

Brimfield

Oral

History

Project



Louise White Siegel & Barb White Sandall

Interviewed on 22 April 2022

Biographical Information and Summary of Interview: Louise was born in Princeville's hospital, Seven Oaks Sanitarium. She graduated from Brimfield High School in 1957, working at Memler's Store during high school. Louise raised her four boys at the White homestead where she grew up. Barb graduated from Brimfield High School in 1965. She married Roger Sandall and they raised their two girls in a Hamilton Sears home on VanBuren in Brimfield. Barb's husband Roger is honored with a memorial in the Brimfield Grade School gym because of his years of volunteer service as a school board member and fire department, including being the fire chief. In the interview Barb also shares Roger's involvement in an attempt to organize the Brimfield Jaycees. Louise and Barb's parents Lawrence E (Red) White and Ruby White raised 8 children. Red White owned a feed store/trucking business in Brimfield while his wife Ruby ran the household and sold cream to folks in Brimfield. Viewers of this interview will learn about the White Homestead located near the Brimfield Elevator and the White Feed Store.

Time Stamp for major topics:

Introduction, growing up in Brimfield, White family

15:00 White homestead

22:35 White Feed Store

28:15 Brimfield Elevator

29: 55 Lawrence E. Red White

31: 35 Working at Memler's Store

37:19 Sandall's Sears Home

40:40 Roger Sandall Memorial

44:34 Brimfield Jaycees

Topics Covered/Key Words:

Seven Oaks Sanitarium

Brimfield Grade School

Brimfield High School

Ewalt's Roller Rink

Hunts

Finnegin Hill

Jubilee Needle Circle

Brimfield Train Depot

Brimfield Elevator

Lochers Feed Store

White Feed Store

Memler's Store

Old Settlers

Zern's Store
Bragg Shoe Repair
Lucky's Grill
Busy Bee
Cady's Store
Hamilton Sears home
Robert Tucker
Brimfield Fire Chief
Brimfield School Board
Jaycees
Jaycee Jamboree

Interview Format:

Zoom with mp3/mp4. Power Point presentation.

Interviewer: Kim Claybaugh Hanks

Total Time: 51:13 minutes

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