

# Brimfield

## Oral History Project



## Shirley Lampkin Cinnamon

Interviewed on 5 April 2022

**Biographical Information and Summary of Interview:** Mrs. Shirley Cinnamon was born in 1937 to Clarence and Mary VanCleve Lampkin. She was raised near Princeton and graduated from Wyanet High School in 1955. After attending IL State Normal University for two years, she met William Cinnamon who was teaching at her hometown high school. They married in 1957. Mr. Cinnamon took a job as Agriculture teacher at Brimfield High School in 1964, retiring from that position in 1991. This interview focuses on the Cinnamon Tree Farm-their family business, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, girls' sports and Brimfield Area Historical Society.

### Time Stamp for major topics:

Introduction

3:08 Moved to Brimfield in 1964

4:03 Bill Cinnamon's teaching career at Brimfield High School

8:35 Jubilee Patriots 4H

10:28 Cinnamon Tree Farm

15:15 St. Joseph Church in Brimfield

18:55 Shirley Softball player, coach, and girls' sports advocate

23:25 Title IX, 1972

29:30 Brimfield Area Historical Society

39:55 Brimfield Cemetery Stone Restoration Project

46:40 Philosophy: Do It Anyway

### Topics Covered/Key Words:

Rook farm

Sloan farm

Cinnamon Tree Farm

Agriculture teacher

FFA

Bill Cinnamon Memorial Scholarship

St. Joseph Church

CCD teacher

Lionel Blackwell

Harriett Peters

Lois Jazo

Brimfield Ladies Softball

GAA

Title IX 1972

Peggy Jarm Hannel

Brimfield Area Historical Society

LL Guyer Log House

Henrietta Memler

Melva LaFollette  
Ed Hasselbacher  
Brimfield Cemetery Stone Restoration Project  
Nita Sunderland  
Janet Bledsoe

**Interview Format:**

Zoom video mp4 and PDF Slide presentation

**Interviewer:** Kim Claybaugh Hanks

**Total Time:** 49:27

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