

Brimfield

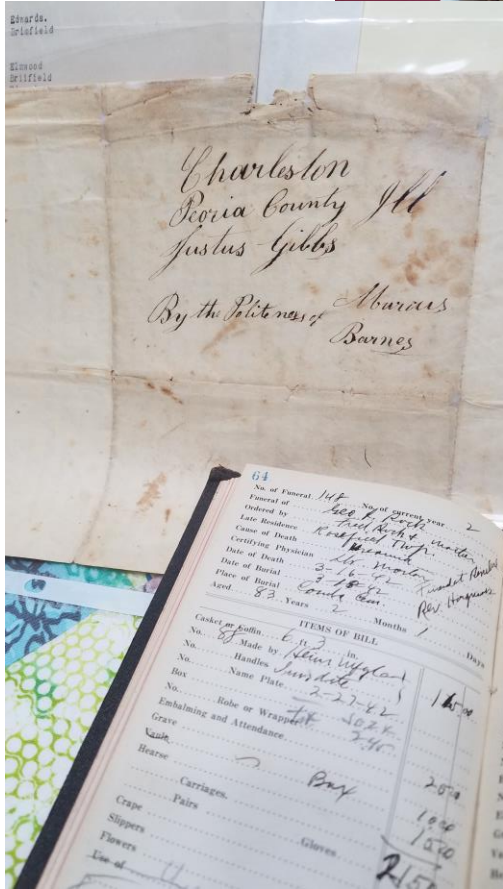
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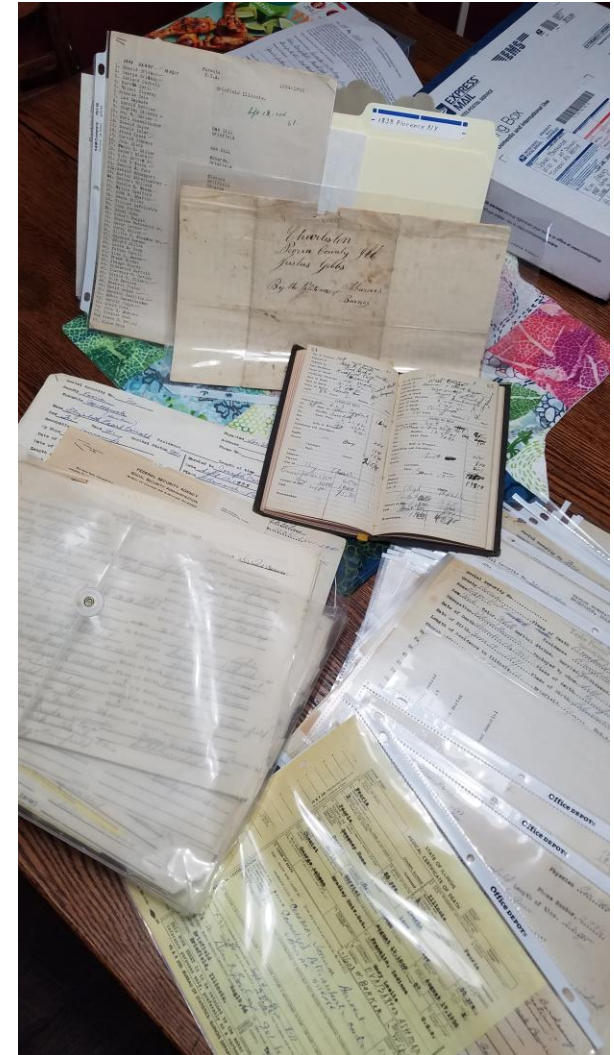
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Jane (Taylor) Becksted
Taylor Funeral Home
Interviewed 13 July 2021



RECORDS DONATED: Jane donated all the Johnson and Taylor Funeral Home records in her possession. Indexes and copies on peoriacountygenealogy.com website in near future. Originals will be donated to Brimfield Area Historical Society and housed at the Brimfield Public Library for public use.

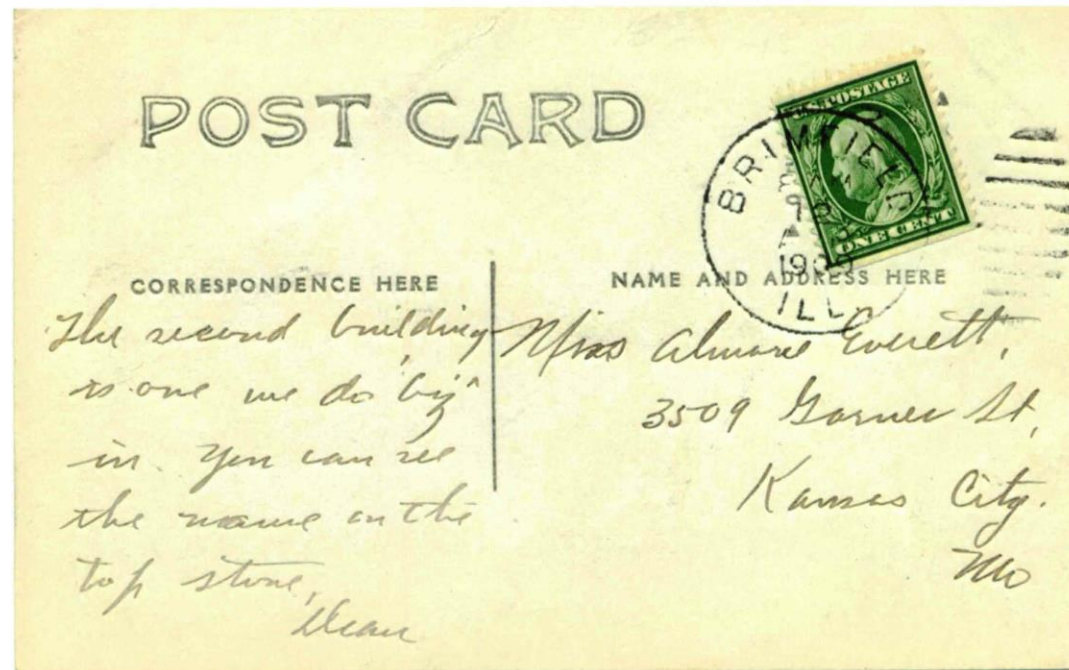


**H.R. Johnson & Son
Undertaker and
Furniture next to Cady
Bros, Brimfield, IL.
September 1909.**
Original postcard in
possession of Jane
Taylor Becksted.
Scanned copy 2021
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Postcard Brimfield, IL Main Street looking west on north side starting at Galena. 1909. Original postcard in possession of Jane Taylor Becksted. This is scanned copy 2021 by Kim Hanks. Far right to left: Cady Bros, HR Johnson Undertaker & Furniture, Brimfield Telephone.

Note: postcard written by Dean Johnson to his cousin



Undertaker H. R. Johnson, who took the late state examination for undertakers held at East St. Louis, has received word from Dr. Egan, of the state Board of Health, that he successfully passed the examination Mr. Johnson will receive his certificate in a few days.

Page 8 The Brimfield News, Brimfield, IL, Thursday, February 16, 1899. Retrieved online brimfield.advantage-preservation.com

Johnson Dean. Page 5 of The Princeville Telephone, published in Princeville, Illinois on Thursday, June 30th, 1960. Retrieved from Brimfield.advantage-preservation.com.

Dean Johnsons Mark 50th Anniversary With Dinner June 22

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Dean H. Johnson gathered in the president's car at Vonachens Junction in Peoria June 22, to honor their parents, who were celebrating their golden wedding that day. A few friends who attended the Brimfield grammar school with them were also present. Following the dinner the group went to the Arber Johnson home in Peoria to continue their visit.

Both, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were born and reared in the Brimfield community. They graduated from the Brimfield high school in the early 1890's.

Dean Johnson was associated with his father, Henry R. Johnson, in the furniture and undertaking business until the retirement of the latter. Following the death of Mrs. Johnson's father, Fred Arber, who had conducted a hardware business in Brimfield for many years, the two business men were combined under the name, Johnson-Arber, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Union church and have efficiently served their church and community in many official capacities.

The four children born to this couple were present to help their parents celebrate this anniversary. These include Mrs. J. Victor Miller of Scotia, N. Y., Barbara Johnson of Los Angeles, Calif., Arber Johnson, and Fred D. Johnson, both Peoria attorneys, a sister, Dr. Edna L. Johnson, professor emeritus of the University of Colorado, was also present.

The many congratulatory messages, gifts and flowers received, gave evidence of the high esteem in which this couple is held by members of the community. Their many friends expressed the hope that they will be spared to celebrate many more anniversaries.



Not Everybody Knows

how far our service reaches, but it is a fact that Johnson service extends to where the need is. We even go to Peoria in answer to calls.

The reason that we give publicity to this fact is that we have often been asked the question as to whether or not we serve outside of our own immediate territory. The answer is emphatically "Yes."



H.R. JOHNSON & SON

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Phone 902
BRIMFIELD, ILLINOIS

HR Johnson Funeral. Page 4 of The Brimfield News, published in Brimfield, Illinois on Thursday, November 10th, 1927. Retrieved online brimfield.advantage-preservation.com



Taylor Funeral Home,
Brimfield, IL 1954 before
painted. Copy of original photo
provided by Jane Taylor
Becksted. Home was
purchased by her parents in
June 1952. North side of Rte
150 where Casey's is now
located (2021.)



Taylor Funeral Home, Brimfield,
IL c. 1955. Copy of original
photo provided by Jane Taylor
Becksted.

Taylor Funeral Home, Brimfield, IL c.1955 after painted. Copy of original photo provided by Jane Taylor Becksted. Taylor Funeral Home also served as the residence for the Taylor family.



Taylor Funeral Home

Brimfield, Illinois

Prompt, Courteous, Efficient Service
Telephones

Taylor Funeral Home 2641

D. H. Johnson Res. 2161

Johnson Arber. Inc

Page 1 of The Brimfield News, published in
Brimfield, Illinois on Thursday, February 4th, 1954.
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Note that DH Johnson and Johnson Arber shared in
the advertisement.

TAYLOR FUNERAL HOME

**Prompt, Courteous, Dependable Funeral and
Ambulance Service**

LADY ATTENDANT

RUSSELL M TAYLOR — Brimfield, Ill — Phone 2641

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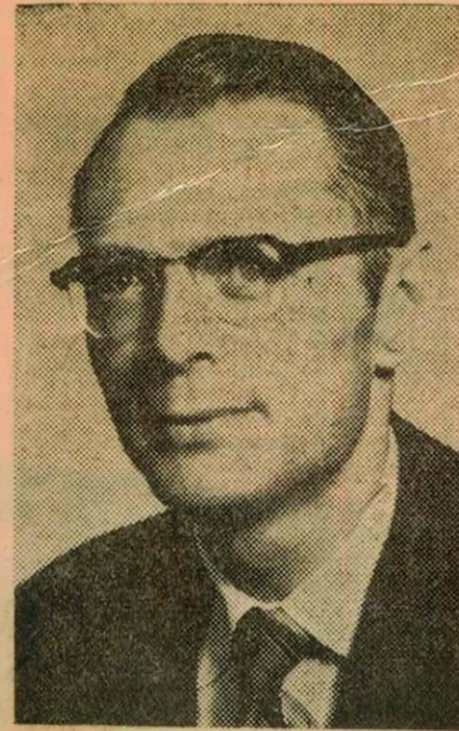
Open House Planned At Funeral Home In Brimfield Sunday

Brimfield, July 30.—Russell M. Taylor of Peoria, who recently purchased the Johnson funeral home here, will hold open house at the funeral home from 2 to 4 p. m. Sunday, Aug. 3.

Miss Clara Galbreath will present an organ recital.

Mr. Taylor was employed by the Gauss mortuary in Peoria for a number of years before going into business for himself here.

The Taylors have a daughter and son. The family moved here recently from Knollcrest in Peoria.



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(Successor to Johnson Funeral Home)
BRIMFIELD, ILLINOIS

Phone 2641

**Funeral and Ambulance
Service**

We will have **Open House Sun-
day, August 3, from 2 to 4 P.M.**

Everyone Invited!

Organ Recital by

Miss Clara Galbreath

RUSSELL M. TAYLOR

Johnson Funeral Service Has Been Purchased By Russell M. Taylor

The D. H. Johnson Funeral Home and business has been purchased by Russell M. Taylor, who for the past sixteen years has been affiliated with the Gauss mortuary in Peoria as chief embalmer and funeral director. Mr Taylor has had twenty years experience in funeral work and specializes in restorative art.

Mr Johnson will continue his interest in the Johnson-Arber Inc. hardware store, which remains under the same ownership. Mr Taylor will also be employed in the store.

Mr Johnson wishes to express his appreciation of the patronage and loyal support of the community during his 44 years of affiliation with this business and hopes that his successor will be accorded the same confidence and loyal support, assuring his many friends that the Taylor Funeral Home will continue to accede to the wishes of the people just as the Johnson Home has in the past.

Mr and Mrs Taylor and family known to their friends as Russell, Elva, Jane Margaret, 11 and Budd 5 now occupy the Funeral Home. Mrs Taylor has a deep understanding of the work and is happy to be of assistance in any possible way in the operation of the Home.

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Articles provided by Jane Taylor Becksted.
On left probably from Peoria Journal Star.
Far right: The Brimfield News July 3, 1952
page 1, Vol 67, #5, col 2. middle probably
Brimfield News Circa 1954

2-DAY PROGRAM SET

Brimfield Plans 'All-Out' Halloween

Nothing half-way about neighboring Brimfield when it comes to Halloween, the whole town participates.

A news release from there today said that "virtually every one of the 600 inhabitants" in the community a few miles west of Peoria, are planning to take part in a two day celebration there Friday and Saturday, Oct 29 and 30.

Sponsored by Brimfield Boosters club, the event will

include a street parade, two public dances, stunt show, and band concerts. Prizes totaling \$100 will be awarded winners in the annual costume parade, and more than \$100 in merchandise will be given away by various business houses.

Parade of school children and adults will be held at 1 p. m. Friday, followed by a band concert and local talent vaudeville show in the village park.

At night, Elmwood Legion

Clown Band will play and a free masquerade dance will be held, highlighted by a "hill-billy mock wedding" patrolled by a comic police force of six members from the Young Grandmothers club.

Saturday's program will feature special selling events in the business district, concluding with a grand ball sponsored by ladies of St. Joseph's parish.

Russell Taylor is general chairman of the celebration.

Article provided
by Jane Taylor
Becksted.
Probably the
Peoria Journal
Star in mid 1950's



Taylor Funeral Home fan. In possession of Kim Hanks. Advertisement. 2 sided.

Season's Greetings

Cordial good wishes to
all our friends this
Christmas season.



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TAYLOR FUNERAL HOME

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Ring Out
the Old.
Ring in
the New.



**Taylor
Funeral Home**

The Brimfield News, Dec 31, 1953, page 3.
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I loved Brimfield.

I really did.

Dad loved Brimfield.

-Jane Taylor Becksted