

**D**octor Franklin A. Seiberling, Jr. \*1908-1990\* 8AHF & 8BCY - Born May of 1908 in Akron Ohio, son of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co-founder Franklin Augustus Seiberling and Gertrude F. Penfield Seiberling. They had a large family and built **Stan Hywet Mansion**. Latin - Non Nobis Solum (Not for us alone) arches over the portal in 1912.

		AKRON, OHIO	
		North Portage Path	
RADIO -----			
Ur	sigs	here	
	at	E.S.T.	
Audibility			
QSB	QRH		
QRM	QRN	QSS	
Remarks -----			
		Transmitter — 10 watt cw. 1100 volts (rec. by 36 jar chem. rec.) on plate. Modified Meissner circuit. Radiation — T. C. Amperes.	
		Receiver — Reinartz with ----- steps of A. F. Baldwin phones.	
		Antenna — 2 cages, 100 feet long, 60x55 feet high, cage lead in.	
		Counterpoise — 10 wires, 130 feet long, 25 feet wide, cage lead in.	
QRK? Pse. QSL. Gld. to QSR.			
A. R. R. L.			
----- Operator.			

If one can view the magnificent Tudor Revival style mansion in Akron and look at the upper room on the north end, it is almost possible to see where antenna supports and mounts were installed.

He dedicated a room on the top floor of Stan Hywet Hall in the northern corner to be his "Wireless Radio Room." Stan Hywet Hall, is one of the premier American Country

estates open to the public all year long. There are still QST Magazines in possession of the assistant curator Mark Heppner. Along with detectors and racks built for medium duty output RF tubes. A switcher board mounted with manual switches etc. still remains. Franklin left for austerity, his operating log including circuits he was using and other circuits he planned to utilize however his college career took precedence. I remember vividly Franklin logged in visitors to his station by name/call and date. Department of Navigation license permits and QSL cards were also in the mix.

Franklin Jr's wireless station, as noted in Franks QSL card, was using cage type antennas sloping from 60 feet and a cage lead in. He was educated enough to know a counterpoise would improve his stations performance. Franklin received his amateur radio license approximately age 15, possibly even earlier. I have personally viewed the acid marks on the radio room floor from storage batteries and leakage from jars used to rectify high voltage.

Franklin Seiberling Jr. youngest son of F. A. Seiberling graduated from Princeton University - received his Doctorate in Art History from University of Chicago. After college Frank held a position at the Toledo Museum of Art prior to World War II. Joining the U.S. Army serving in Italy from 1943 until 1945. For many years following and until retirement was head of the Fine Arts Department at the University of Iowa.

Frank's one-time home, Stan Hywet Hall, is one of the largest private residences in Ohio and is now a museum, garden and landmark in Akron. We had communications with **KCØISV** Franklin Seiberling III recently, stated his dad married Nancy Pendleton Jackson and their children in order of age, Grace - Professor of Art History at U of Rochester; Franklin, mainframe programmer U of Iowa University Healthcare; Chris, photographer and software engineer and Angela, Life coach living near Vancouver, BC. See Stan Hywet Hall on the Web.

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