



Sun Ship Historical Society's: Employee Record

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Hope you enjoy this 'SSHS Employee Record'. As always, if you have any additional information, suggestions or corrections, please let me know.

Note 1: While due diligence has been applied in the research of this information, responsibility for any errors is the ultimate responsibility of the end-user.

Note 2: Information has been obtained from various sources to enhance the history of Sun Ship and where possible, sources have been identified

Note 3: Text added to the review will be bordered with parentheses.

Note 4: A series of three 'periods', before or after transcribed text indicates that not all the text was transcribed to the review.

"Any work of history is necessarily a joint venture"
Author Unknown

Thank You,
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Our 'record' of the MacQuinstons' (father William and son Norman), was initiated when SSSH received an email from Norman's granddaughter, Katie Brazel Stickel, initiating our contact with her father and Norman's son-in-law, James Brazel. James was wishing to donate Norman's Sun Ship memorabilia to the SSSH. We are grateful to Jim Brazel sharing Norman and William's history and the donation of his memorabilia.

William J. MacQuiston 68 Dept. Thumbnail History

Courtesy of the Brazel Family and SSSH

-Born, c. 1888

-Died, c. Dec. 1958

-Born in Ireland, Mr. MacQuiston had lived in Darby for 38 years.

-William was hired at Sun Ship c: July, 1922. and retired from Sun Ship after over 30 years of service (post July, 1952), in the Rigging Department, 68D."

"Photo of William and his wife Helena MacQuiston. Courtesy of the Brazel family
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"Photo of William with his 'Gang' at Sun Ship. Notice William 'crouched' in the far right of the front row. Date and location at the Yard unknown. Courtesy of the Brazel family
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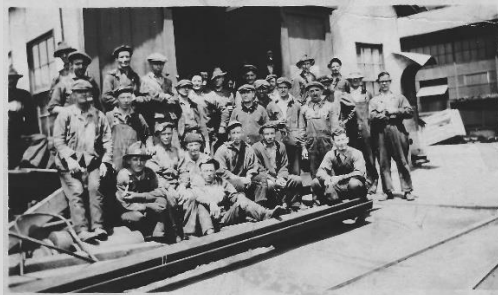


Photo of William MacQuiston Receiving his 30-Year pin at Sun Shipyard in July of 1952 and posted in the September, 1952 issue of Our Yard Magazine. SSSH: 705_5209_06

William MacQuiston, 68-56, is awarded a 30 year Service Pin by Supt. Frank M. Hoot, Jr. (From the September, 1952 issue of Our Yard Magazine. William MacQuiston's badge number 68-56 shows that he was a member of the 'Rigging Dept.')



Photo of Sun Ship's 30 Year Pin that was similar to that received by William MacQuiston in July of 1952: SSSH: 30_1a



Obituary: SSSH: 330_19581216

2 WILLIAM J. MacQUISTON, 71, agc
d 619 Darby ter., Darby, died Sat- by.
urday in Fitzgerald Mercy Hospi- gin
ital after a six-weeks illness. Wa
e Born in Ireland, Mr. MacQuiston I
had lived in Darby for 38 years. me
is He was retired from Sun Ship- of
k. building & Dry Dock Co. about Sh
n- four years ago after more than tw
25 years of service.
s- Surviving are his wife, Helena ro
Alexander MacQuiston; a son, ne
n, Norman, Folcroft; a daughter, La
el, Mrs. Robert Freas, Philadelphia; ia
u- a brother, James MacQuiston, m
ay Broomall, and four grandchildren.

Services will be tomorrow at
1:30 p.m. at the Marvil Funeral
Home, 1110 Main st., Darby. Rev.
Vincent T. Ross, pastor of Darby
Presbyterian Church, will officiate.
Burial will be in Mt. Moriah
Cemetery. Friends may call at the
funeral home tonight.

Norman MacQuiston Sun Ship, 45 Dept Thumbnail History c:1941-1945

Norman MacQuiston Thumbnail History

Courtesy of the Brazel Family and SSSH:

- Born: c. 1917
- Graduated from Darby High School in 1934
- After H.S. graduation, he worked at a bank and attended night school at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.
- He started work at Sun Ship around the time the United States entered WWII (c: Dec. 1941) and left the Yard c. 1945-46. During his time at the Yard, he was a 'Shipfitter' in 45 Department. The one photograph we found of Norman at the Yard, shows him working in Our No.4 Yard as a 'Leader' where he would have been responsible for a 'gang' of men responsible for installing steel components on board ships under construction.
- After working at Sun Ship, he wanted to have his own business and purchased a gas station (c:1946), which became Darby Esso and later Darby Exxon until 1975 when he sold the business.
- Norman passed away August 1, 1975.
- Norman MacQuiston was a member of the Darby Presbyterian Church and was also a member of the Masons, Optimists and the Darby Fire Company.
- Norman's father, William MacQuiston was a long-time employee of Sun Ship including during WWII.

This photo of Norman was probably taken after his graduation from Darby H.S. in 1934

Courtesy of the Brazel family

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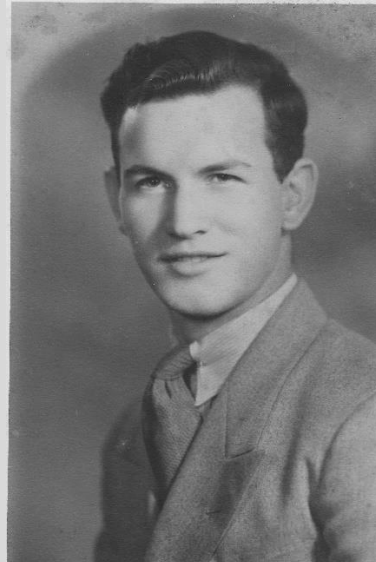


Photo taken shortly after Norman's marriage (honeymoon?) to Kathryn "Kitty" Judge MacQuiston in 1941.

Courtesy of the Brazel family

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Group photo, which includes Norman MacQuiston as indicated below, where he was a 'Leader' in Our No. 4 Yard c: 1946.

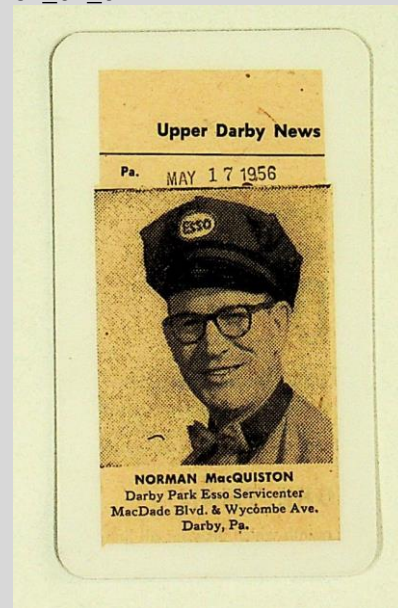
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(Above) — 45 DEPARTMENT, No. 4 YARD — Left to right, top: E. Carplick, C. Williamson, P. Ranck, H. Breeden, J. Manni, N. McQuiston, O. Schmidt, C. McCullough, A. Matt, T. Scruggs, L. Thomas and C. Boyer. Bottom: W. Fields, W. Bohrer, G. Le Touneau, R. Miller, F. Cline, J. Garvey, L. Chessman, H. Osman, A. Texter and F. Lindsay.

(Below) — THESE 45 DEPARTMENT EXPEDITORS, under the supervision of B. J. Griesmeyer, are responsible for the delivery of all hull material, both shop work and outside contract being at the ships when required and may be considered the backbone of this most important division of the shipbuilding industry. This group includes: G. Muckenrow, J. Torchiana, North Yard Leader; M. Levinson, W. Mansky, D. Heisner, E. Cocco, H. Creighton, Central Yard Leader; W. Warfel, B. Driesigacker, A. Greenbaum, G. Assan, L. Walk, L. Hinkel, H. McLaughlin, S. Surden, M. Romano, L. English, and A. Stock.

Photo of Norman MacQuiston when he was the owner of Darby Park Esso Service center. Courtesy of the Brazel family 67_07_01r



Obituary:
SSHS: 330_19750802_04

MacQuiston
Norman MacQuiston, 58, of 122 S. Elm Ave., Aldan, a retired service station owner, died Friday in Fitzgerald Mercy Medical Center, Darby.
Mr. MacQuiston was born in Philadelphia and lived in Delaware County most of his life.
He owned and operated Darby Park Exxon Staton in Darby and retired in July.
He is survived by his wife, the former Kitty Judge; one daughter, Mrs. Sharon Brazel of King of Prussia and one grandchild.
The funeral will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Marvil Funeral Home, 1110 Main St., Darby. Burial will be in Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Yeadon.
Calling hours will be after 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Donated Artifacts

The following artifacts were donated to SSHS in remembrance of Norman MacQuiston:

1-This is only the second 'Department Position ID' badge we have in our archives. This badge shows Norman was a '45' (Department) 'Leader' in the 'Shipfitting' Department

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2-'Ships For Victory' Pin

Awarded to 'Ship Workers' who played a vital part in ensuring enough ships were built and operated during WWII

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Text from Our Yard magazine published in May 1942 describing the 'Ships For Victory' pin: "Our cover this month shows the new emblem of the United States Maritime Commission, whose job is to see that enough ships are built and operated to insure an early victory for the United Nations. As shipworkers we have a vital part in this job. We are proud of this emblem and the history-making shipbuilding program for which it stands."

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