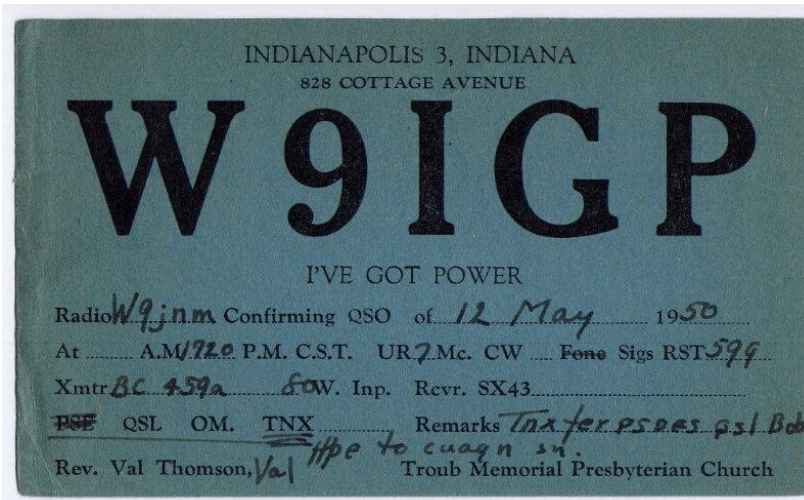
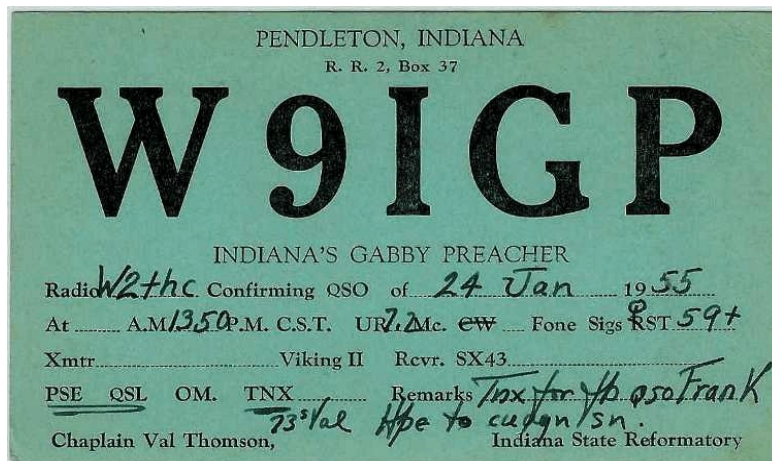


Rev. Val Thomson W9IGP *1909-1981* Of Indianapolis, IN - Pastor of Troub Memorial Presbyterian Church - His involvement in Troub Memorial is printed on Val's QSL card. This one is extremely difficult to learn about, Troub Memorial is no more. The church records are housed at Hanover University in Indiana, 1955-1978 inclusive. .



The denomination appears to be UP USA. There was some early history that the church once was commissioned in 1875 known as the 11th Church on Olive Street. The Church became renamed Olive Street Church in 1887. In 1907 Rev. Geo B. Troub their pastor was hit and killed by a street car, while riding his bicycle from the old to the new church at Cottage and Edgewood. As a tribute the church became Troub Memorial to honor Rev. George Troub.

My interest in the story is simply, I was raised a United Presbyterian on my fathers side of the family. I had pleasant memories from those experiences including the Boy Scout radio program that assisted me in life. Plus all of those Presbyterian ice cream socials!



We have a SS record of Val's death in 1981 at Indianapolis and nothing more.

Val enjoyed ham radio at 828 Cottage Ave, Indianapolis, which was probably the manse location next to the church property, with a 80 watt military transmitter and Hallicrafter SX43 receiver. He enjoyed 7 MHz.

Being active in the period of the 50s. It would be interesting to learn how he got started and if he served in the armed forces. We've written to several sources to determine what became of Troub Memorial and Rev. Val Thomson W9IGP....Friend Bob Green W8JYZ supplied the card of Rev. Thomson when he was Chaplain of Indiana State Reformatory 5 years after the first card posted. With thanks to W8JYZ and K8CX for the fine cards.

Rig on the right is a transmitter type Val used in his station the surplus BC-459A - 7 to 9.1 MHz.

