

Brimfield

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William “Bill” Minor
Brimfield Auto Sales

3 August 1993

Biographical Information and Summary of Interview:

Bill Minor was invited by the Brimfield Historical Society to speak at its meeting about Brimfield Auto Sales and Brimfield Motor Company. The presentation he made that day 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 of 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:

- 00:00 No sound
- 00:12 Introduction by unknown member of Brimfield Historical Society of Bill Minor
- 01:11 Brimfield Motor Company and J H Dungan garage, old Auto Sales Company
- 02:20 Brimfield Transfer Company
- 03:25 Blackhawk Motor Transit Company
- 05:00 Dungan Family Members, Grant Minor, Clifford Cady, Claude Merrills, Everritt Merrills
- 05:33 Chrysler Plymouth contract [dealership]
- 06:17 Dungan School Bus business
- 08:25 Brimfield Motor Company
- 10:08 Business Property at west end of Brimfield
- 10:40 Fire at Brimfield Motor Company
- 13:55 Recovery from the fire, Emery building
- 16:15 Question about Jack Church, Kelly Building, Harding, Reinhart, Dungan Lumber yard
- 17:59 Question about Roll Top Desk in Kelly Building
- 19:43 Sale of Brimfield Motor Company and Retirement of Bill Minor, Cobra Tire Company
- 22:00 Questions, discussion of fire and burglaries in other businesses in town

Topics Covered/Key Words:

Bill Minor
John Dungan
Auto Sales Company
Brimfield Motor Company
Brimfield Transfer Company
Blackhawk Transit Company
Peoria
Kewanee
Grant Minor
Clifford Cady
Claude Merrills
Everitt Merrills
Chrysler Plymouth
School Bus
J I Case
Kaiser Cars
Dodge Trucks
Allis Chalmer
Fire
Emery Building
Jack Church
Kelly Building
Harding
Reinhart
Dungan Lumber Yard
Bank
Roll Top Desk
Cobra Tire Company

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