

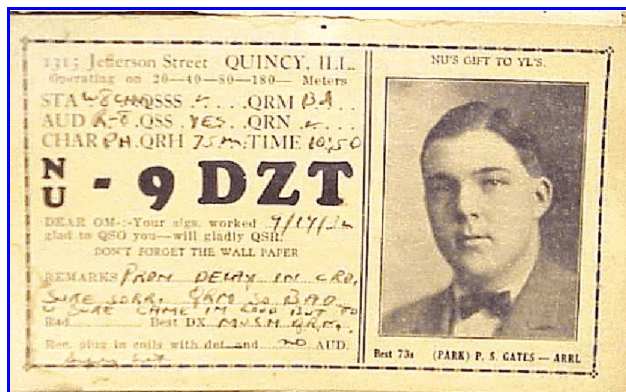
Parker Gates 9DZT *1907-1986* Born to Henry and Cora Gates, Quincy, Illinois. A young experimenter and amateur operator at an early age, Park age 14 and his father Henry Gates developed their first product a five tube radio receiver retailing for \$275.00.



Henry and Cora Gates established Gates Radio in 1922 to make consumer radios, but switched to engineering professional broadcasting equipment before the

end of the decade. Affectionately known as “Quincy Tin Works.” Bought by Harris Interplex in 1957 and is now the Harris Broadcast Div., still producing a model of transmitter called the “Gates.”

According to Quincy Herald-Whig archives, Parker Gates and his father co-founded the gates Radio Company in 1922 in a rented storeroom when Parker was only a teen. Parker’s early inventions including a second machine that was used in movie houses all over the country, along with the first transcription turntable in 1929. Gates invented a remote amplifier which enabled stations to broadcast events live from outside the station and in 1933 he invented a smaller version of the microphone and the first radio station master console and the first radio broadcasting transmitter.



With the progression of TV the period of the 50's Gates Radio began producing television broadcasting equipment and transmission towers.

When Gates Radio was bought by Harris in 1957, Mr Gates stayed on to serve as President of the subsidiary.

This Mississippi town, Quincy - was also home to inventors Elmer Wavering, William Lear, Parker & Henry Gates. All electronic inventors.

It is said Gates Radio Company, was the oldest and largest in the broadcast industry. Products; microphones, consoles, tape recorders, turntables, cart players, limiters, transmitters, AM tower phasing units, AM antenna tuning units—Some say much of the Gates market share was achieved through creative financing of package deals, buy everything from us and we will give you a good price and affordable terms.

Park expired at Quincy in 1986. Note; Thanks to my expired pal W8KEG for the suggestion of using the Park Gates story. The last word, in 1975 Harris dropped “Gates Radio Div” and re-labeled the products as “Harris.”