

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This watch belonged to Robert Lee Brown who was born at Rising Star, Texas in 1885. He married Mary E. Hodges in 1908. She was born in Indian Territory in 1888. In 1936, the family moved to Colcord and began taking care of the Colcord Ranch and Lodge.

Lowell Brown, the donor of this watch and the son of Robert and Mary, was about 17 and one of the younger children in a family of 9 children. Living at the ranch gave them many modern conveniences that most families in the area weren't accustomed to. Lowell remembered having electricity from a Delco system and running water. He also remembered pumping gas from one of the old gasoline pumps from the ranch. These very pumps are located in the Adair Building on the Museum property. The pumps have been carefully restored by Bob Stinchcomb.



Lowell recalled a special story about this watch: While in Texas, his father, Robert, needed some money and borrowed it from a local storekeeper. As collateral he gave the man his watch, who in turn loaned his father his own watch to keep time. It was several years before his father managed to pay off the loan and get his watch back. The watch is an Elgin. The watch and the chain have always been together.

Lowell made the stand the watch hangs on many years ago. The watch was donated to the Talbot Museum by Lowell Brown in September 1996.

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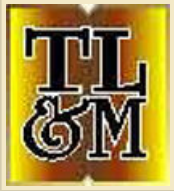
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