

This email is from the son of Clifford Harvey of the Harvey-Wells Electronics Co., written on July 29, 2020. **He is also named Cliff Harvey**

Hamilton,

Long time friend Dick Whitney passed on your message about putting a website together for John Wells. I'm Clifford Sherrill Harvey, and my father (Clifford Akers Harvey) and John were partners at Harvey-Wells Electronics..! I'm 77, live in England, have done for 7+ years now, and am enjoying retirement with my passion; photography. If you'd like me to, I can put my recollections of that period of time (Harvey-Wells Electronics) down in writing. This'll take a bit of time 'cause I remember a lot..! Let me know please...

I can tell you that my father died on the 25th of March 1987, aged 79 years. My sister and I flew back to be with our mum and help her with clearing out and such. One of the jobs I had was to deal with the massive amount of equipment my Dad had for building ham radio equipment and just general tinkering. Perhaps you can picture wall after wall, floor to ceiling, boxes of resistors and tubes of all sorts and sizes, roll after roll of wire, lathes and drill presses and solder guns, hundreds and thousands of pieces and parts!

My dad was W1RF. He got his ham license in the 20s, so early on that he was allowed to choose his own call sign (!!), so he chose W (east coast) 1 (Massachusetts, etc.) and R F which stood for 'Radio Frequency'...!

When I was a boy, every Sunday morning I used to sit with him at his radio (he built *everything* he used *from scratch*, developing the schematics for each transmitter and receiver himself) while he tuned up for schedules (skeds..!) with ham friends in England. He had a rhombic antenna in our back acreage pointed in just the right direction; it was **massive**..!

Anyway, it still pains me to say that when I contacted the ARRL in New Haven, about the possibility of them wanting some of his old equipment or any/all of the pieces/parts which populated his huge walk-out basement (for their museum), they suggested that he was just another ham and they had no interest in his stuff...! They didn't want this **original** Bandmaster Z-Match, *the first one built* for Harvey-wells that he tested and the

first one I used when I got my novice license (WN1NKP)... I was really angry with the way his legacy and memory were treated by the very organization that he helped put on the map... Still am as a matter of fact...

I called around and asked if anyone wanted any of the pieces/parts, free of charge, just come and get them, but no one, not one ham, was interested, so sadly, they all went into a dumpster and were unceremoniously taken to the landfill...

All his old QSL cards, more than 165 countries and eight boxes with more than 10,000 cards, I took with me as I moved from Colorado to Oregon, where I finally donated them to a man who was setting up a 'shack' for budding ham operators on the Oregon coast. He papered the wall with them, a fitting tribute to one of the very original ham operators in the USA.

'Nuff for now... I can tell you as much as I can remember about Harvey-Wells Electronics if you'd like me to put something together, but as I say, that'll take a bit of time... Please, let me know... Hope the above helps a bit in the meantime...

Sincerely,

Cliff Harvey