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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & HISTORY SHEET

***** SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS *****
P. O. Box 530 Santa Rosa, Cal. 95402 USA

I hereby apply for "LIFE" membership in the SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS and certify that I meet requirements for classification marked below, by having held a valid government radio-telegrapher's license unless employment antedates license requirements. I certify that I have earned my living during this period as a wireless or radio operator assigned to a ship or shore station open to commercial "PG" traffic. (Operators with military experience are eligible if they have served at installations handling "PG" traffic without license requirement if they can document). I agree to furnish records to substantiate if required by the Membership Committee. I agree to keep my address current on the Society records and acknowledge failure to do so as sufficient grounds to drop me from membership.

Signed Date MAY. 27, 1969

LEAVE BLANK
NO 371-58P
DATE 5-30-69
\$ 7.00
CARD ☒
POC
FG 6/3/69

☒ SPARK GAP PIONEER
(Service prior 1915)

☐ PIONEER
(Svc. 1915 to 1925)
(Inclusive)



☐ VETERAN
Svc. 1926-35 Incl. ☒

☐ PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE
(Svc. AFTER 1935) Bill

HISTORY SHEET

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

SHAW WILLIAM H. Family Name WILLIAM Given Name Bill Initial WS Nickname DECEASED Sine Wife

508 ALEXANDER AVENUE Street or P.O. Number CAPE MAY POINT N.J. City 08212 State Zip 884 7187 Tph: A/C & No.

DATE OF FIRST LICENSE DEC. 13, 1912 DATE ASSIGNED FIRST SHIP ?/1910

NO. ? CLASS FIRST CL NAME OF SHIP CAPE MAY N.J.
COS MCY/WCY

SIGNED BY INSPECTOR PICKELLS CALL LETTERS CO. MARCONI

Navy or military assignment where "PG" traffic handled (Attach documentation)

SHIP OR SHORE STATION/S WHERE YOU HAVE SERVED:

FROM	TO	NAME SHIP/SHORE STN.	FROM	TO	NAME SHIP/SHORE STN.
1910	1915	CAPE MAY, N.J.			

(Additional - attach 8 1/2 x 11" sheets,

AMATEUR ACTIVITIES

FIRST CALL WS DATE 1906 PRESENT CALL WB2VEJ WORK FREQUENCIES 40

RADIO ORGANIZATION YOU BELONG TO: ABEL WORK NJN, 2EN ETC.

MEMBER "CQD"ers CLUB ? (Those who have sent CQD or SOS and/or abandoned ship)

NAME SHIP _____ DATE SOS _____ (Details on separate sheet)

WILL YOU SERVE AS OFFICER OR DIRECTOR ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS IF NOMINATED ? YES

(Please use additional 8 1/2 x 11" sheet/s for additional biographical data or record of experience we might use in future "PORTS OF CALL" or the WIRELESS PIONEER.)

Society of Wireless Pioneers - California Historical Radio Society

SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS

1. If you would like to contact old friends or shipmates, the Society through its CENTRAL ADDRESS BUREAU (Rosters and Directories) is perhaps the most effective organization of its kind in the world.
2. Are you a PROFESSIONAL ? If so, you will enjoy the prestige of being listed in the Society's roster/s and directories. The Society of Wireless Pioneers limits membership to those who have actually earned their living at one time in their lives by working as a Professional "brass-pounder" in handling "PG" traffic. Since many facilities of the USCG, Navy, USLHS and others in addition to strict commercial organizations also handled commercial traffic, you may qualify.
3. The growth of the Society has been nothing short of phenomenal. In less than one year, we have become perhaps the largest organization of its kind in the world and listing among its members some of the most prominent names ever connected with the profession.
4. The Society's "PORTS O' CALL" in only a few issues has become the most talked above publication in the communications field. It has been received with great acclamation and demand has been so heavy for copies that they have literally already become a "collector's item".

Each issue has been crammed with nostalgic memorabilia, pictures and anecdotes of the days of "Wireless" plus stories about "Marconi-men", Wireless Operators/Radio Officers, equipment old and new - ships past and present. The recent decision of Author Henry Dickow to donate his fabulous collection of material he had planned to include in his book - "TALES OF THE WIRELESS PIONEERS" for use in "PORTS O' CALL" will give our readers and members an opportunity to read these absorbing stories.
5. Membership in the Society will help to perpetuate the memory and heritage of all wireless pioneers and assist in providing suitable awards or recognition for outstanding accomplishment/s in the field of communications, especially the use of C.W. and the involvement of life and property.
6. Acceptance by our Membership/Credentials Committee will make you a "LIFE MEMBER" of the Society and will retain your name on our roster and directories even if you do not pay annual dues. Annual sustaining dues will be necessary however to receive the Society's publications and releases. Such dues will be kept at the lowest possible figure.
7. The Society will sponsor meetings and trips of interest for its members. We have already had several well-attended and highly successful such "get-to-gethers". They were highly enjoyed by all. Enjoy the fraternal comradeship in meeting old friends, as well as meeting those who are still employed in the profession to learn "first hand" the changes that are taking place in the communications field as well as a report and review on things nautical.

There are many other benefits in joining the Society. Since the organization is NON-PROFIT and NON-POLITICAL with most work "donated" your investment is returned many times over in pure service and enjoyment. SO...JOIN TODAY !!!

CAPE MAY POINT, N.J.
MAY 27, 1969.

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SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS,
P.O. BOX 530,
SANTA ROSA, CAL. 95402.

GENTLEMEN:

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND MY APPLICATION TO JOIN THE PIONEERS. UNFORTUNATELY MOST OF MY OLD LICENSES AND OTHER DATA WERE LOST IN A MOVING WHILE EMPLOYED BY THE READING RAILROAD IN PENNSYLVANIA.

I AM ENCLOSING SOME OLD LETTERS ETC RECEIVED DURING MY SERVICE AS MANAGER AT MCY/WCY.

THE LETTER FROM MILTON S. GOSS WAS REFERRING TO THE TUBALBA'S HAVING GONE AGROUND ON BRIGANTINE SHOALS IN A BLINDING NORTHEAST SNOW STORM ON CHRISTMAS EVE. WE WERE UNABLE GET ANY SHIPS IN TO HIM AND AT LOW TIDE THE SHIP ROLLED DOWN OFF THE SHOAL AND WAS BADLY WASHED BY THE HIGH SEAS.

THE REVENUE CUTTER SENECA, RCE WAS UNABLE GET OUT OF THOMPKINSVILLE L.I. NY UNTIL CHRISTMAS DAY AND REMOVED THE PASSENGERS FROM THE SHIP.

MANY YEARS AFTERWARDS I BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH CAPTAIN GEORGE BLACKMAN, WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE FORKED RIVER LIFE SAVING STATION AT THAT TIME. HE TOLD ME THE CREW LAUNCHED THEIR BOAT THREE TIMES ONLY TO HAVE IT CAPSIZE AND WASH BACK ON THE BEACH. THEY WERE UNABLE TO GET TO THE SHIP.

AM ENCLOSING CHECK FOR \$7.00 TO COVER INITIATION FEE AND DUES.

APPECIATE YOUR MAILING THE LETTERS BACK TO ME AFTER THEY HAVE SERVED THEIR PURPOSE. STAMPED ENVELOPE IS ENCLOSED.

HAVE READ YOUR FINE MAGAZINE AND FIND MANY FAMILIAR NAMES FROM WAY BACK WHEN.

MY BEST REGARDS TO ALL ABOARD

SINCERELY

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DEAR FRANK:

THANKS VERY MUCH FOR THE CARD AND YOUR NICE LETTER. MY GOOD FRIENDS ALFRED S. CRESSE AND ED RASER BOTH GAVE ME APPLICATIONS TO THE PIONEERS. CRESSE ALSO LOANED ME A COPY OF THE PORTS O CALL. IT WAS VERY INTERESTING READING TO ME.

I AM SORRY TO HAVE TO REPORT OUR FRIEND ED RASER, WAS OPERATED ON LAST MONDAY JUNE 16TH FOR PROSTATE AND COMPLICATIONS HAVE DEVELOPED. HE HAS BEEN IN INTENSIVE CARE SINCE THE OPERATION. HIS CONDITION IS LISTED AS CRITICAL BY THE HOSPITAL. HE IS IN HELENE FORD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, TRENTON, N.J.

ED IS A GREAT FELLOW. I BELIEVE HE TOLD ME HE MET YOU ON HIS TRIP TO THE COAST. HE IS VITALLY INTERESTED IN ANYTHING RELATIVE TO OLD TIME RADIO OR RADIO MEN. HE SPENT TWO DAYS DOWN HERE VISITING AL CRESSE AND ME. WE REALLY HAD A BALL. HE HAS PHOTOS OF PRACTICALLY EVERY OLD WIRELESS STATION THAT EVER EXISTED ON THE EAST COAST AT LEAST. SURE HOPE HE RECOVERS, WE HAVE HAD MANY FINE SHORT CHATS WHILE EXCHANGING TRAFFIC ON THE N.J.N. NET.

AS FAR AS MY WORK AFTER 1915. I SURE DID A LOT OF HOPPING AROUND. AFTER LEAVING WCY WORKED ONE SUMMER FOR THE WU. THEN SIX YEARS WITH THE BETHLEHEM STEEL COMPANY, AT THEIR MUNITIONS TESTING GROUNDS AT HIGSBEE BEACH NEAR CAPE MAY. WENT THERE AS TELEGRAPH OPERATOR HAD TIME KEEPING ADDED TO IT AND FINALLY SAFETY MAN IN CHARGE OF CLEARING THE TWO RANGES OF ALL WORKING PARTIES ETC BEFORE GIVING CLEARANCE FOR FIRING UP THE RANGES. ALSO CHECKING THE BAY AREA OF WATER BEFORE CLEARING FOR OVER THE WATER TIME FUZE TESTS. WENT WITH BETHLEHEM IN FEBRUARY 1916. AND ABOUT 1918 WAS MADE OFFICE MANAGER. LATER PUT IN CHARGE OF THE GROUNDS UNDER SUPT IN BETHLEHEM PA. FINALLY SOLD EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE BUILDINGS AND GUNS. THE GUNS WERE SHIPPED TO THE PLANT IN BETHLEHEM. WAS FINISHED IN JANUARY 1922.

WITH READING RAILROAD IN 1922 AND WITH PRSL AFTER THE READING AND PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED THEIR THEIR LINES. WAS SQUEEZED OUT IN 1934 DUE TO CLOSING OF OFFICES. OPERATED MARINE RADIO SERVICE BUSINESS IN CAPE MAY UNTIL STOPPED FROM BOARDING FISHING BOATS DUE TO THE APPROACH OF WW2. THE BOATS RADIO WERE SEALED AND THEY COULD ONLY BREAK SEAL AND OPERATE THEM IF IN DISTRESS OR ATTACKED BY GERMAN U BOATS.

WAS ILL FOR OVER A YEAR AFTER HEART ATTACK AND UNABLE TO DO ANY WORK.

WITH FCA CAMDEN N.J. IN EARLY 1942 IN XXX TEST CAGE. TRANSMITTER TESTER. WORKED ON EVERYTHING FROM POLICE RADIO UP TO AND INCLUDING 50 KW BROADCAST RIGS.

ONE RIG FAN THRU WAS FOR WWV TIME AND FREQUENCY STATION.

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AFTER RCA RAN OUT OF WORK DUE TO SHORTAGE OF PARTS, I LEFT THEM AND WENT WITH THE SIGNAL CORPS IN PHILADELPHIA WRITING REPAIR BOOKLETS. MANY ABOUT EQUIPMENT I HAD NEVER SEEN SUCH AS BRIGGS & STRATTON SMALL GASOLINE ENGINES.

AFTER BEING RELEASED FROM THE SIGNAL CORP IN OCTOBER 1945, WENT BACK WITH THE READING RAILROAD IN PENNSYLVANIA ON THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION AS AGENT TELEGRAPHER. REFUSED OFFER OF DISPATCHER. DID NOT THINK IT WAS A GOOD SPOT AFTER HAVING HAD THE HEART ATTACK.

HOWEVER MOST OF THE STATION I WORKED WERE TRAIN ORDER POINTS AND SOME WERE HOT SPOTS WITH PLENTY OF TRAINS AND ORDERS.

I RETIRED FROM THE READING IN JULY 1956 AT 68 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE KEPT BUSY SINCE WITH FAMILY AND HAM RADIO ACTIVITY.

SIT IN ON N.J.N. TRAFFIC NET EVERY NIGHT USUALLY BOTH SESSIONS OF THE NET. TAKE MY TURN AS NC OF THE NET AND GO TO THE RELAY STATION (2RN) TO SEND AND RECEIVE OUT OF STATE TRAFFIC WHENEVER THE CHANCE OFFERS.

NOTHING EXCITING IN IT ALL BUT ENJOYED LIVING AND MET A BUNCH OF FINE FOLKS.

WILL PASS THE APPLICATION BLANKS ON TO SOME ONE WHO CAN QUALIFY AND WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IF OUR FINE ORDER.

THANKS FOR THE OFFER OF DETAILS OF YOUR HOME COMMUNITY "ROSSMOOR" HAVING BEEN BORN HERE IN JERSEY AND AT 81 YEARS GUESS I HAD BETTER STICK IT OUT.

"73" TO ALL AND WILL WAIT WITH INTEREST THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEXT "PORTS O' CALL"

SINCERELY

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CAPE MAY POINT, N.J.,
JULY 3, 1972.

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GENTLEMEN:

IN BROSING THROUGH THE 1969 ROSTER AND
DIRECTORY, I FIND MY EMPLOYMENT RECORD IS NOT CORRECT.

I CANNOT IMAGINE HOW I HAVE SKIPPED NOTING AND
CORRECTING THIS FOR SUCH A LONG TIME.

I WENT WITH MARCONI WIRELESS TELEGRAPH COMPANY
IN DECEMBER 1910, NOT 1912 AND LEFT THEM IN 1915. ✓

THEN WITH BETHLEHEM STEEL COMPANY IN FEBRUARY
1916 UNTIL 1922. WITH THE READING RAILROAD IN NEW JERSEY
UNTIL 1934.

WITH MY SON OPERATED A MARINE RADIO SERVICE IN
CAPE MAY, N.J. UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT SEALED ALL THIS GEAR
ON THE FISHING CRAFT AND DISMANTLED IT FROM ALL YACHTS.

WITH RCA CAMDEN IN QUALITY CONTROL TESTING
MOSTLY TRANSMITTERS FROM THE 32 WATT POLICE RIG UP TO
AND INCLUDING THE 50 KW BROADCAST TYPE RIG. BACK WITH
THE READING COMPANY IN PENNSYLVANIA FROM 1945 UNTIL
RETIREMENT IN 1956.

APPRECIATE CORRECTIONS IN ANY FUTURE PUBLICATIONS.

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