

Radio
BROADCASTING

February 16, 1978

Charles Gabus P.O. Box 3778 Urbandale Branch Des Moines, IA 50322

Dear Mr. Gabus:

Mr. Lawrence Quante, of Brock, Nebraska, has written to us in regard to our efforts to collect information on early radio broadcasting in Nebraska. He cited in his letter that your father had built the Gabrola Radio in Brock in the early 1920s.

Do you have any information or materials about this endeavor that you would be willing to share with us? We have accumulated a large body of historical material which documents the broadcasting industry in the state during this era and are anxious to add to it. We would appreciate any assistance you could offer. I am enclosing a brochure which describes our program.

Thank you for your attention.

Cordially,

David H. Hooper
Manuscripts Curator DHH/pjm enc.



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"THE PLACE TO GO...TO GO PLACES"

March 6, 1978

Mr. David H. Hooper
Manuscripts Curator
Nebraska State Historical Society
1500 "R" Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Dear Mr. Hooper:

I received your letter of February 16 concerning early radio broadcasting in Nebraska.

Yes, it is true that our father had a radio manufacturing company in Brock and built the Gabriola radio from approximately 1918 to 1930. To the best of my knowledge, he was one of the first men to build an electric radio.

As soon as my mother returns from California, I will get with her concerning any possible old advertising or pictures she might have.

We do not have any of the radios at this time, but wish we did.

I am sending a copy of your letter to my brother, because possibly he has some pictures or literature.

You will be hearing from us in the near future.

Sincerely,

CHARLES GABUS FORD, INC.

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Charles H. Gabus

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cc: Mr. Jack W. Gabus

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November 16, 1978

Charles Gabus Ford
Urbandale Branch
P. O. Box 3778
Des Moines, Iowa 50322

Dear Mr. Gabus:

Only recently I realized that I had attended Nebraska Wesleyan University with a brother, Clifford, of Lawrence Quante who had responded to my invitation in the Lincoln Star Newspaper for anyone who enjoyed the arrival of radio in Nebraska early in the 1920s, to write me or the Nebraska State Historical Society in Lincoln.

Mr. Hooper, of the Society, who wrote to you on February 16, 1978, has moved to an Historical Society in another State. As a volunteer at the Society I am responding to your letter to him dated March 6, 1978.

We have received nearly 100 responses from early radio performers and related people. You are the only one to have given us a lead on radio manufacture in Nebraska.

I understand that you no longer have your father's product. However, we would like to have copies of sales literature, technical descriptions, company organization, etc. This would be a good story for future generations - and early Nebraskans.

Sincerely yours,

Terry Townsend

cc: MSHS ✓
Lawrence L. Quante



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"THE PLACE TO GO . . . TO GO PLACES"

November 22, 1978

Mr. Terry Townsend
4030 Fiene Boulevard
Lincoln, NE 68502

Dear Terry:

Your interesting letter of November 16 has been received. First, it is interesting in the fact that both my sons went to Nebraska Wesleyan; one eventually graduating from Nebraska Dental School, and the other graduated from automotive school.

As for having any literature or company descriptions, we do not have any because everything was destroyed in a fire in 1927. Now, even though Dad started back up and manufactured until approximately 1930 or 1931, we don't have a thing, and what makes it worse is that neither my brother nor I have a radio. This is really what hurts us.

I do want to thank you, though, for your interesting letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Charles H. Gabus', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Charles H. Gabus

CHG/sjs

cc Jack Gabus

February 16, 1978

Mr. Lawrence Quante Rt. 2 Box 45 Brock, NE 68320

Dear Mr. Quante:

Thank you for your letter of February 11 in response to our early Nebraska radio project. We would like to know what kind of materials you have. Would you be willing to donate them to the State Archives? I am enclosing a brochure which describes our program.

Thanks for the tip on Mr. Gabus of Urbandale. I will write to him also in connection with our project.

We appreciate your interest.

Cordially,

David H. Hooper
Manuscripts Curator

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LAWRENCE L. QUANTE
RT. 2 BOX 45
BROCK, NEB.
68320



Feb 11, 1978

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Nebraska State Hist. Society
Lincoln, NE.

Dave

Dear Sirs:

The Lincoln Star reported that the Society was compiling a history of Neb. Radio; I have misplaced the clipping so don't remember the name of the person working on it. However I have items that might be of interest. There was a S.E. Neb - Ham Radio Club, and an early member was John ~~Harmon~~ Harmon
Brock NE 68320

Also Charles Gabus built the Gabrola Radio in Brock in the earlier twenties. His son is in Des Moines Ia and might give some information on that. His address is
Charles Gabus

Arbandale Branch, P.O. Box 3778, Des Moines Ia
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