

# Brimfield

## Oral History Project



### Fred Johnson Brimfield Bank

8 June 1993

#### **Biographical Information and Summary of Interview:**

Fred Johnson gave a presentation to the Brimfield Historical Society on the history of the Brimfield Bank on June 8, 1993. It was recorded on cassette tape. In April 2022, Kim (Claybaugh) Hanks converted the cassette to a digital recording.

Below is a tag and timestamp for this audio recording. The original cassette recording is not high quality. Because of this there are places in the digital recording that may not be audible or discernable. There are likely spelling issues with names and places in the timestamp. When searching for key words/tags, names, places, and dates use spelling variations if needed.

#### **Timestamp:**

- 00:20 Recording Begins
- 00:25 Introduction of Fred Johnson 00:25
- 01:00 Fred Johnson introduces his presentation; Exchange State Bank;
- 02:08 Early history of banking in Brimfield; C T Heald; C W Hamilton; Henrietta Memler
- 03:18 Beginning of Exchange State Bank; Charles L Dungan; Henry A Blundy; Horace Cady;  
Exchange Bank; Joseph W Dungan; Carrie M Dungan; Charles C Carson; Lewis  
Tate; James King; Herman J Memler; Henry Memler; Thomas A Day; William W  
Harding; Charles W Wynn; Richard Pacey; A. Manville
- 11:00 Stock Market Crash of 1929; Bank closure 1931; Lon Arnold; John Zern; Sam Neikirk;  
Robert F Tucker; Dr Knowliding [sp?]; Mildren Pacey; Dr Roberts; Earl Maher; G R  
Claypool; R D Savage; John Fuchs; Homer Tucker; Dr J E Walsh; Henry Reinhart;  
Charles Ekena; Jackson Reed; Fred Sloan; Earl Overing; Bert Cluskey; Fred Arber;  
Mildred Littlefield; Fred Wallacher; Ethel A Memler; C L McDonough; Clinton  
Day; M R Clark; John Finnigan; Rudy Bruniga; H R Johnson & Son; Henry Johnson;  
Dean H Johnson; Henry Arnold; Leonard Porter; C M Travis; Herman Greggs [sp.];  
Roland Airs [sp?]; Cliff Blundy
- 17:04 1930s–1950s; Dungan; Blundy; M R Clark; Charlie Clinch; W P Star [sp?]; Charles Carson,  
C F “Ted” Dungan;
- 19:01 Early 1960s; Johnson family ownership begins; Eublema Noris [sp?]; Tom Johnson;  
Arbor Johnson; D E Wilkins; Edgar Bloomingfeld; Chatham Bank;
- 27:25 1962–1993; name change to Brimfield Bank;
- 36:38 Q&A

**Topics Covered/Keywords:**

Brimfield Bank  
Fred Johnson  
Exchange State Bank  
C T Heald  
C W Hamilton  
Henrietta Memler  
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Chatham Bank

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