

Brimfield

Oral History Project



Ruth

Interviewed

Kingdon

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Plack

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Biographical Information and Summary of Interview: Mrs. Kingdon was born Ruth Plack in 1928 and was interviewed just days shy of her 94th birthday. Ruth Plack was born to Walter and Stella Cox Plack and lived with them on a farm in rural Rosefield Township just one mile west of Kickapoo off Route 150. In this interview Mrs. Kingdon shares her memories of living on a farm, attending Golden Knolls one room school and Brimfield High School, marrying her high school sweetheart, and raising her family on a farm in Brimfield. Mrs. Kingdon was a 1946 graduate of Brimfield High School, the school's 50th year anniversary. Her husband Bud was a World War II veteran, and she shares with us her memories of the war's impact on her life.

Time Stamp for major topics:

Introduction

Birth at the farm 2:12

Trinity Lutheran Church in Peoria 3:20

Joseph/Walter Plack farm 5:00

Growing up on the farm 6:17

Golden Knoll one room school: 10:12

Brimfield Schools 20:40

World War II impact: 28:40

Brimfield High School 50th anniversary 1896-1946: 32:15

Job in Peoria after BHS graduation 34:00

Bud Kingdon WW II Veteran: 37:05

Married 1947: 40:45

First home -apartment 45:10

Chuck Kingdon's farm 45:50

Farmer wife's life 48:05

Moved to Mildred & Bill Kingdon's house (Bud's parents) 51:35

Activities: 53:00

Conclusion 56:41

Topics Covered/Key Words: coal stove, migrants, one room school, Route 150, farm life, dairy farmers, Golden Knoll, dairy farmer, Commercial National Bank, Hampshire Swine Registry, Brimfield High School 50th Anniversary, Silverleaf, Wagner's Grocery, wine making, Ewalt's, Parkside Cafe, Trinity Lutheran Church, World War II, malaria

Interview Format:

Zoom with mp3/mp4 & closed caption transcription or digital video or digital audio or other. Additional Slide presentation

Interviewer: Kim Claybaugh Hanks

Total Time: 1:00:41

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