

Brimfield

Oral History Project



Harriett (Murdoch) Blundy

29 Nov 1986

Biographical Information and Summary of Interview:

Harriett (Murdoch) Blundy was interviewed by Henrietta Memler on 29 Nov 1986 for the Brimfield Historical Society. It was recorded on cassette tape. In April 2022, Kim (Claybaugh) Hanks converted the cassette to a digital recording.

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Time Stamp for Major Topics:

00:08 Introduction by Henrietta Memler

00:14 Brimfield High School, Ruth Hayes, Lawrence Will[???], Mr. Camel, Mrs. Addison Pacey

04:48 Basketball, Chichester Hall, Lynch Conway

06:00 Social Activities, Clubs, Parties, Movies

08:26 Chichester Hall, Community Building, Implement Business,

09:10 Graduation, Congregational Church, Virginia (Murdoch) Doubet,

10:12 Buildings on Main Street [Knoxville Street/U.S. Route 150], [Harriett seems to start at the corner of Washington and Knoxville and go east down the south side of the street. Then she goes across Knoxville and goes west down the north side of the street.]

Livery Stable [likely 207 W. Knoxville], William Harding Building [Brimfield Village Hall], Mr. Bragg Harness Shop, Ice Cream Parlor, Meat Market run by Miller, Blacksmith Shop, Keating Hotel, Saloon and Pool room, Barber Shop, Thaddeus Fuchs, Joseph Fuchs, El[???, male] McKown[??]'s Jewelry Store, Post Office, Bank, restaurant and movie theatre, Mr Arbor's Hardware Store, grocery store, E. B. McClellan, M. R. Clark, drug store, soda fountain, Memler's Store, Cady Brothers, H. R. Johnson and Sons, furniture store, telephone office, Dr. Hawkes (dentist), Dr. Knapp, Dr. Farnham, Dr. Roberts, Dr. [Taylor??], Dr [Moler??], Pacey's printing office, Kelly's Supply Co., Mr. Nieker[sp.??], Union Church, hotel

16:25 Prices of goods and services

- 16:58 Businesses no longer in town, Blacksmith Shops, Mr. Gibbs[?], Glen Shane, Mr. Humason[?], _____ Carson (brother of Charles Carson)
- 18:22 James “Jim” Murdoch (father of Harriett), John Murdoch, Murdoch Brothers Meat Market, Kickapoo, Kramm Switch
- 23:50 Changes in Brimfield during Harriett’s life
- 26:00 Summary and Thank you

Topics Covered/Key Words:

Harriett Blundy
Henrietta Memler
Brimfield High School
Ruth Hayes
Lawrence Will[???]
Mr. Camel
Mrs. [Harold] Addison Pacey
Chichester Hall
Lynch Conway
Movie Theatre
Community Building
Implement Business
Graduation
Congregational Church
Virginia (Murdoch) Doubet
Livery Stable
Library
William Harding Building
Mr. Bragg Harness Shop
Ice Cream Parlor
Miller Meat Market
Blacksmith Shop
Keating Hotel
Saloon and Pool room
Barber Shop
Thaddeus Fuchs
Joseph Fuchs
El[???, male] McKown[??]’s Jewelry Store
Post Office
Bank
Restaurant and movie theatre
Mr Arbor’s Hardware Store
Grocery store, E. B. McClellan
M. R. Clark

Drug store
Soda fountain
Memler's Store
Cady Brothers
H. R. Johnson and Sons
Furniture store
Telephone office
Dr. Hawkes (dentist)
Dr. Knapp
Dr. Farnham
Dr. Roberts
Dr. [Taylor??]
Dr [Moler??]
Pacey's printing office
Kelly's Supply Co.
Mr. Nieker[sp.??]
Union Church
Hotel
Blacksmith Shops
Mr. Gibbs[?]
Glen Shane
Mr. Humason[?]
Carson (brother of Charles Carson)
James Murdoch
John Murdoch
Murdoch Brothers Meat Market
Kickapoo
Kramm Switch

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