

Brimfield

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Project



Charles "Pat" Huey

Interviewed on 24 May 1976

Biographical Information and Summary of Interview:

Charles "Pat" Huey was interviewed on 24 May 1976 by David F. Clark about the history of the Brimfield Fire Department. Charles discusses when he got interested in the fire department, fire equipment, finances of the department, siren and whistles, cold weather operations and firefighting tactics. The interview covers the years between the 1910s through the 1940s. The interview was originally recorded on cassette tape.

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Timestamp:

00:02 Interest in Fire Department
00:38 Horse drawn fire engine
02:48 Fire pumper on truck
03:29 Chemical wagon
04:51 Ford fire engine
05:39 Finances of fire department
06:18 New fire equipment
07:51 Cold weather operations
08:31 Fire alarm/siren
11:46 Response to alarm/siren
12:50 Fires outside of town
14:27 Number of fires
14:58 Rescue vs. fire calls
15:04 Compensation
15:12 Filing tank, equipment, and training
16:31 Firefighting tactics/large fires
17:28 Meetings/organization
18:03 Equipment repairs

Tags:

Hand pumping fire engine
Horses
Jim Murdoch
Ford
Sodium acid
Tax
Chevy/Chevrolet
Galesburg
Les Baysinger [Lester]
Town marshal
Charlie [Charles] Welch
Cecil's Hardware building
Hard road
George LaFollette
West Jersey
Roy Bale
Carson's corner
Laura
Route 78
Keith

Original Interview Format:

Cassette Tape

Current Format:

mp3

Interviewer:

David F. Clark

The interview is archived at the Brimfield Public Library District in Brimfield, Illinois.

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