

PLEASANTVILLE, N. J.

152 EAST ADAMS AVE.

W2LS

RADIO W4ALW CONFIRMING QSO OF 12-13 1946

AT 7:54 <sup>AM</sup> PMEST UR 28 MC. <sup>CW</sup> FONE SIGS RST

XMTR: \_\_\_\_\_ W.INP. RCVR: \_\_\_\_\_

~~PSE QSL.~~ TNX.

73 WILLIAM E. SAVELL



0408.

Jan 1954

*Pleasantville, N. J.*

**WZLS**

*William E. Savell*

Radio KN2TQN Ur ~~for~~ review  
sigs wrkd at 11:50 a.m. EDT.  
July 15, 1956. On 3.7 Mc.  
Ur sigs were 599



Transmitter: Stancor Model 69,  
807 final - Input 45 watts.  
Antenna: 2 Elem. Rotary Beam.  
Receiver: National **1B3D**

Remarks: Hope to QSO  
agrn July 15, 1981,  
John.



Pse QSL Tnx  
73's, Bill

John Dilks, KN2TQN  
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# Profile 3CJJ, 4KW, W2LS

My first Elmer was **Bill Savell, W2LS**. He purchased a NC-183D new in 1952 . He had some television interference issues with it and National had him returned it to the factory for troubleshooting. Unable to locate the exact problem, in 1953 National offered him another new one with some upgraded circuits in exchange, which Bill gladly accepted. He talked about this for years, about how professionally National had treated him. He treasured this radio until last year when he gave it to me.



In 2003 Bill was almost 95 years old and was in fairly good health. Except during WW-II, he has been licensed continuously since September 8, 1923, that's almost 80 years in ham radio. He was awarded a nice 75-year plaque by the QCWA in 1998.

He was introduced to ham radio while listening on a crystal set and heard his Sunday-School teacher's voice. The next Sunday he asked all the right questions and was pointed to a hobby that would later become his career.



He quickly became an accomplished builder and operator. I have one of his early "3CJJ" QSL card confirmations from station "F-1BX" in Paris France. The date was December 14, 1924. (That's not long after the Trans-Atlantic tests.)



His father was a school photographer and they relocated a few times, moving between the Atlanta area and Virginia while he was growing up. Eventually he moved back to southern New Jersey bringing his new bride, India, with him.

He went to work in the telephone industry, first with Western Electric, then with AT&T. He was assigned to the Manahawkin, New Jersey, radio-receiving site, station WOO. His duties were to maintain the receivers and to set them to the required frequencies for point-to-point communications with countries all over the world. They were used for overseas telephone conversations.



One night while I was waiting for my Novice license to arrive, Bill took me, and my NC-81X receiver to work with him. After he set up AT&T's receivers he had a couple of hours to go over my radio. Using the finest test sets available, he carefully aligned my receiver until it was as good as new. Of course I was overwhelmed with the enormity of all the Western Electric and AT&T equipment there.

Outside the building, it was even more impressive. There was a huge field of Rhombic antennas pointing around the world at every 14 degrees. Bill would switch antennas by patching some cords in the control bay to line-up to the country he was working with. I made up my mind that night; that was the kind of work I wanted to do.

Bill was very active chasing DX most of his life. Always a gracious host, he made many friends through ham radio and always-invited foreign hams to visit and stay with him when they were in the area. And they did.



In 1947 Atlantic City hosted the International Radio Conference where representatives from many countries would meet and decide the future spectrum use. (ARRL was an active participant throughout the proceedings. You can read the reports in many of the 1947 QST magazines.) Bill and other local hams were assigned as hosts to the visitors.

Many who were in town to attend the international conference were also hams. And many of them visited Bill's station and stayed for a home cooked dinner expertly prepared by Bill's XYL. A few hams also stayed overnight with Bill during the weekends and when they had time off. – *K2TQN*