

Harris C. Fahnestock Jr. 1BBO *1905-1970* Of Lenox, Mass. Have you noticed how certain names and words have more significance than others? It might be said, What's in a name? Here is one you've heard before and we submit a few pieces and items to ponder.



“Fahnestock” - As a young experimenter I was aware of the small electric connector, simple but very effective. I was fascinated more so with the name and I wondered once in a while if I pronounced it correctly. The connector was popular in the radio and model railroad circles, according to an Internet search, a general sales electrical item in the 1920-s and 30s.

In 1910 Mr. Harris C. Fahnestock Sr. (of banking and brokerage fame) built a summer cottage for his family on 1500 acres in the Mass. countryside and named the place “Eastover.” The Fahnestock’s were a family of (5) and were well cared for from June to early October by 65 servants. Among the Fahnestock children, there was Harris C. Jr. 1905-1970 1BBO. Does Fahnestock deserve to be a VIP? Sure he does and you do to.

During 1925 Harris Jr. was found attending Harvard University and enjoyed the sciences especially the ever popular wireless medium. Harris was popular and a member of the Harvard Radio Club 1AF, holding office of secretary. He enjoyed the legendary ham shack atop the Harvard Stadium and could be found there frequently chatting with hams around the world. The tall towers and high power helped make 1AF a stand out signal on the bands.

As it stands, Harris Fahnestock Jr. Is getting credit in many circles for the slick invention of the Fahnestock clip. (An item still sold today)

Yet there are times when the cold water committee comes in and throws certain beliefs to the wind. In further research, James D. Fahnestock a U.S. Electrical Engineer gets credit for the invention. There are many patents on the subject at various years and the Fahnestock patent in 1924 seems to be the first one. Note Harris’s QSL dated 1923.

The full name of the inventor is not defined but yet I would hope to think Harris Fahnestock Jr was credited for his contribution of the Fahnestock clip!
 Can you say it 5 times, real fast? I don’t think I could remember the names of 65 servants. Page two continued.

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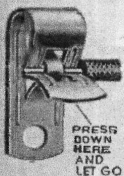
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Fahnestock Clips

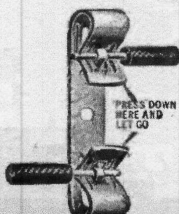
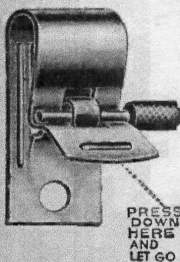
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We hardly ever receive any positive comments or an effort of thanks. Sometimes I wonder why Bob W8JYZ would even consider the bandwidth, but he is a dreamer like the remainder of us. Such as it goes in writing, forget about kudos!

Writing is very difficult and demanding work. As this article did receive some comments that our subject wasn't the inventor. I submit that there were many patents on the Fahnestock invention. Allow our fellow amateur and inventor some slack. Of this page I am very pleased, you even have an ancient QSL card full of DNA that avoided the landfill.

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