

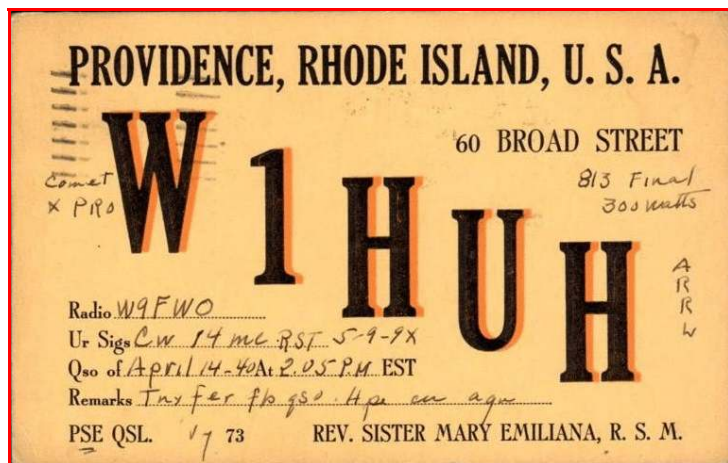
Sr. Mary Emiliana RSM W1HUH of Providence R.I. Visit historic Providence, capital of America's smallest state! There was also a special child born in 1880, that became a nun and we feature her with a flair for the arts and sciences. Sr. Emiliana's parents had immigrated to the states from Ireland making their home in Massachusetts.

The best we can file at the moment forthwith; Our subject Sr. Emiliana's adult beginnings found in the 1920 U.S. Census, the mother superior at St. Katherine's Convent First Street Providence. In October of 1933 after taking her amateur radio exam at the Custom House in Boston, Sister Emiliana of the Order of Religious Sisters of Mercy became one of us and she made a unblemished example of what ham radio was all about.

Her post in those days was teaching at Tyler Grammar and Jr High School of the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul. The Priest in charge was MSGR Charles J. Mahoney W1BBA and formerly 1TA in the spark era, his first contact was in 1909. Yes, Sr. Emiliana taught boys industrial arts at Tyler. Woodworking and drafting were her specialties. She and the final authority W1BBA MSGR Charles Mahoney decided to additionally teach the boys in the field of electronics.

Sr. Emiliana W1HUH became the first religious order of nuns to earn her amateur license in the U.S.A. But as far as they could determine the first in the world.

A number of our Sisters Tyler students became amateurs and some have chosen the electronic field for their life vocation. During WW2 sister was a member of the Providence Police Radio Patrol. W1HUH has been on 75 meters, 40, 20, ten and the old 5 meter band. She routinely enjoyed 75 meters with a Viking Two and Hallicrafters SX-71 receiver. During the severe storms of 1954 in New England a hurricane toppled her 100 foot high antenna and the radio shack was flooded.



Our Religious Sister of Mercy was the first of her profession in our radio hobby and many have followed in her footsteps but they all look to Sr. Emiliana as their pioneer. Our subject is undoubtedly deceased and when we learn, will amend.

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