

Donald Harmon Seymour

Born Endicott, Broome County, NY

23 July 1927 – 13 Dec 2002

About Donald Harmon Seymour, the author of this Genealogy Report: with additional Notes by Alan Seymour

Donald Harmon, the second child of Harmon W. and Lucille T. Seymour, was born in Endicott, NY, on July 23, 1927, and in about 1930 moved with his parents and older brother, Richard, to Deposit, NY, and later on - about 1932 - moved to Apalachin, Tioga Co., NY, where he attended school through the eighth grade, and then Union-Endicott High School in Endicott, NY from which he graduated in 1944. Having started first grade at age 5 in September, 1932, he was not yet 17 when he graduated high school. In June, 1945, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, received basic training at Sampson, NY and was assigned then to the Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi, TX where he completed radio school and then served as an instructor in that same school until his honorable discharge in Aug., 1946. Prior to enlisting in the Navy, he worked for the Agfa-Ansco Corp. in Binghamton, NY and he returned to that position upon discharge - World War II having ended a several months before. In October, 1946, he married Miss Jane Groover of Endwell, NY and shortly thereafter went to work for his father in the hardware business, and moved to Apalachin, NY where Seymour's Hardware Store was located. In April, 1949, he moved to the Washington, DC area where he went to work as an agent for United Insurance Company of America. After about a year as an agent, he transferred to the clerical work in the insurance office, and in 1955 started attending Strayer College of Accountancy at night, earning a BCS degree in 1958 and becoming Office Manager at the insurance company shortly thereafter. In 1968, he was promoted and transferred to the company's Home Office at 1 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL, and settled in Arlington Heights, one of Chicago's northwest suburbs. At the Home Office, he received several promotions, and in 1975 was promoted to Vice President, Agency Administration - which position he held until he retired at the end of 1992. At present, he is enjoying retired life in his home in Arlington Heights, spending many hours each week researching and compiling a history and genealogy of the Seymour family, of which this report is a part.

Additional notes by Alan Seymour first child of Donald Seymour and Jane Groover:

He was a wonderful family man and had many building and repair skills (learned from growing up on the family farm) that enable him to finish the entire inside of a dormer (second story) he contracted to put on his ranch home in Maryland. Throughout his life he used these skills to help all of his 5 children with various project in their homes and businesses. Along with his building and repair skills he was deeply devoted to his family. Every year there were family vacations that included camping trips, houseboat adventures, Maryland and Delaware beach excursions, and often returning to Apalachin, NY and Endwell NY to insure that his children would have a bond and knowledge about their grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. As you can see he

was devoted to passing on skills and knowledge to his children about life and family. He passed on December 13, 2002 after a nine month long fight with small cell lung cancer. This was probably due do his 50 plus years of cigarette smoking. He was at his home in Arlington Heights IL surrounded by family in addition his two brothers made weeks long visits with him before he passed. He was loved by all.