

Brimfield

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William "Bill" Minor
Interviewed 11 March 2022



William Minor, Sr and Lillian (Fristoe) Minor, photo, 6 May 1961, St Joseph's Church, Brimfield, Illinois on the occasion of the wedding of their son; digital image 2020, personal collection of Jana (Miars) Minor.

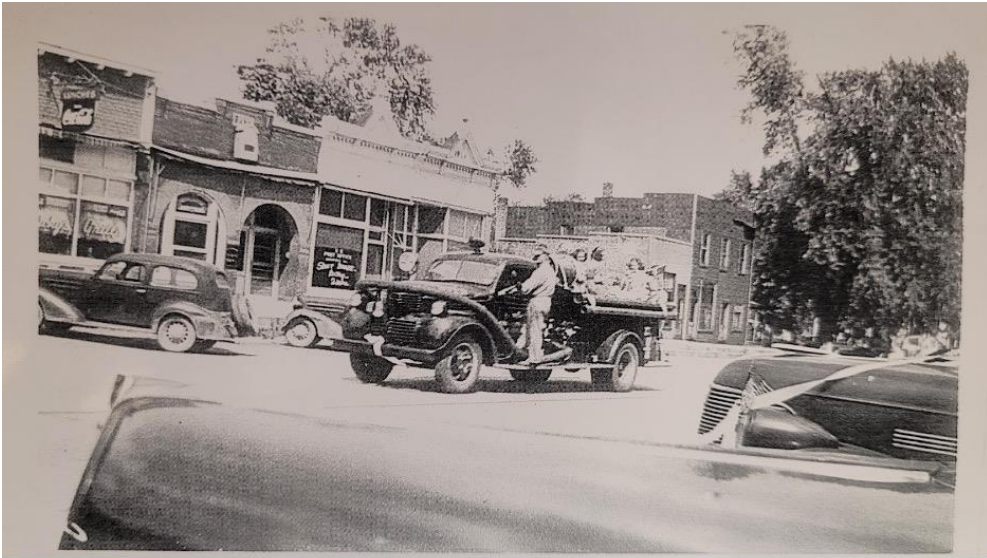


William and Lillian Fristoe Minor, ca. 1995, unknown location and occasion; from the Lillian Minor collection, digital image 2020, original privately held by Diane Minor, Plano, Texas.

114 South Jefferson, Brimfield, Illinois



Cady's Store –

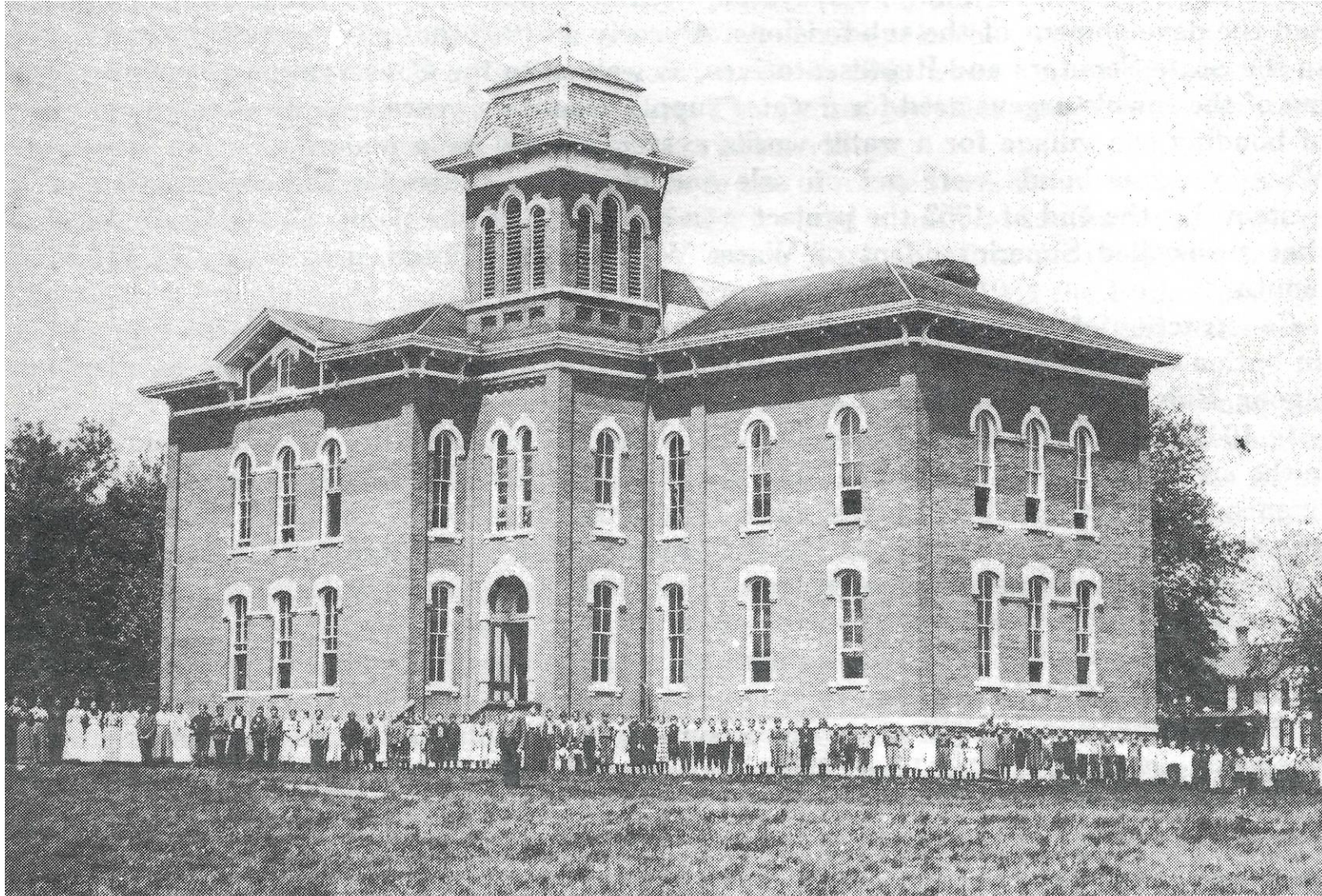


Old Settlers Parade 1945

Photo in Brimfield Historical Society's collection in the Brimfield Library, donated by Jane Taylor Becksted



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OLD BRICK SCHOOL (1877-1959)

Auto Sales



John Dungan – Auto Sales
Corner of Knoxville & Galena, Brimfield, Illinois



John Dungan – Auto Sales

Everybody's Business

Free movies Saturday night.

Miss Catherine Lindstrom is visiting among friends here this week.

Mary Ann Capron of Cramer, is the guest of Harriett Clark this week.

Frances Pacey was a business caller in Galesburg Monday and Tuesday.

Dickie Archibald and Peggy Johnson spent Tuesday with Judy Ann Cady.

Michael Rook visited last week with his grandparents Mr and Mrs Buel Rook.

The American Legion Fall Festival will be held in Elmwood on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.

The Royal Neighbor meeting will be held at Bessie LaFollett's Friday afternoon, July 27 at 2:30.

Mrs Lucy Gilles was a visitor with her daughter Mrs Charles Kirchgessner in Peoria last week.

Frederick Dean Johnson has been ordered to report for induction by the Peoria county Draft Board No. 1.

Mrs Walter Lumberry of Peoria was the guests of her parents Mr and Mrs C. G. Streider last week.

William Minor and Maynard Reinhart left last week end to report at the Army induction center in Chicago.

Dickie Archibald spent Friday with his grandparents Mr and Mrs Richard Pillman.

Mrs John O'Tool, Peggy and Betty visited from Wednesday until Sunday with Mr and Mrs Frank Kyle in Peoria.

Mr and Mrs Russell Pillman and family were Sunday visitors with the Henry Johnson family of Oak Hill.

Mr and Mrs George Wilson and daughter Mrs Burl T. Blevins and Mrs Leo T. White of Toulon were callers at the home of Mrs E. L. Marvin last Thursday.

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The Brimfield American Legion

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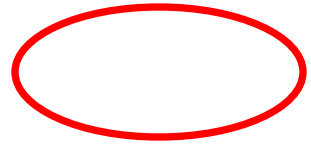
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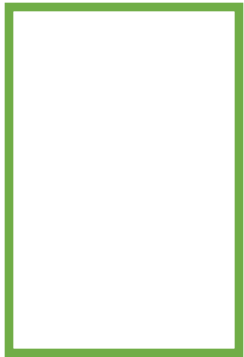


**Bill Minor has exchanged his "vet
bottomed pants" for civilian clothes and
he and Mrs Minor and young Billie
arrived home this week from California
where he has been stationed.**

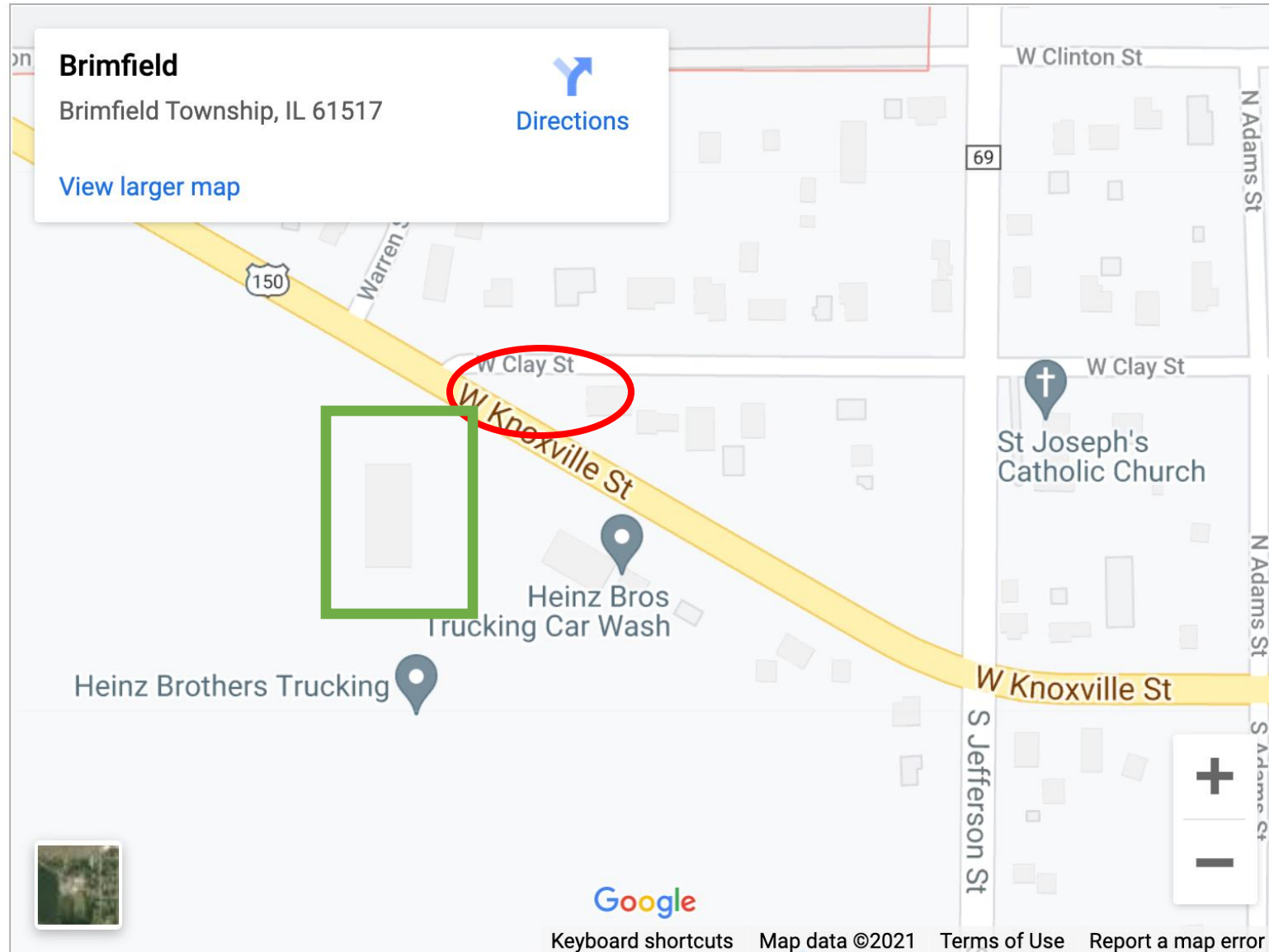
Location of Brimfield Motor Company Buildings



First BMC building



Second BMC building



Location of First Brimfield Moto Company



Photos courtesy of Clint McKown, 2021

Phone Book Ads - 1959



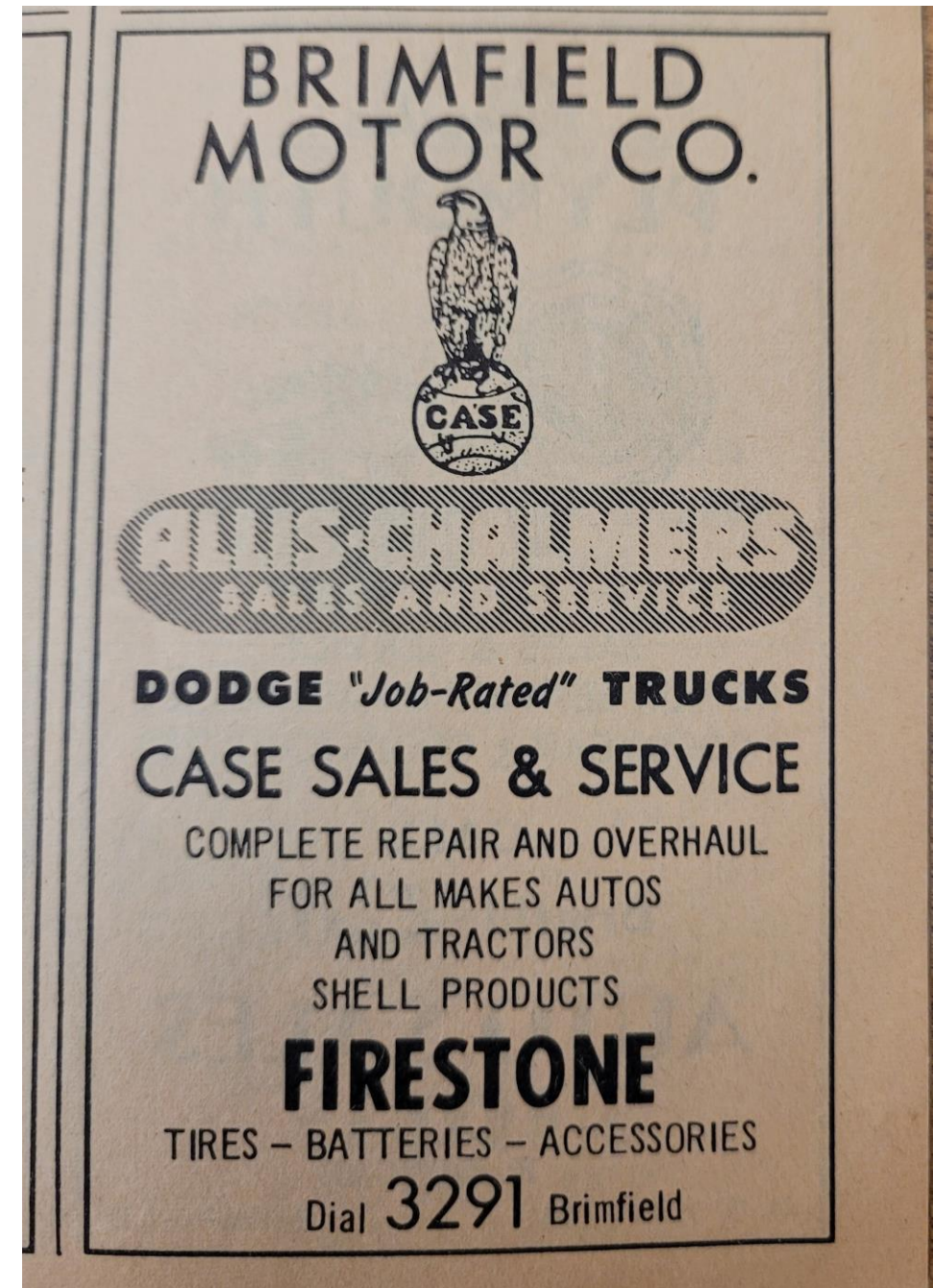
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BRIMFIELD, ILLINOIS

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Dial **3291** Brimfield

Sales Promotions at Brimfield Motor Company

Monkey Is Newest "Salesman" At Brimfield Motor Co.

The Brimfield Motor Company has hired a new salesman, but they're keeping him in a cage! Word is out that they aren't paying him much either - - just board and room.

Now, before anyone gets too excited about unfair labor conditions, it should be pointed out that the new "salesman" is a monkey. The little South American-born visitor is helping the Brimfield Motor Company during "You Set The Price" Days. A sign on the monkey's cage reads "Don't Monkey Around! You Set The Price on the Brady Chopper".

It's all part of a special program that ends October 6. Farmers may fill out a card stating the price they would like to pay for a new Brady 4-Row Chopper and the farmer setting the highest price has the right to purchase the machine at the price he has set. The locked box will be opened Tuesday October 6, at 2 p. m. and the name of the person setting the highest price will be announced.

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At Brimfield Motor Co.," *Brimfield
News* (Illinois), 1 Oct 1964, front
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In addition to these, an attempt was made to break into a safe owned by John Dungan, who operates a school bus service and quarters his business in the garage.

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The Brimfield Motor Co. fire was discovered about 3 a.m. Investigators said evidence indicated that it had been set and was smoldering for some time before flames broke out. The fire burned until the entire frame and concrete block building was destroyed. The fire was out of control by the time the fire department was called. The firm is operated by William D. Minor and deals principally in farm implements and tractors.

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“New” Brimfield Motor Co. Building



Brimfield Fire Department – 1950s or 1960s



From the Brimfield Fire Department collection.

Brimfield Fire Department – 2022

