

Frank Harrison, Haulage Contractor of Branston.

Frank Harrison was born at Bishop Norton where he was educated at the local village school. He successfully sat his school examinations and was awarded a scholarship to go to a grammar school but unfortunately he was unable to take up this opportunity of a lifetime as there was a complete lack of any transport facilities to take him to any other school. He therefore remained at the village school until he reached the end of his school days.

Upon leaving he obtained employment as an apprentice mechanic at Caenby Corner Garage where he achieved full certification as such. Sometime later he changed the course of his life and obtained employment as a lorry driver at Forman Bros of Branston. This of course meant he had to leave home and he took up lodgings with a Grannie Webb in Silver Street, Branston.

It was during this period of his life that he met a young lady named Doris Stannard of Lincoln who would eventually become his wife. They fell in love and were married in 1939 and took up residence in a house at 81 Station Road, Branston, where over the ensuing years they brought up their two children, namely a son called Brian and a daughter called Jean.

During the war years Frank continued as a driver for Forman Bros and was, with others, responsible for delivering vital supplies to various locations throughout the country. At the same time he was a very active member of the Branston Home Guard Unit.



Branston Home Guard Football Team at Sincil Bank 1940's

Back row - ? Jack Smith, Chuck Hanson, Bill Fox, Pat Webb, Frank Foreman, ? , ? , Jack Hanson, Burkitt

Middle row - Walt Brummitt, ? , Frank Harrison, ? , Sam Austin, Stan Waby

Front row - Lol Brummitt, Jack Redford

He was a very enthusiastic sportsman and excelled at football, playing for Lincoln Amateurs which later became Lincoln United. He also played for the Branston village team and for the Branston Home Guard team. He was an extremely fit young man who also took part in athletics.



Frank Harrison taking the baton in a relay race



Frank Harrison with Trophy

In 1950 Frank decided to terminate his employment with Forman Bros in order to set up his own business as a haulage contractor. He purchased a Dodge Tipper lorry in order to specialise in the transportation of fairly large quantities of sand, gravel, hard-core, top soil, and similar materials. Initially he garaged his lorry in a barn owned by Jack Drayton at Geoff Brown's farm on Lincoln Road, Branston. Later he purchased a garage off Hillside Avenue, near Reedman's property, and thereafter garaged his lorry at this location. Through hard work and dedication Frank ran a very successful business for some twenty seven years and both he and his vehicle were well recognised as he went about his business.



Frank and his wife Doris lived at 81 Station Road for the whole of their lives and were very popular throughout the village. Frank retired in 1977 and sadly he died in 1992 at the age of 79 years. Doris remained in their home on Station Road until she sadly passed away in the year 2000.

There is no doubt that Frank's son Brian inherited his father's love of football for he was a quality player on the books of Lincoln City FC and played for some respected teams such as Skegness, Stamford, Boston, Lincoln United, and Bucyrus.



Branston C of E School Football Team, 1952/53

Back row – John South, Dave Clark, Clive Dowman, D.Warriner, Malc Hackney, R.Cook, G.Carter, R.Mills
Front row – Brian Harrison, Barry McConville, Bryan Wilkinson, Ivan Redford, Philip Brown



Brian Harrison on the left and Tony Cant on the right with Branston Village Boys football team

Brian now resides with his wife Janet in Saxilby village, and his sister Jean Wilson resides at Doddington Park, Lincoln.