

There were actually two partnership Wireless stations in Cambridge Ohio during the early “Spark” days. The first (1913-1914) jointly owned wireless operation was (8CL) well known to the region and featured in the newspapers. Being the “Waller - McMunn” amateur station on North Fourth Street Cambridge. The brother-in-laws shared their station with Roy Waller’s sister Nellie (8ACU).

The Waller-McMunn partnership dissolved some time during WW1 when all stations were shut down by the duration of the war.

Eventually in 1920 another dual owned facility came into being (8NQ) in the post WW 1 years. “McMunn - Gatwood” the second and final jointly owned amateur wireless station was formed. From a news account in 1920 McMunn-Gatwood, located at 514 South Ninth Street Cambridge, which we feature from the Daily Jeffersonian, adjacent column.

WIRELESS OPERATORS HEARD GOOD PROGRAM

A musical and lecture at Deal Beach, New Jersey, was heard by the Gatwood and McMunn radio station, at 514 South Ninth street, Saturday night.

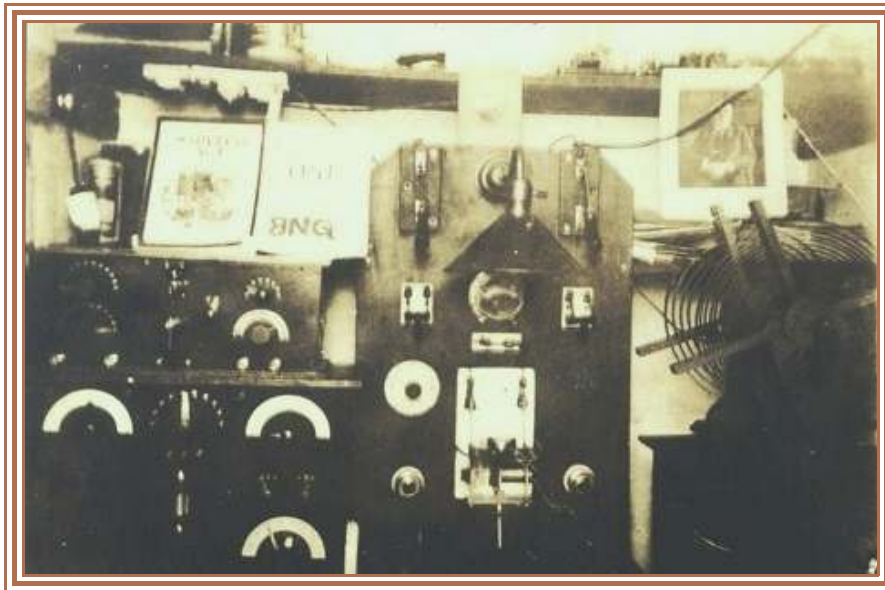
The entertainment was sent out by the Western Electric Co., at Deal Beach, N. Y., over wireless telephone and was as follows:

1 to 1.15 a. m.—Music, “When Your Alone.”

1.18 to 1.30—Lecture, Talk to Young Men on Business.

1.30 to 1.45—Music, Saxophone solo.

1.48 to 2—Lecture on X-Ray photography.



We have pictures of the first mentioned operation and it is entirely possible we are observing the “McMunn - Gatwood” station here however we can’t confirm it.

Pictured left is the McMunn station identified by the (8NQ) to the left of the switching center board. This is as good

as it gets! Real old vintage pioneer equipment. Roy Waller left us in 1961; McMunn left us in 1967; Nellie Waller in 1973 and Gatwood expired in 1981. Our Cambridge Ohio effort in the History Wireless World didn’t actually begin until 1990.

Wishing had we a historic record from the pioneers during their time, but thankful for what we do have at present. MF/jointly owned – W8SU 2012