

## Information Sheet

**R**      **Granby Commercial Club (Granby, Mo.).**  
**292**      **Minute book, 1933-1934.**  
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These are minutes of meetings of a businessmen's association at Granby in Newton County, Missouri. Included are minutes from 6 July 1933 through 26 November 1934.

Twenty-nine charter members met at the Williams service station in Granby to organize the club. They chose Dr. L. E. Rolens as president, a post which he held through the life of the club. Meetings were held bi-weekly at first, but a monthly schedule was later adopted. Working through standing committees for commerce, civic affairs, roads, education, and agriculture, the club instituted an active program for area improvement. Committee members investigated the prospects for more favorable railroad rates for Granby's businesses, lobbied for public works and relief funds from the Federal government, and pressed for state improvements to Highway 60. Correspondence was opened with a handle factory at Cassville and the Louis Maull Canning Company of St. Louis in an attempt to persuade those companies to relocate at Granby. The club also sponsored efforts toward new school buildings and a community building with club rooms at Granby, and promoted municipal baseball teams and a town band.

The ambitious programs might have been more than the club's members could sustain. The last entries in the minute book are for the meeting of 26 November 1934. Although the minutes offer no hint of the demise of the club, it is not known to have existed past that date.

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