

Brimfield

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**Ruth (Plack) Kingdon**

**Interviewed 13 October 2022**



Ruth Plack, baby photo

Courtesy of Ruth Kingdon



1943 Ruth's Mom & Dad: Stella and Walter Plack (back). Ruth & Raymond siblings. Ruth's confirmation Photo courtesy of Ruth Kingdon

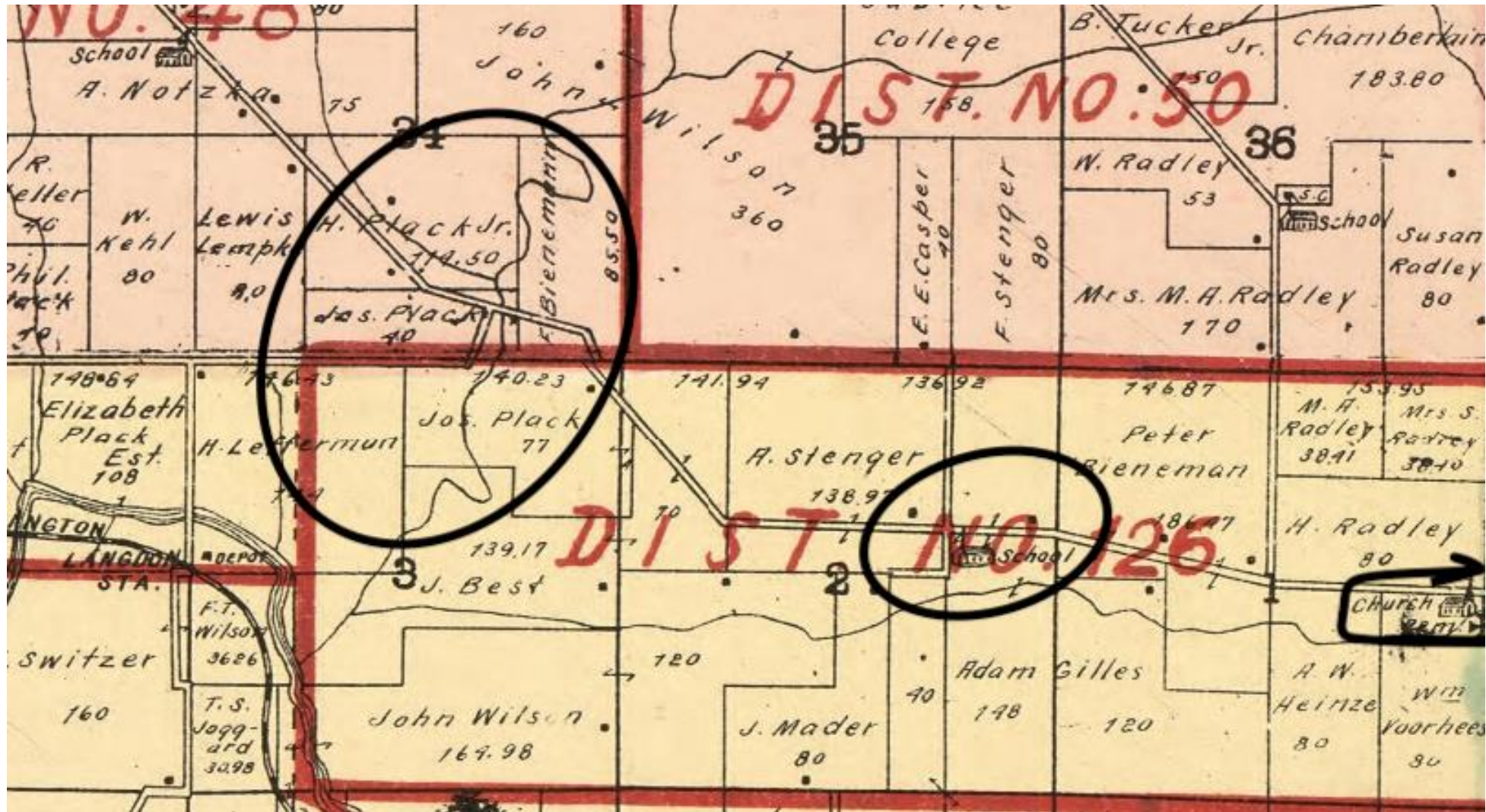


Walter and Stella Cox Plack

Ruth's parents

Walter's farm east of Brimfield on lane  
south of Rt 150, up hill from 150 bridge

Photos courtesy of Ruth Kingdon



Left Circle where Ruth grew up. Middle circle Golden Knoll School (District 126). Right Kickapoo 1901 Peoria County Map, Library of Congress online

# Golden Knoll-One Room School Rosefield Township



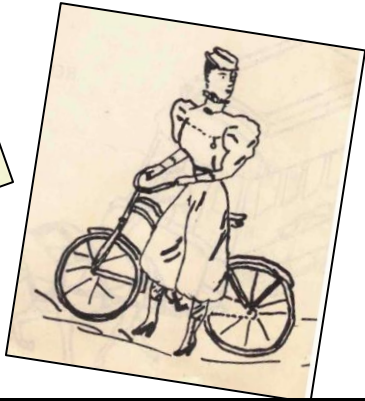
Ruth Plack Kingdon, 2016  
Golden Knoll School-now a residence



Teacher Katherine  
Barnes.  
Margaret Graham,  
Caroline Brichner,  
and 1<sup>st</sup> grader  
Ruth Plack

Photos courtesy of Ruth Kingdon

Brimfield High School  
1942-1946



Ruth Plack, Senior Picture



The financial worries were assumed by Bill Culley, business manager, and his assistants, Ruth Plack and Jim Christian.

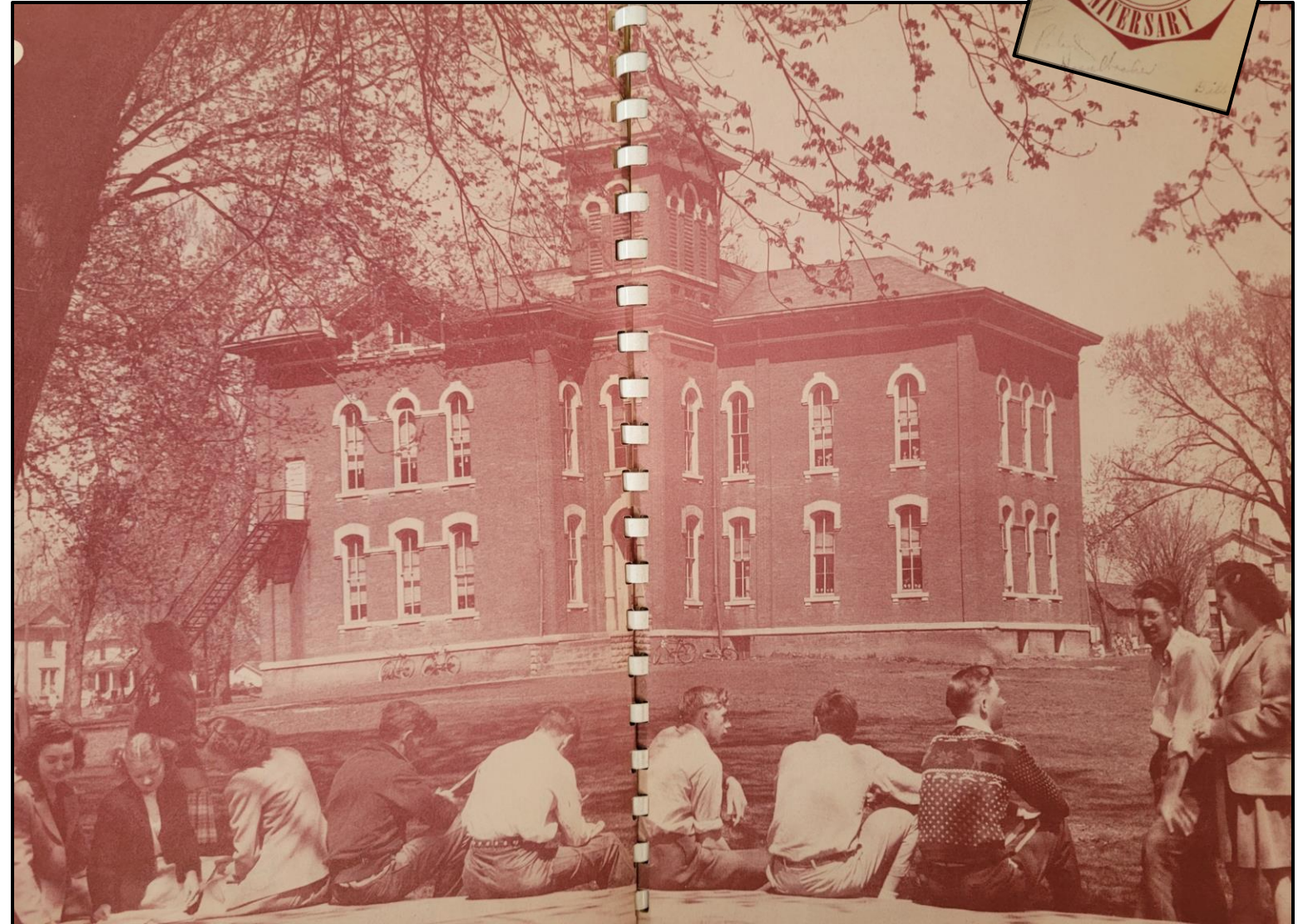
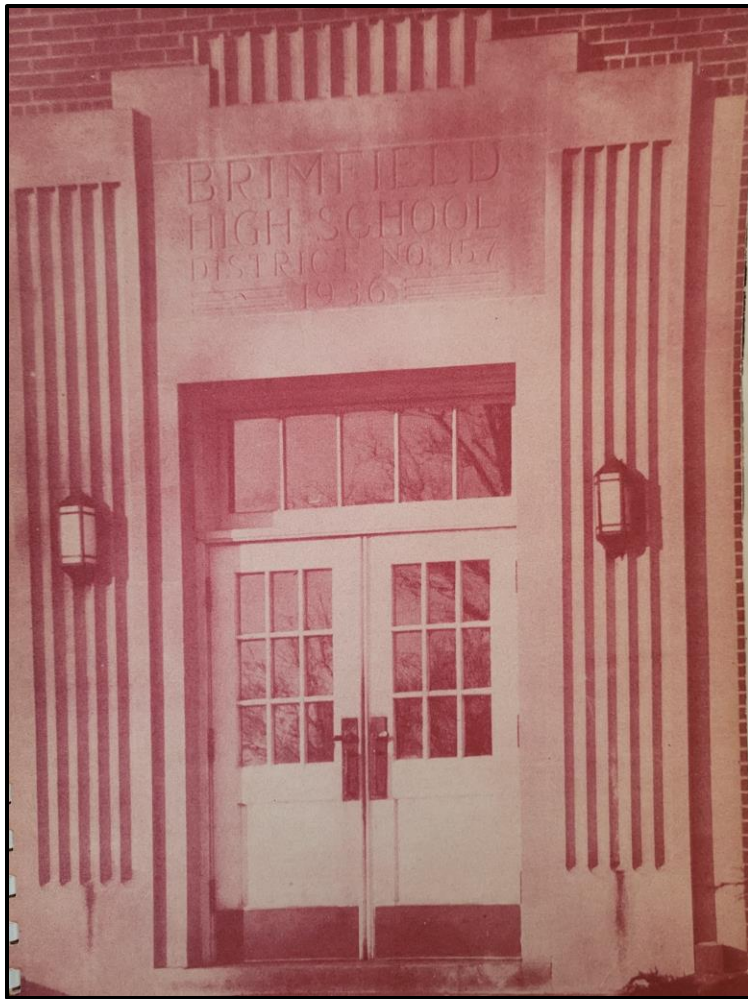
Cheerleaders BHS 1943-44

L to R: Phyllis Reinhart, Ruth Plack, Beverley Christian, Rabah Wycoff.  
photo courtesy of Ruth Kingdon

Drawings by Ruth Plack, Senior BHS.  
1946 The Spectator Yearbook BHS  
Courtesy of Ruth Kingdon



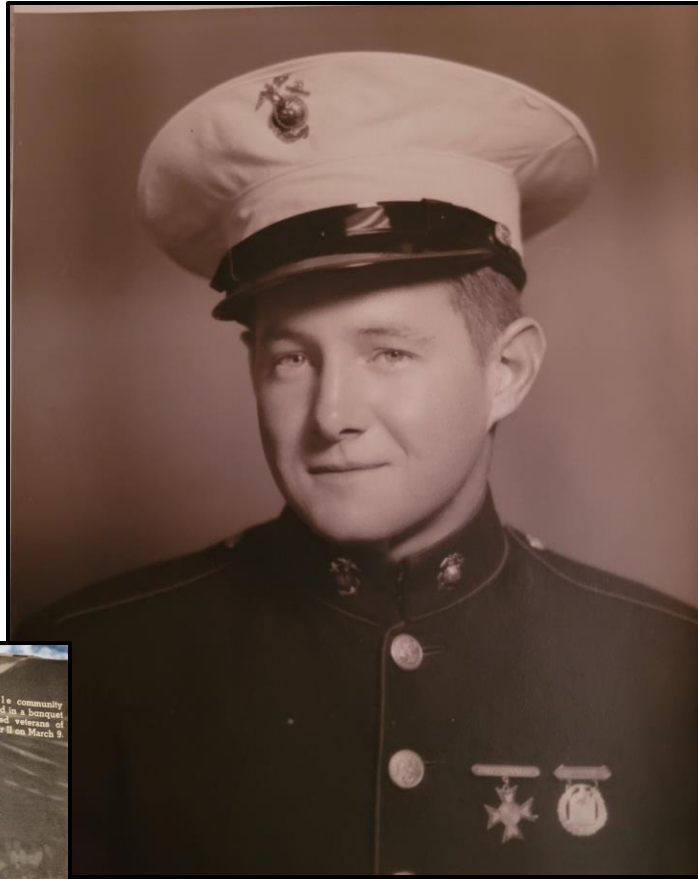
# Celebrating 50 years of BHS



Brimfield High School, District 157, 1936. (above)

Brimfield Grade School with 1946 Senior Class (right)

1946 The Spectator yearbook Brimfield High School  
courtesy of Ruth Kingdon



Willis E. Bud Kingdon  
World War II Veteran



Photo left: Old Settlers c1944 Bud Kingdon on left



Left-from The Spectator yearbook, March 1946:  
"The whole community participated in a banquet for returned veterans of World War II on March 9"



Ruth Plack and Bud Kingdon married In Peoria's Trinity Lutheran Church 1947

Photo on right 1949

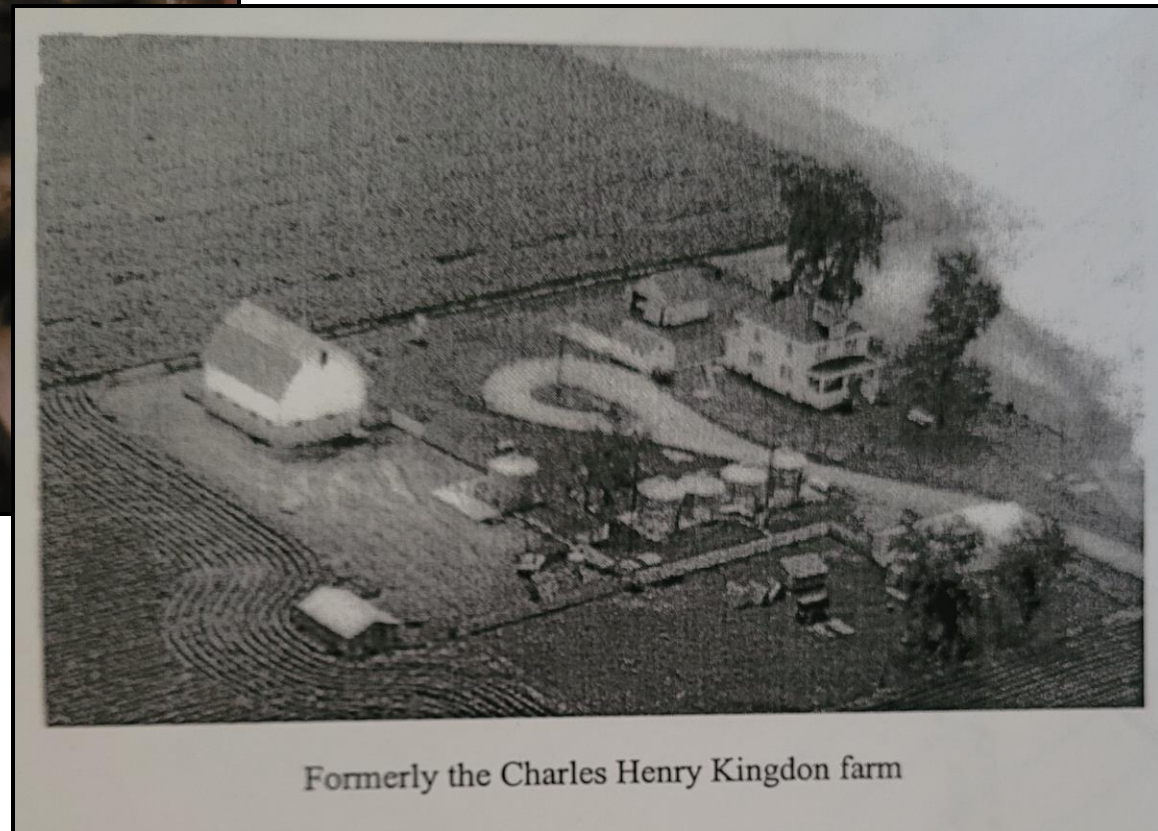
Photos courtesy of Ruth Kingdon





Ruth Kingdon driving the tractor on the farm.

Photos courtesy of Ruth Kingdon.



Formerly the Charles Henry Kingdon farm



Kingdon homestead, children not identified

Both photos courtesy of Ruth Kingdon



Kingdon family homestead west of Brimfield:  
John Henry and Frances Blundy Kingdon  
Bill, Chuck, Alice c1905