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Dean Craft, W4IHK

Contacted me by email in August of 2008. He found my website and said he enjoyed looking around at the old cards and remembering old friends. He had a concern about his collection of Old QSL Cards saying:

“Some recent events have given me cause to consider how I might like to have some personal things handled when I am no longer around. One in particular is QSL cards. Thought I would touch base with you.”  
..... “I would hate for the family to simply dump cards that I have spent years collecting. I would not be concerned about what happens to them after being reviewed by someone who appreciates what they are and who knows what they represent and how we Hams value them”. .....

“I will include instructions in some documents that I am putting together that will specify that all of my QSL Cards should be shipped to you....

After my positive response to him, Dean wrote back:

“This takes care of another part of my planning process. It is sort of strange in a way that I have been a Ham since 1956 and never once gave any thoughts to this until recently. I still have my very first QSO card I received as a novice class licensee (KN4JAR). In late 1958 I took the General Class test in Washington DC. In January 1959 I received the W4IHK call. I have been collecting cards ever since. Never did apply for DXCC or other awards though... Just enjoyed receiving cards in the mail and still do.”

Dean Craft, W4IHK became a silent key on February 9, 2009. I was contacted by his wife Peggy last week about sending his collection of Old QSL Cards. The purpose of my website is to save as many old QSL cards as possible and try and get them back into the hands of the people they mean the most to.

Thank you Dean and Peggy Craft for your donation of Old QSL Cards.

Dean's Obituary can be read at the following: [LINK](#)

Bob Green

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