



Robert M. Baumgardner - W8JHK - *1911-1987* - 719
Clark St. Cambridge per city directory of 1930. Born December 1st 1911 to Ira A (Rail Conductor) & Mary Baumgardner at 719 Clark Street. Bob was a member of CHS Class of 1929, nicknamed "Bummie." He along with Wally Brill, & Charles Tandy were senior class radio bugs. Robert was Chauffeur with White Star Taxi Service. Dick Burgess states - During the 30's Bob lived with his parents on Clark St. He was licensed a short time before me in 1933.

Burgess said he visited Bob's shack a couple times but remembers nothing about his radio equipment. Bob was a couple years older than I. He was a very quiet person and had little to say. I have an elderly female cousin who lives in Cambridge, Burgess said, she advised me recently that Bob Baumgardner and her late husband were friends. My cousin reported that Bob died in April 1987. According to her,

Bob was a control tower operator for the FAA. He and his wife Kay lived in Aurora, Illinois near Chicago. He may have let his license lapse or may have been issued a 9th district call. Kay expired June of 1984 prior to Bob's passing. No knowledge of any family information.



I have a June 1937 Cambridge Radio Club roster and Bob appears on the list as a member. Baumgardner, Hedges and Simcox all lived in the 700 Block of Clark Street. Bob must have been influenced by those other ham operators listed. Howard Rubicam advised your author that Bob Baumgardner attended religious services at 1st Methodist Church at 7th and Steubenville Avenue Cambridge. Bob's CHS senior class of 1929 photo affixed to this article.

Bummie served in the Armed Services during 1943, special duty Radio Technician second class U.S. Navy, Treasure Island Radio School, San Francisco. After war Baumgardner did well making a career with the F.A.A. as Dick Burgess was able to ascertain for your editor. Bob was an active member in CARA 1947 roster. I checked the W9 district call book Spring 59 Bob was not listed nor as W8JHK.