

**The N7CFO
Telegraph Key
Collection**

N7CFO Key Collection

- I have been collecting since 1980
- At one time I had 1200+ items – I am now in rehab and now have only 600+
- The collection is available for viewing by appointment

N7CFO Key Collection

- I built a database that indexes over 5000 key ads over a 150 year period
- I used to publish the *N7CFO Keyletter*, an occasional newsletter about key collecting. It was trampled by the internet!

A test!

Most of these keys were actually made. Some were not...

- Mon-Key
- Tur-Key
- Mag-Key
- Cootie Key
- Cricket Key
- Glo-Key
- Can-Key
- El-Key
- Trans-Key

- Mac Key
- Robot Key
- Moto-Key
- Stream Key
- Practo-Key
- Cor-Key
- Pro-Key
- Quik-Key
- Mos-Key
- Squee-Key

- Dow-Key
- Poo-Key
- NiKey
- Te-Ne-Key
- Twin-Key
- Penultimate
- FYO
- Kitano
- Permaflex

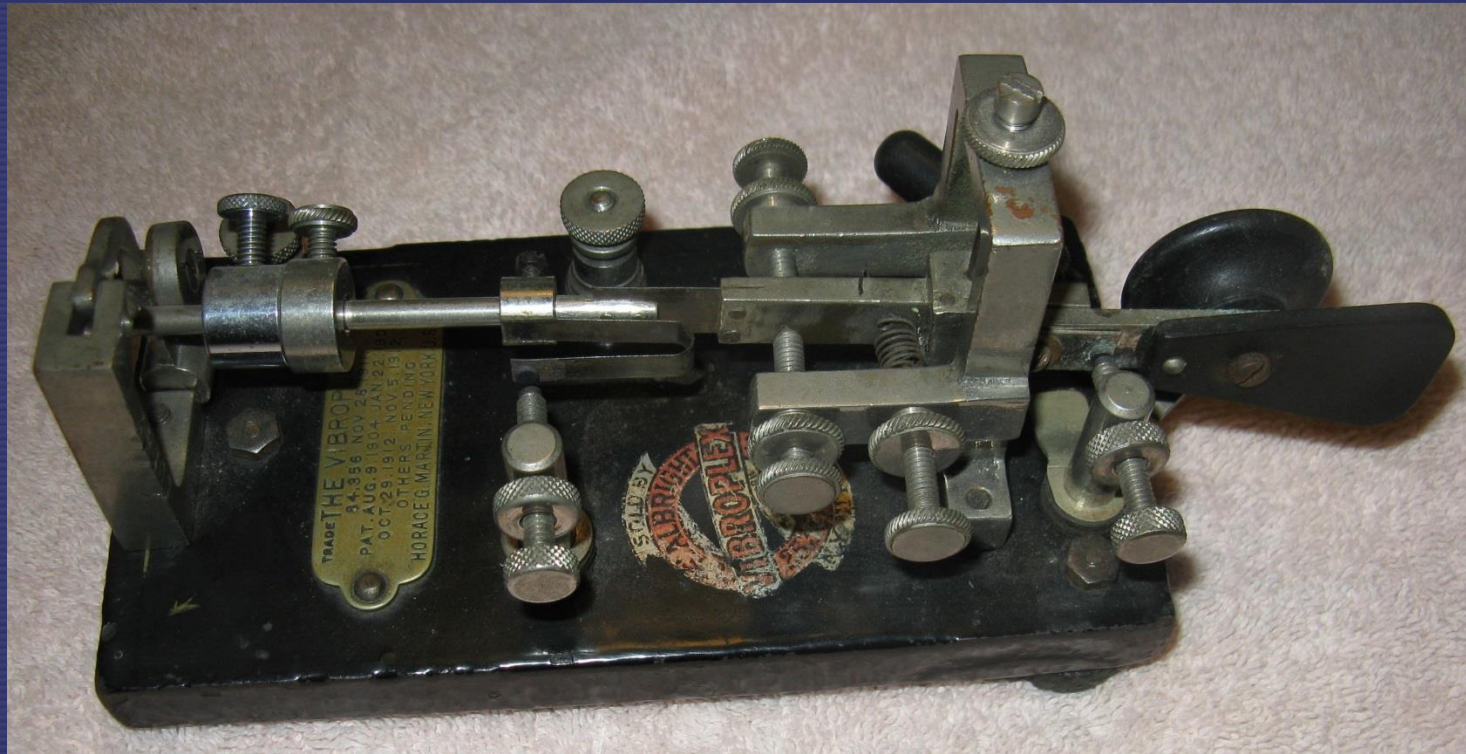
- Dinger
- Upright
- Wizard
- Semantic
- Little Monster
- Valiant

Keys 101

Straight Key



Speed Key or 'Bug'



Sounder



Paddles



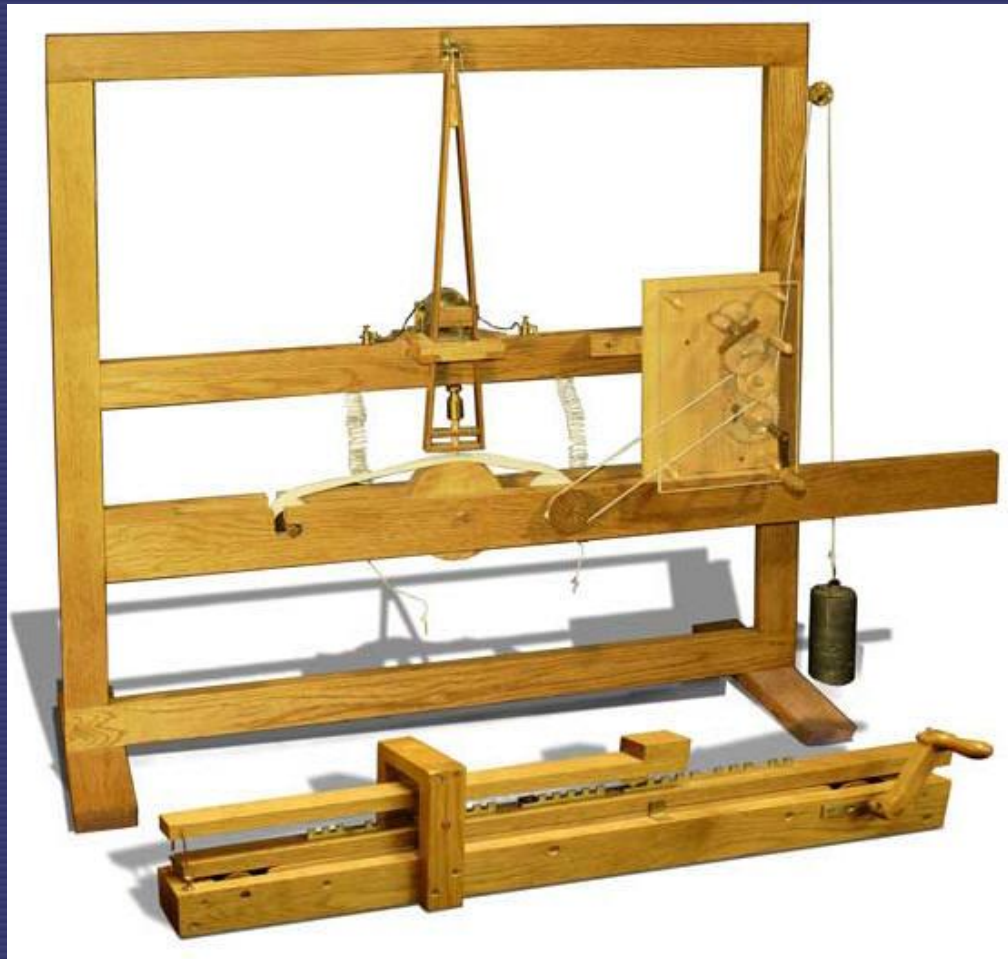
Iambic Paddles



Keyer



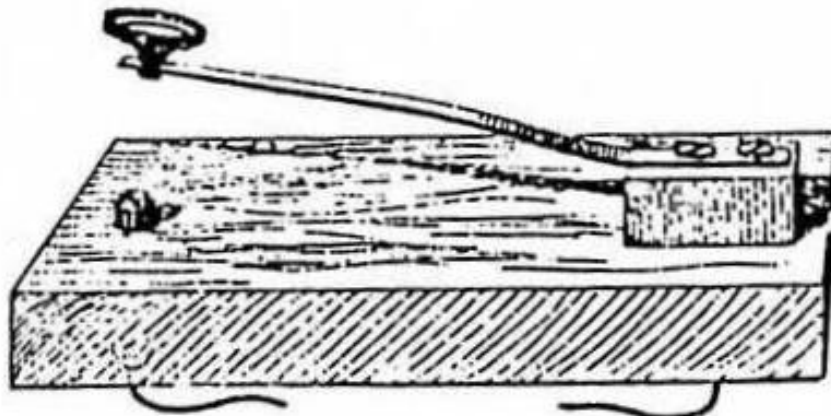
The origins



Phelps Register



Vail Correspondent



VAIL'S ORIGINAL FINGER KEY OF 1844.
(IN THE CABINET OF THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.)

Vail Lever Correspondent



Wheatstone needle telegraph



Dial Telegraph (Deleuil, French 1855-1865)



Hughes Telegraph, France, 1850's



Land Line

George Bliss, Chicago





Tillotson, New York



Tillotson “Step Key”

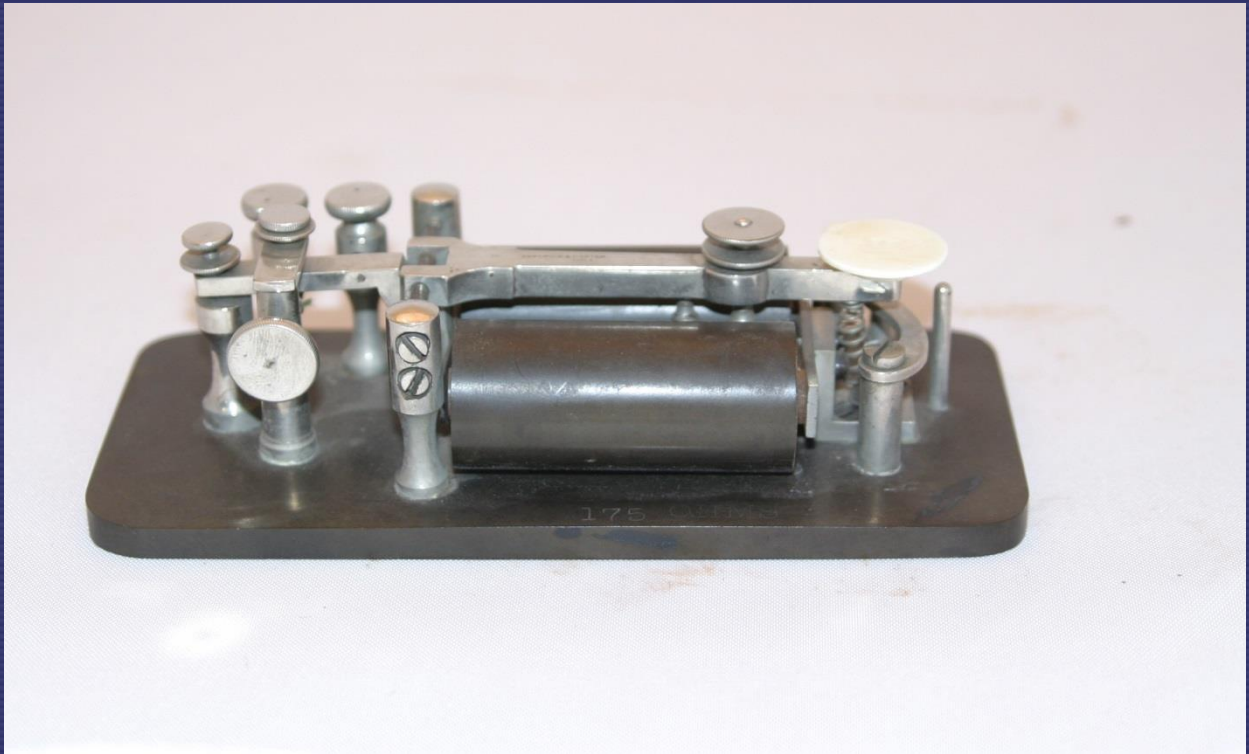


“Jenkins” Key



Partrick & Carter Lineman's Set

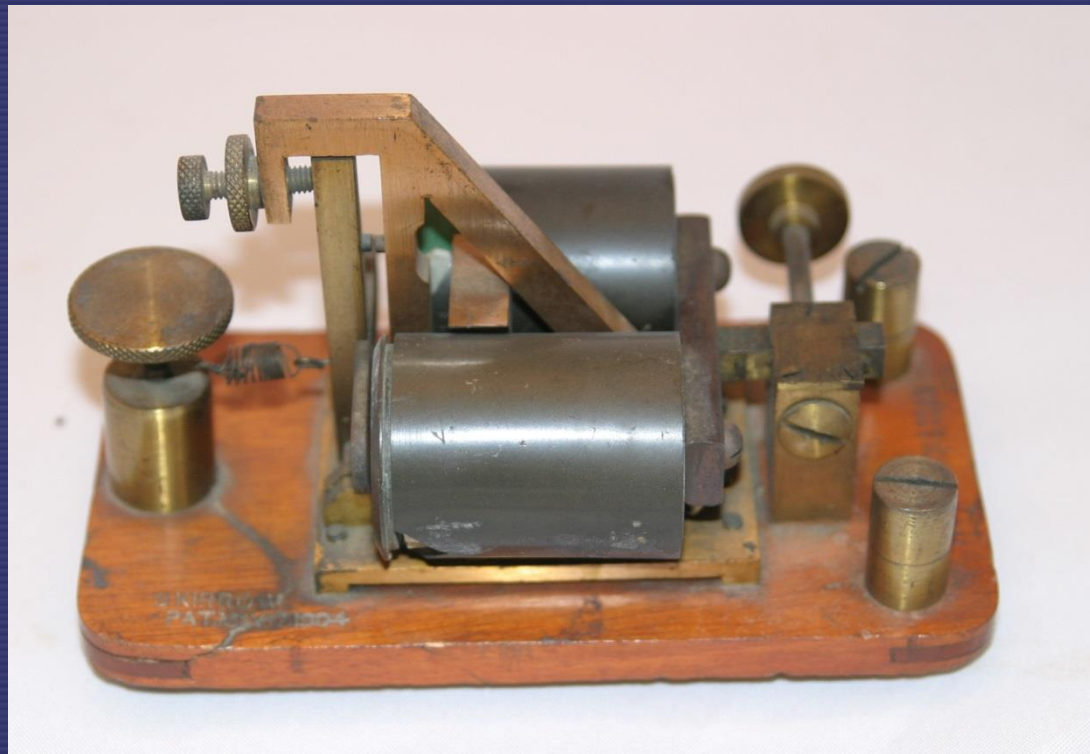




Lewis



Foote Pierson & Co., New York (Skirrow Patent)



New England Clock Company



Later Land Line

J.H. Bunnell Mechanical Practice Set





J.H Bunnell “Sideswiper”



Tillotson Victor Key



G.W. Kiest Box Relay



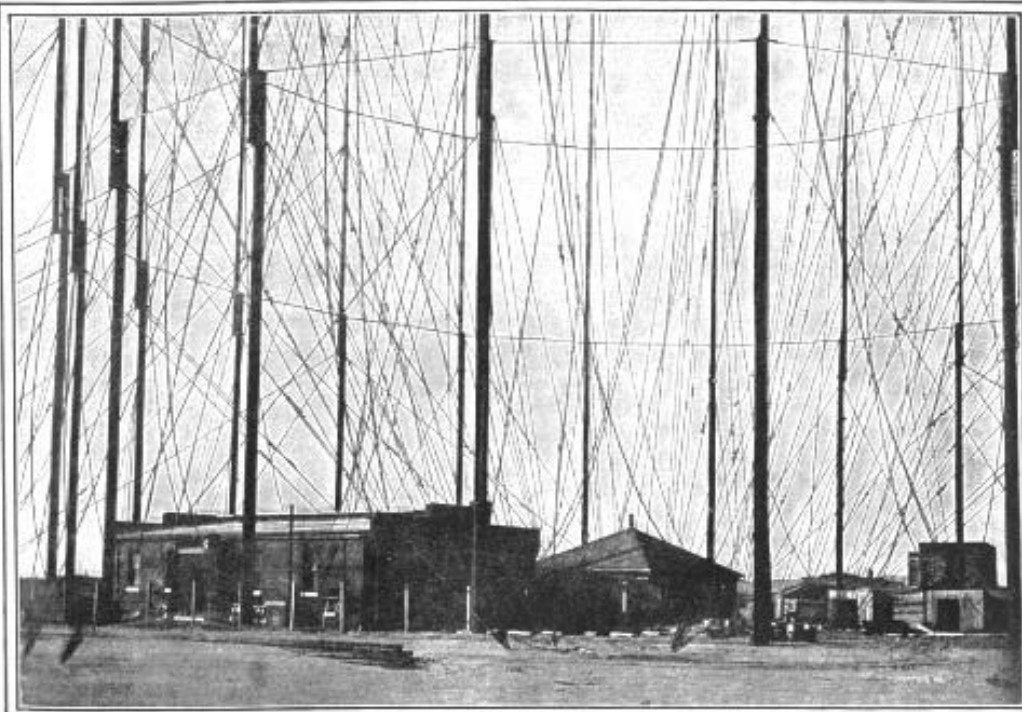
Bunnell “Snare Drum”



Call boxes



Spark Keys



MARCONI WIRELESS-TELEGRAPHY STATION ON CAPE COD, NOW PARTLY STORM-WRECKED.

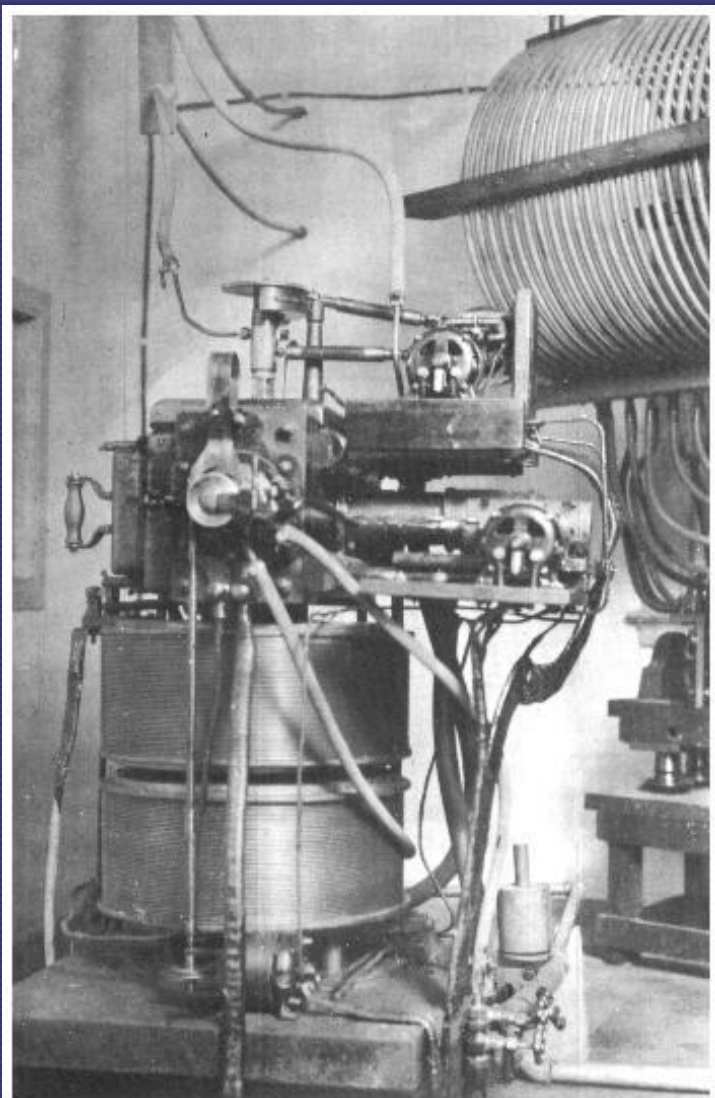
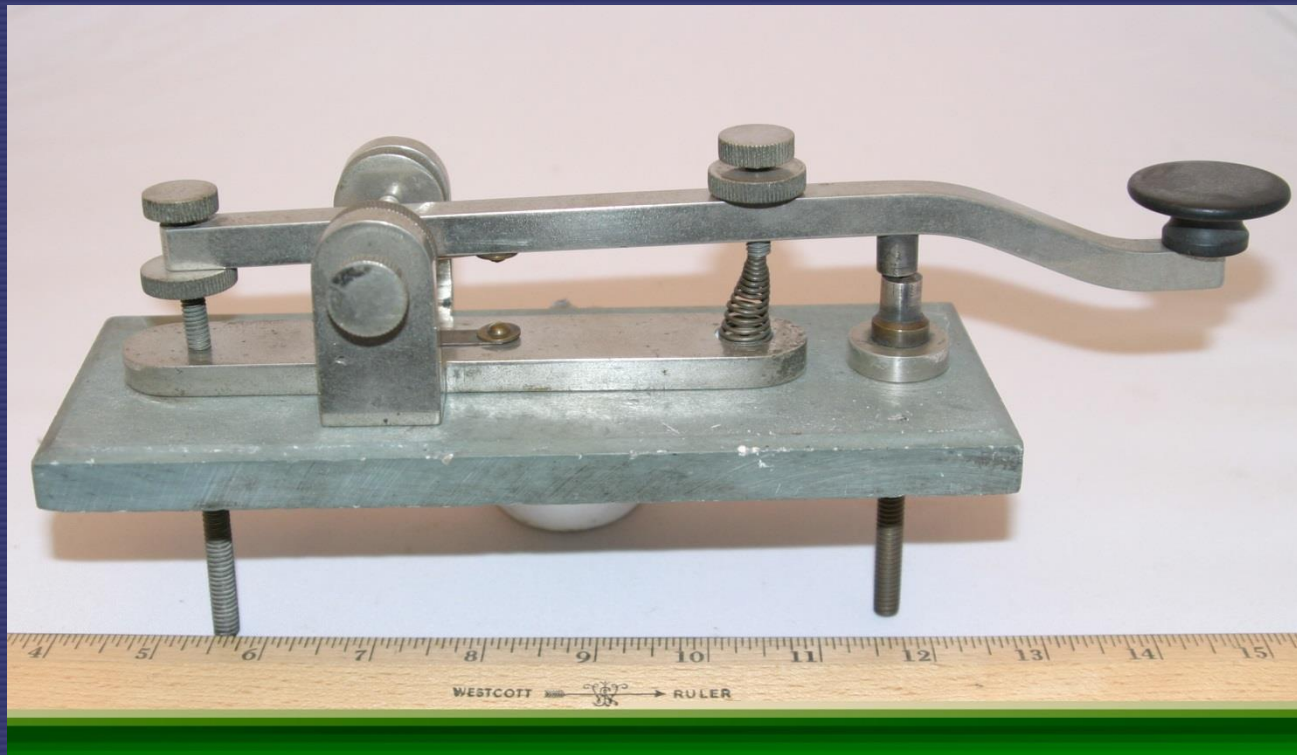


FIGURE 11-4. 30 KW Federal Telegraph arc transmitter with helix.

United Wireless, Seattle





Marconi SE-86





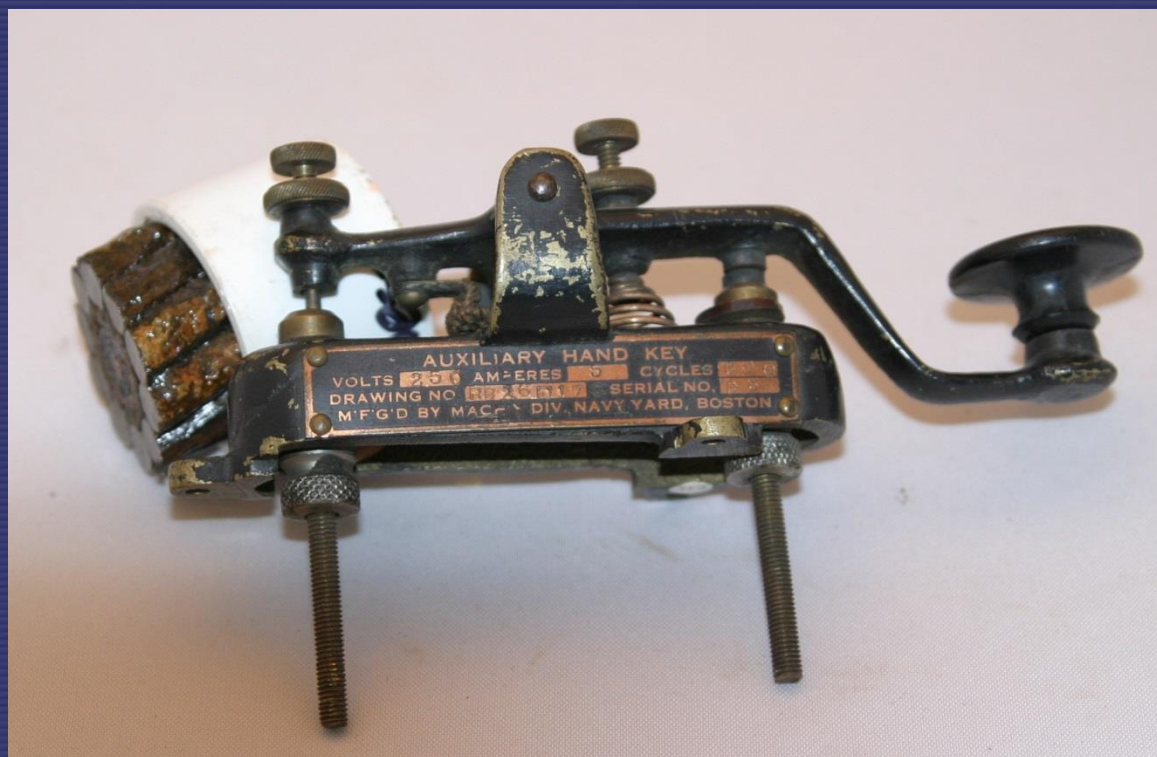
FLAME PROOF HAND KEY-1/2 K.W.
VOLTS 300 AMPERES 5 CYCLES 600
TYPE S.E.-86 SERIAL NO. 278
MFD BY MARCONI WIRELESS TELEGRAPH CO. OF AMERICA

A.P.S.

Federal Telegraph, Wireless Specialty Apparatus & Marconi



Boston Navy Yard



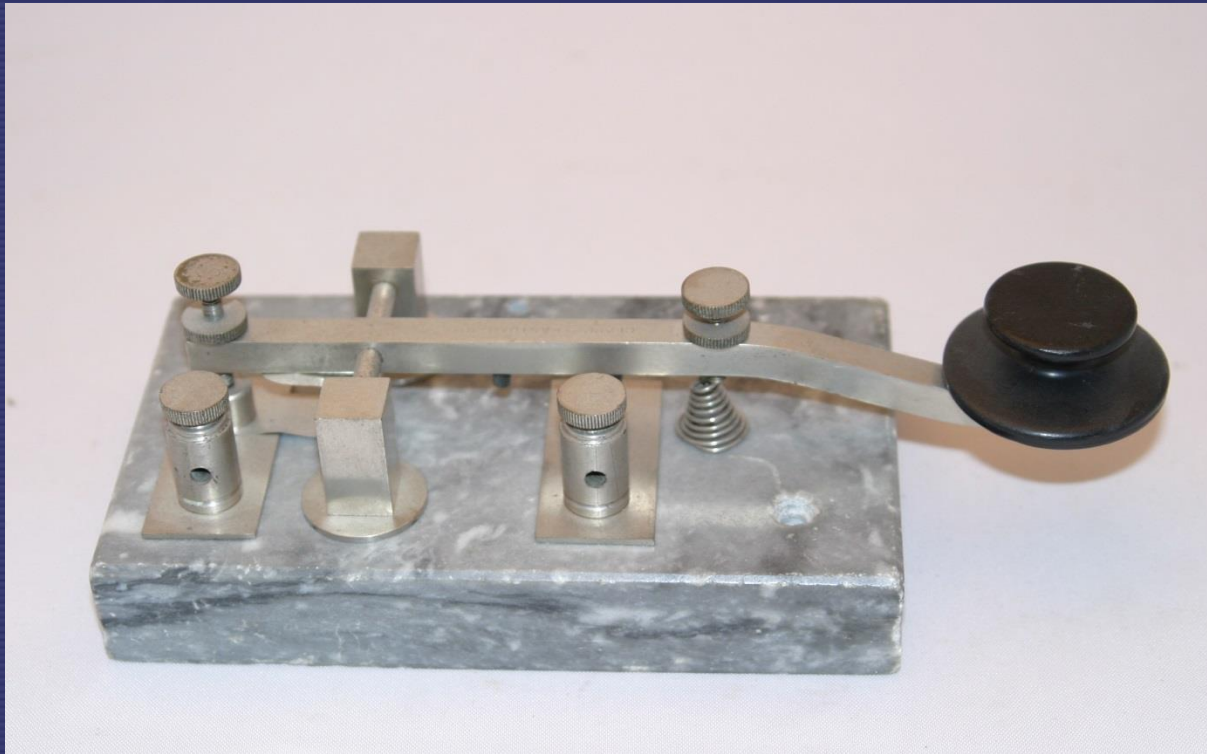
McIntosh Electric



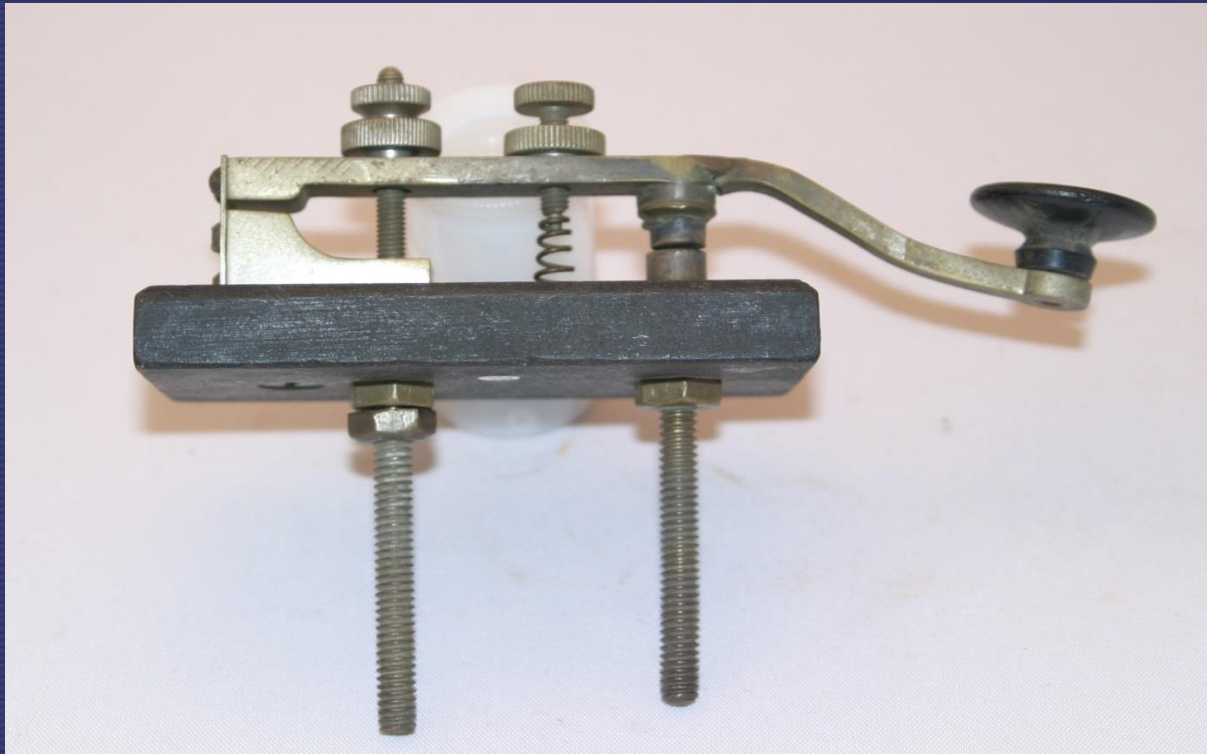
Spark-Gap and Marconi “Roadmap”



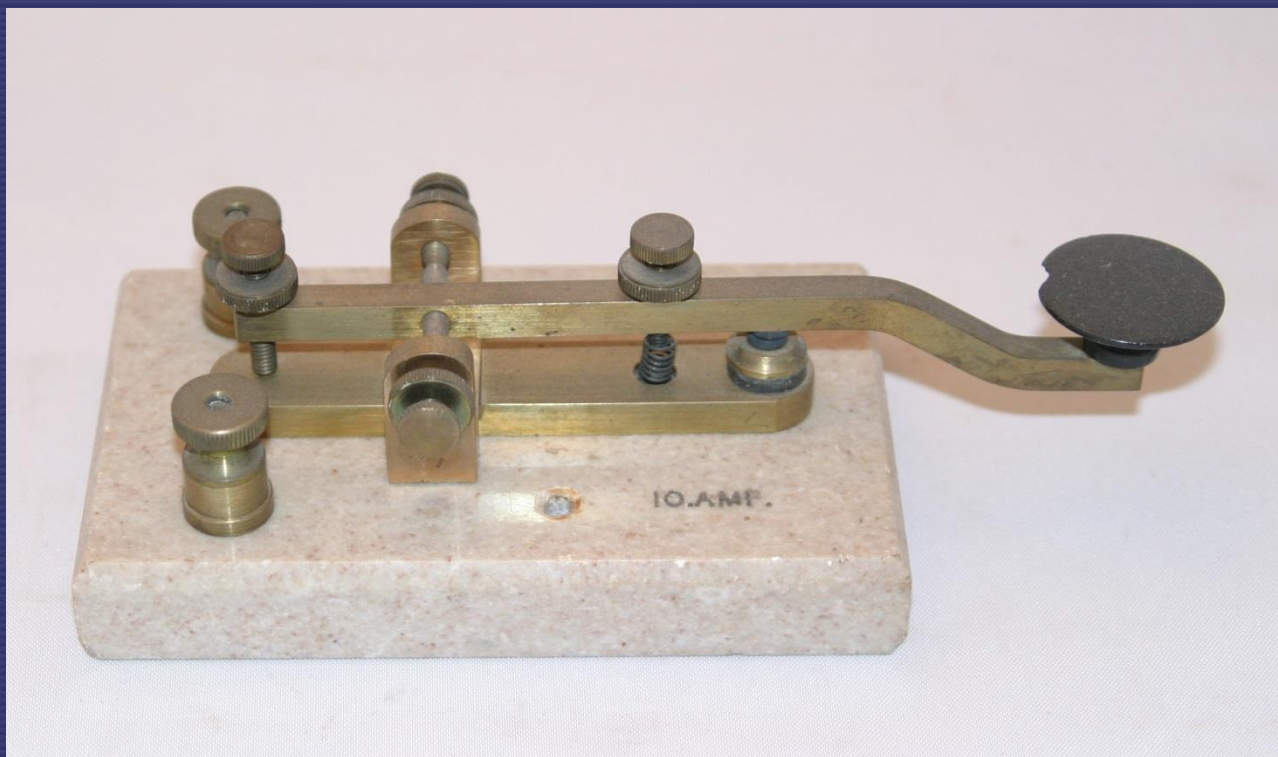
Clapp-Eastham “Boston Key”



Marconi Model 205



Wm. Duck CO. "Overland"



Homebrew

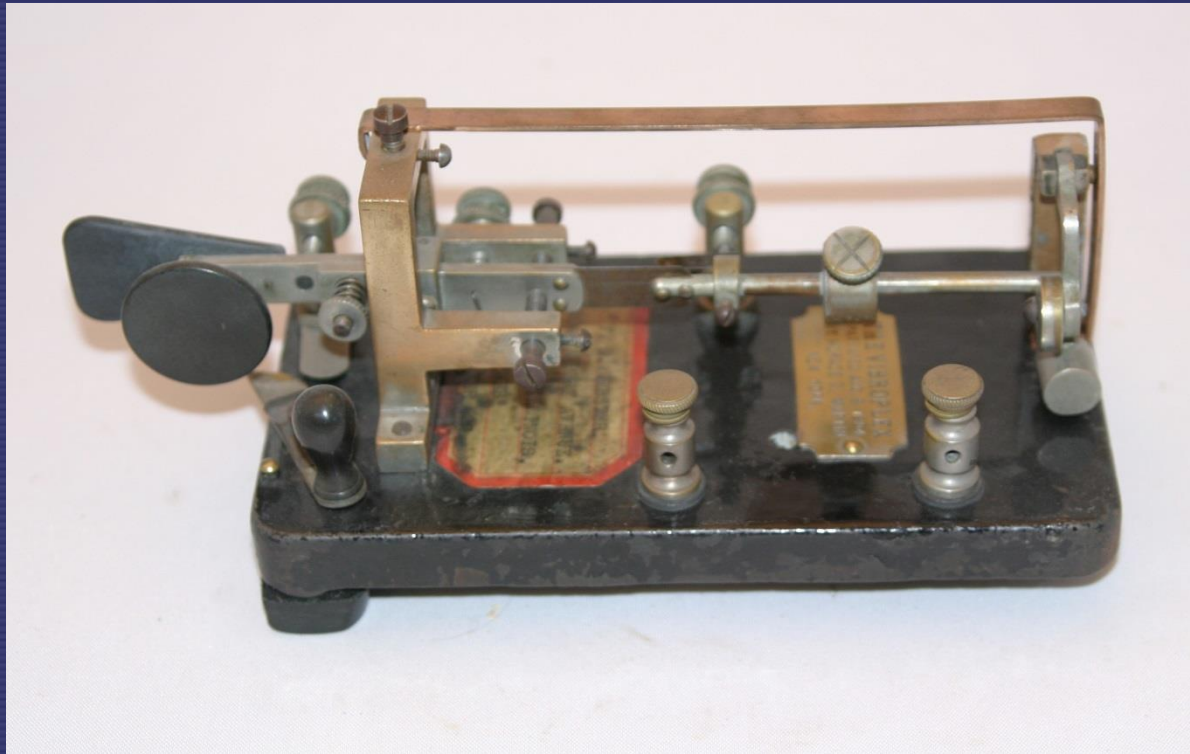


Kilbourne-Clark “WFA Key”



Speed Keys

Vibroplex Original (Early)



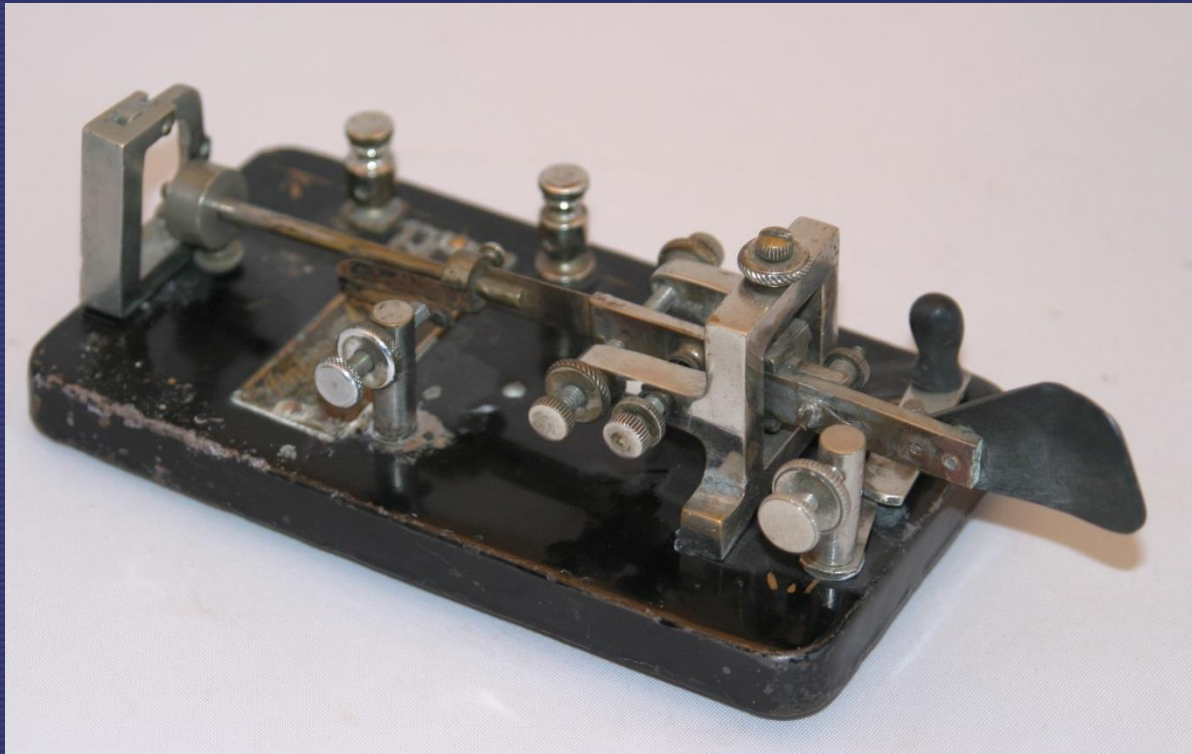
Norcross Vibroplex



THE VIBROPLEX
HORACE G. MARTIN'S
PATENTS NO. 732,648 - 730,303 & 342,154
UNITED ELECTRIC MFG. CO.
NORCROFT, S. GA.



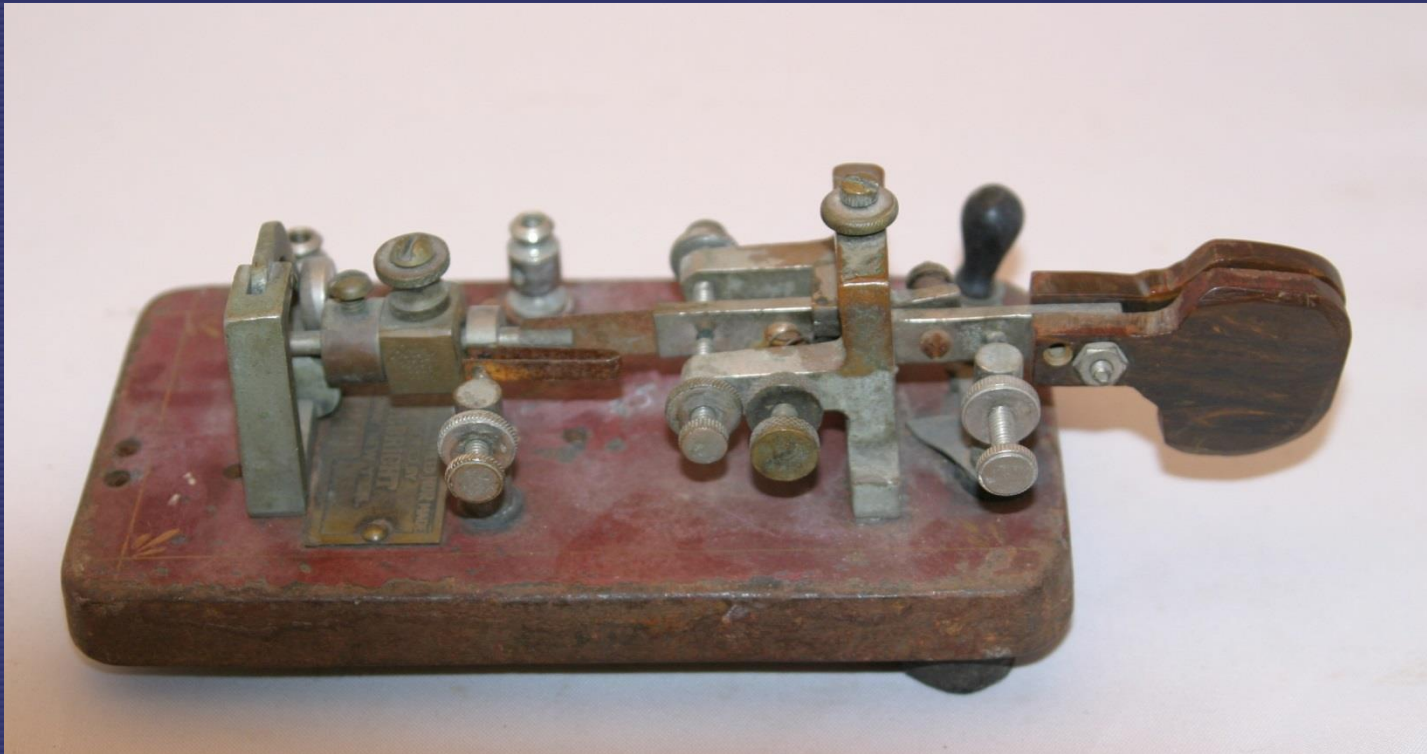
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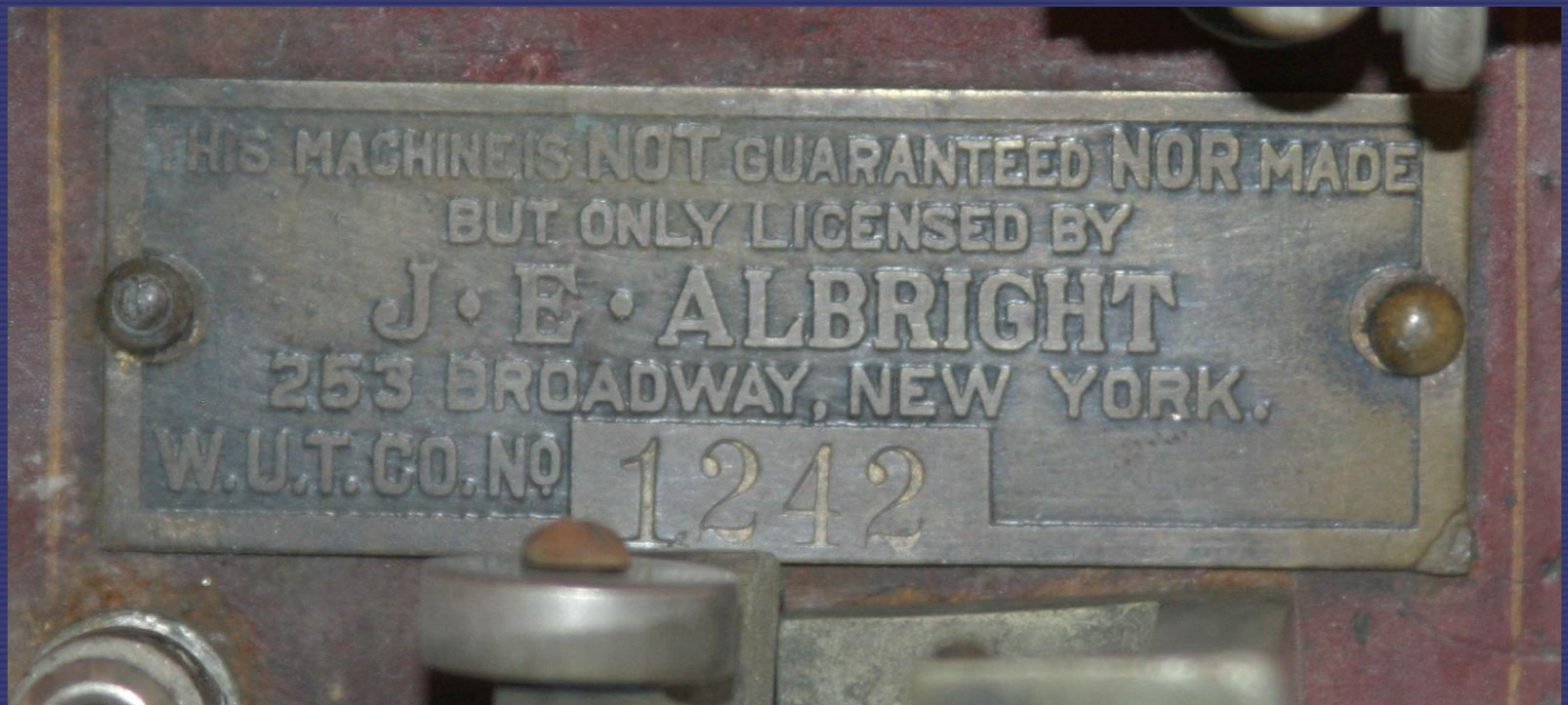
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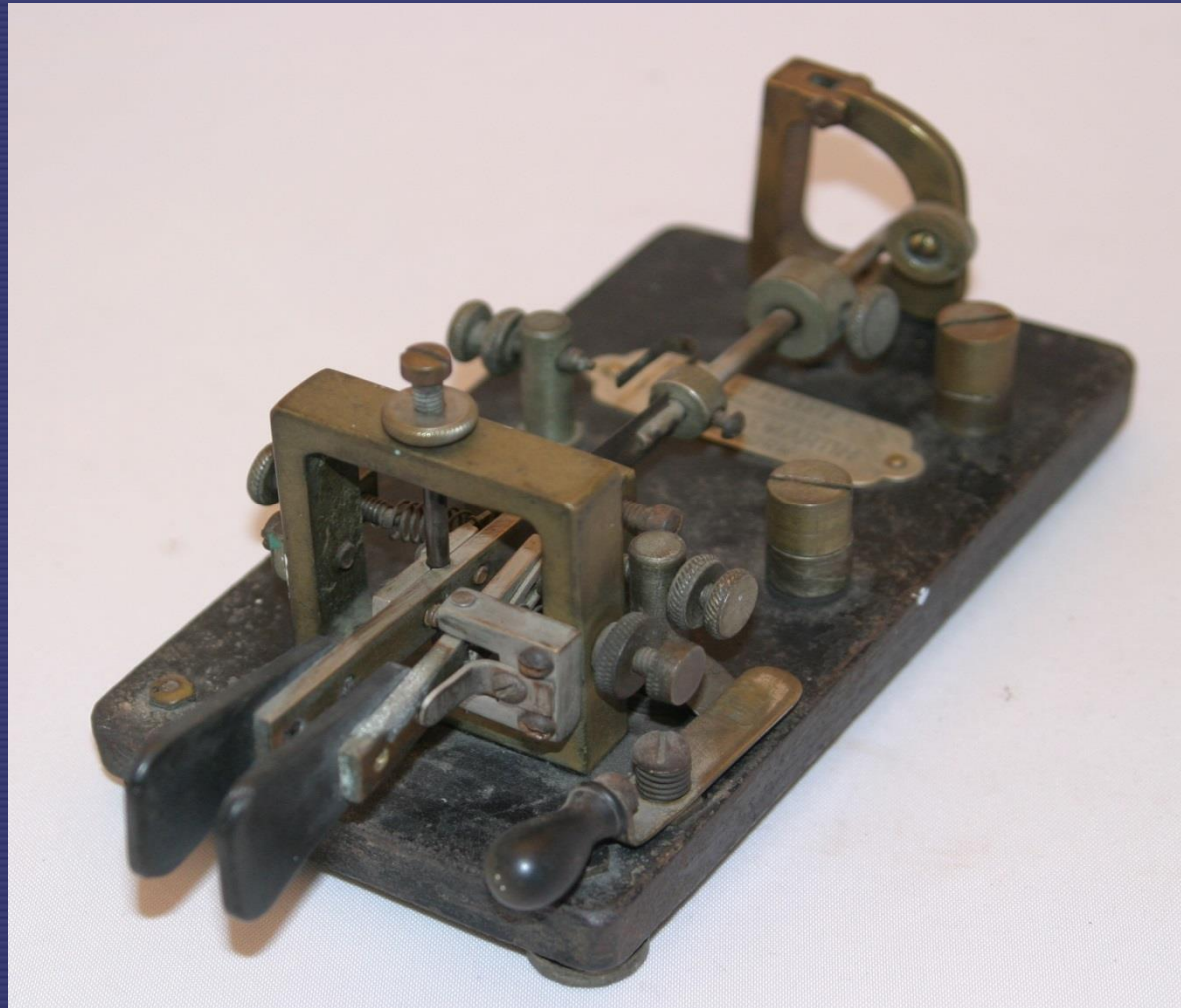
AtoZ



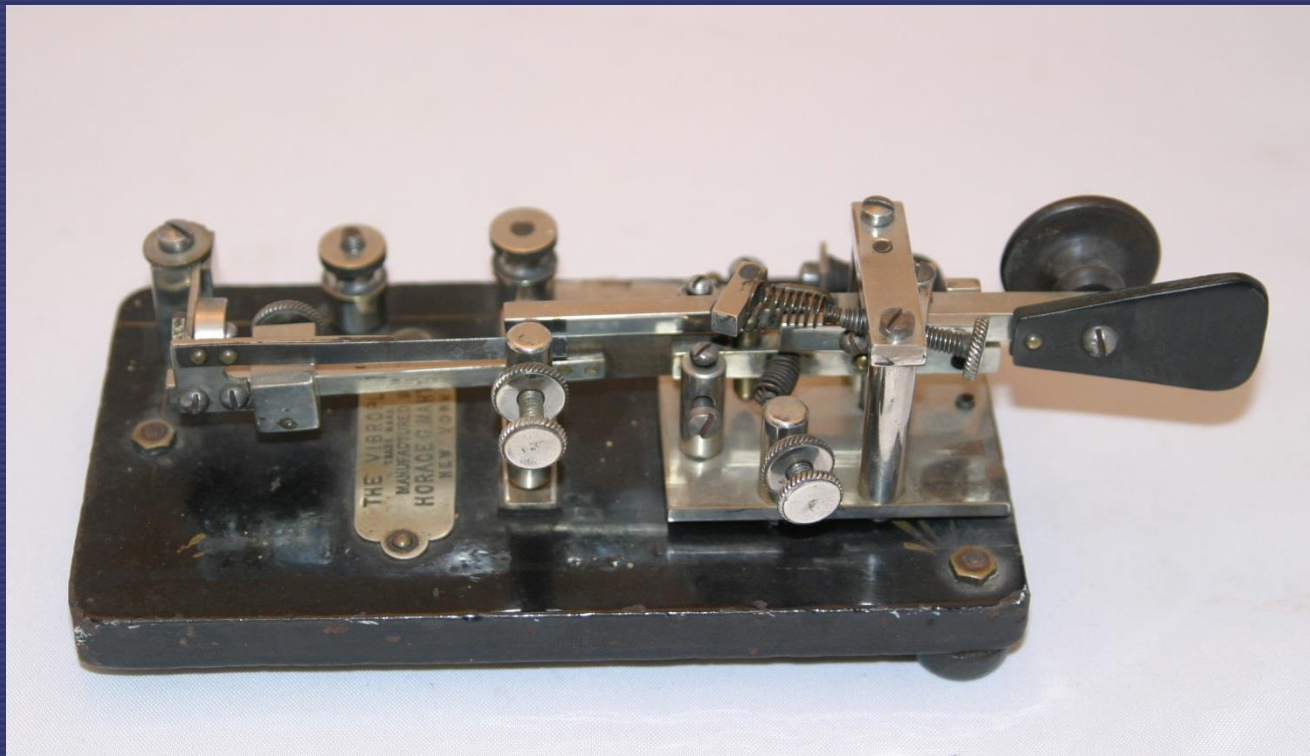
Albright Label



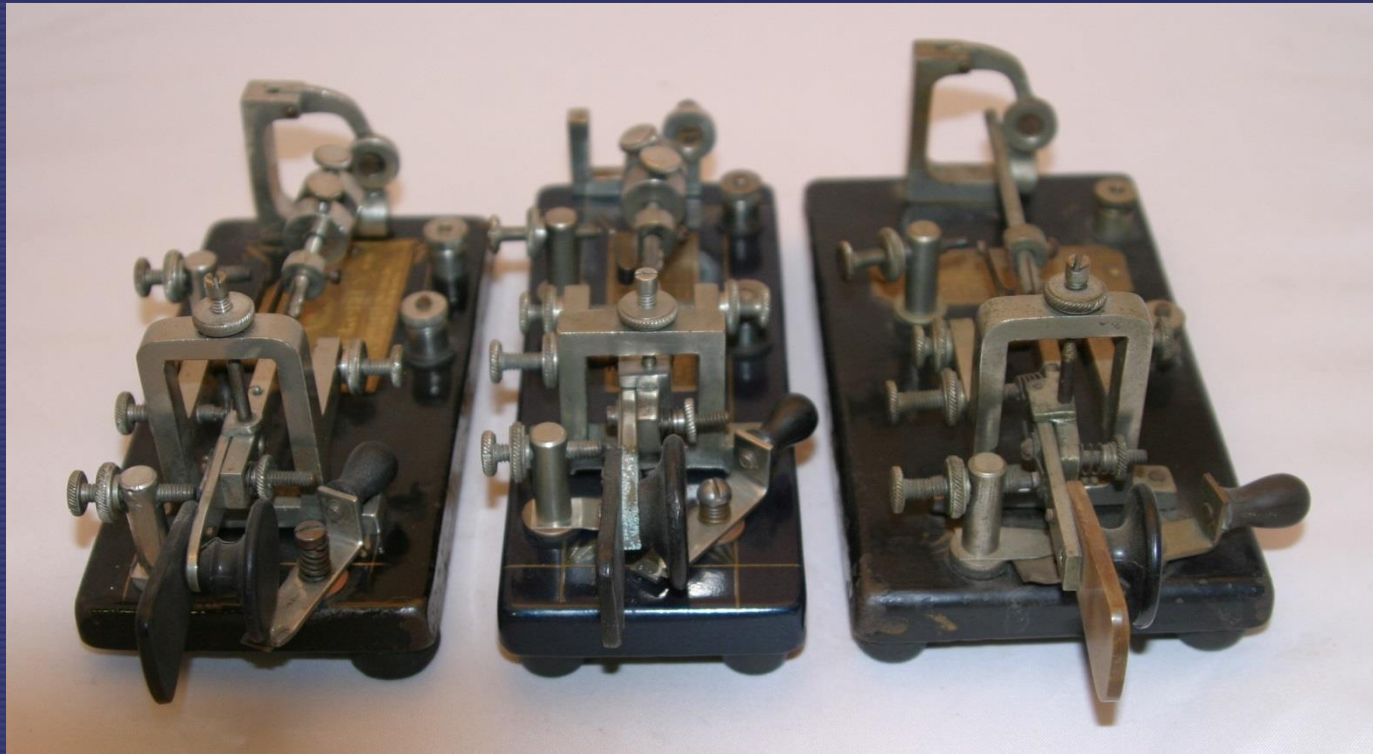
Vibroplex Double Lever



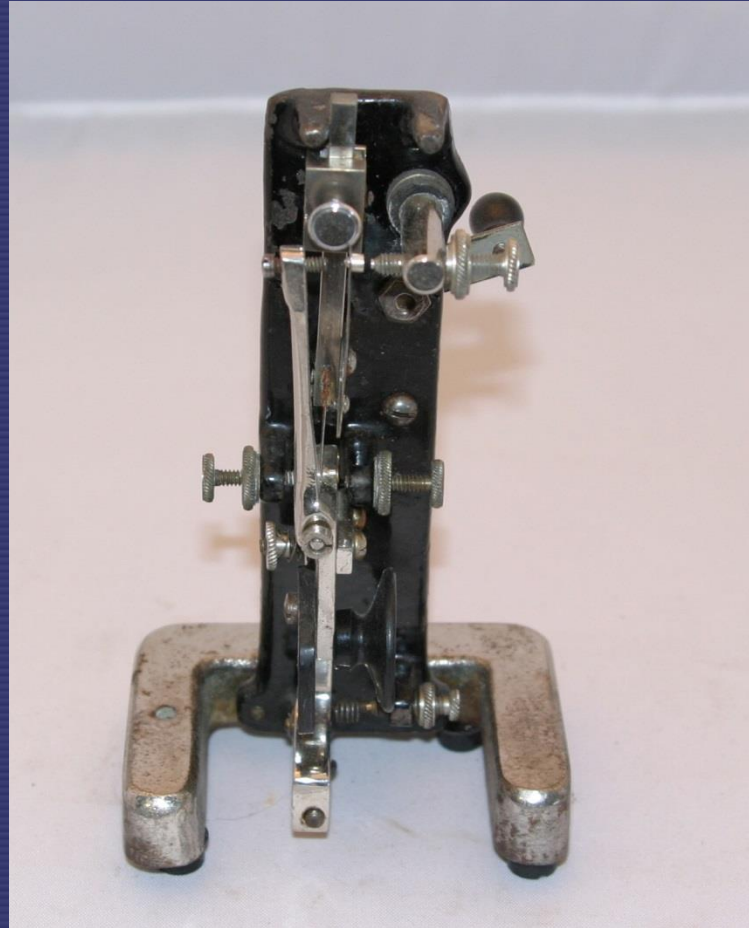
Vibroplex Model "X"



Three base sizes



Vibroplex Upright





Vibroplex Midget

Are You at Your Best?

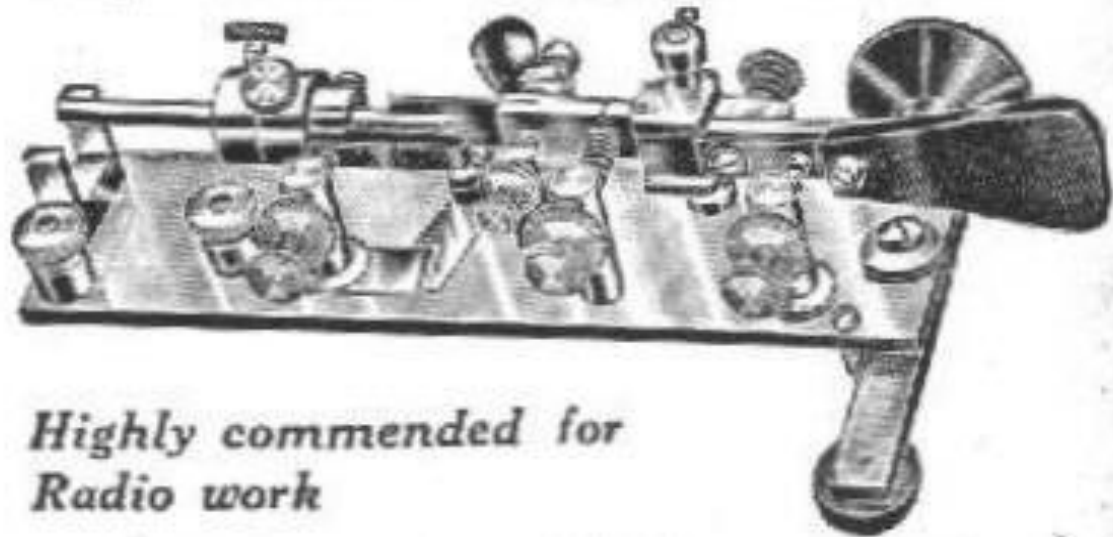
To be at his best is the patriotic duty of every Telegraph Operator.

With a Vibroplex, you attain maximum efficiency with a minimum of effort.

The Vibroplex quickly develops ability not possible with the hand, and insures you being at your best.

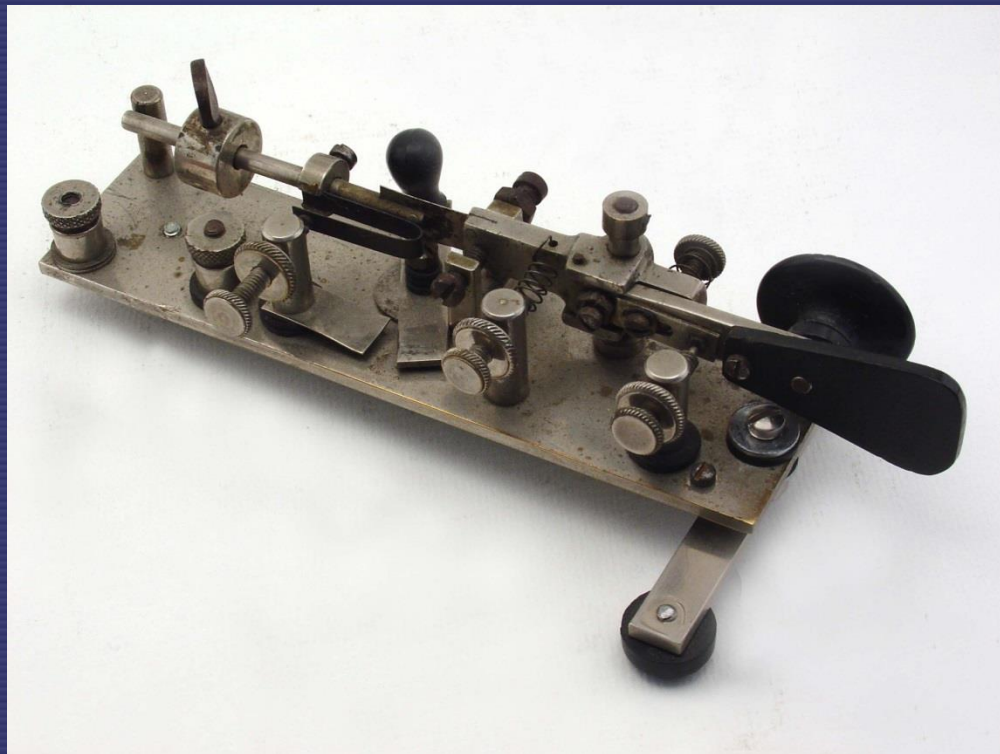
Martin "MIDGET"

Weight 15 ounces. Fits vest pocket. Nickel-plated, \$15



*Highly commended for
Radio work*

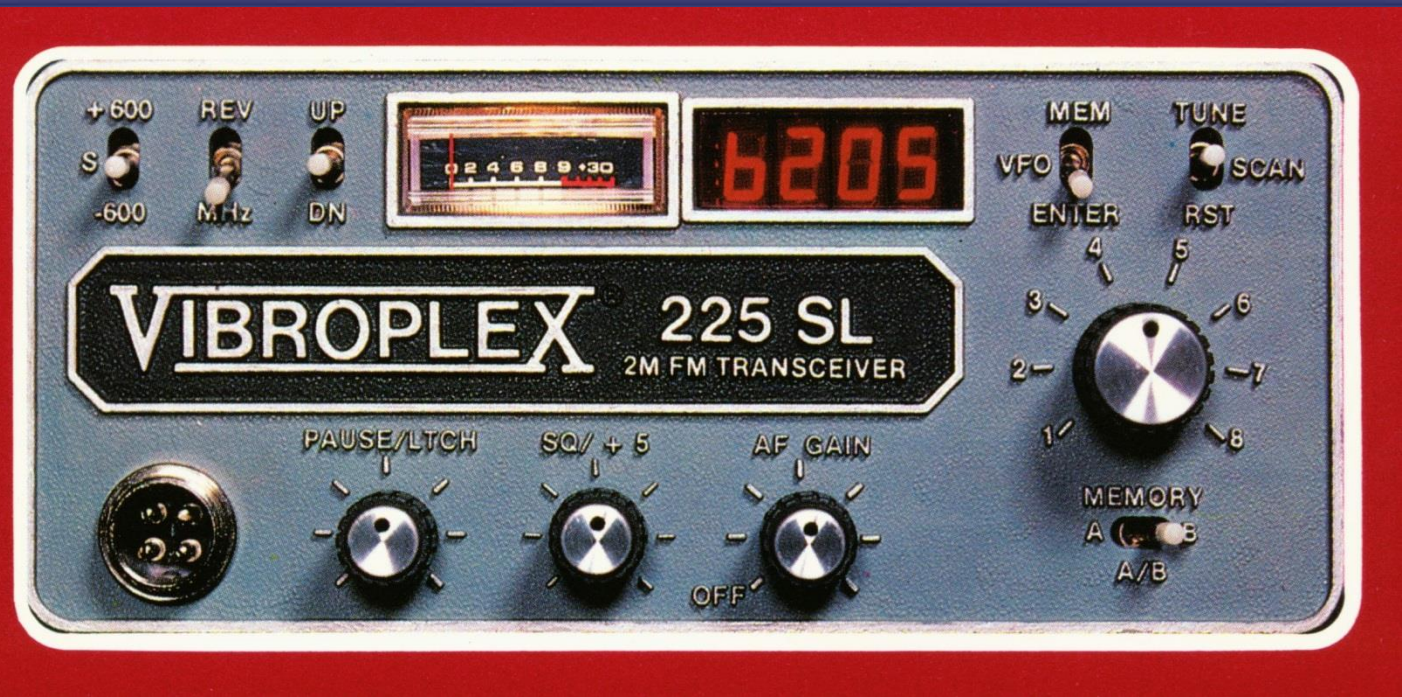
Vibroplex Midget



Vibroplex Patent 457



**And the rarest
Vibroplex.....**



+600 S
REV M.Hz
UP DN



6209

MEM VFO ENTER
TUNE SCAN RST

VIBROPLEX 225 SL
2M FM TRANSCEIVER

1- 2- 3- 4- 5- 6- 7- 8-



PAUSE/LTCH

SQ/+5

AF GAIN



OFF

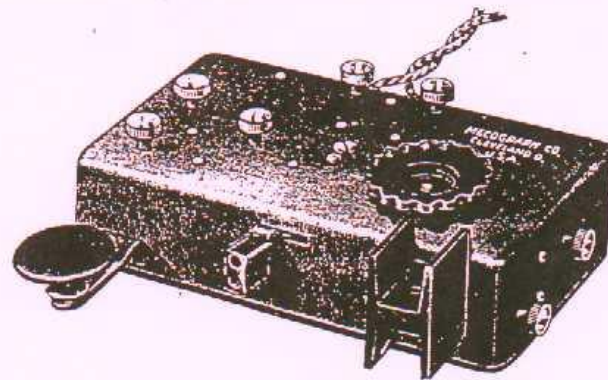
MEMORY A/B

3. No. 1.

CHICAGO, ILL., JANUARY, 1905.

TEN CENTS A COPY
A DOLLAR A YEAR

The MECOGRAPH



HALF S.Z.

THE CHEAPEST AND BEST TELEGRAPHIC TRANSMITTER
IN THE WORLD.

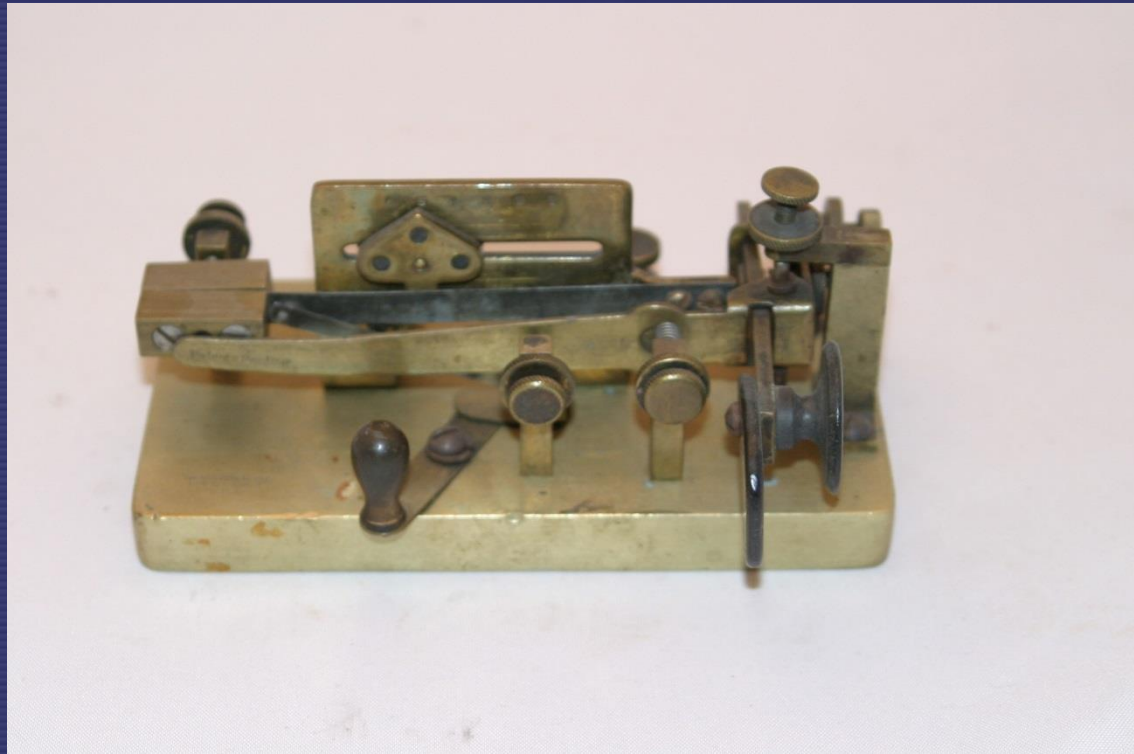
Packed in Strong Wooden Box for shipment, weight under five pounds.

Price, \$10

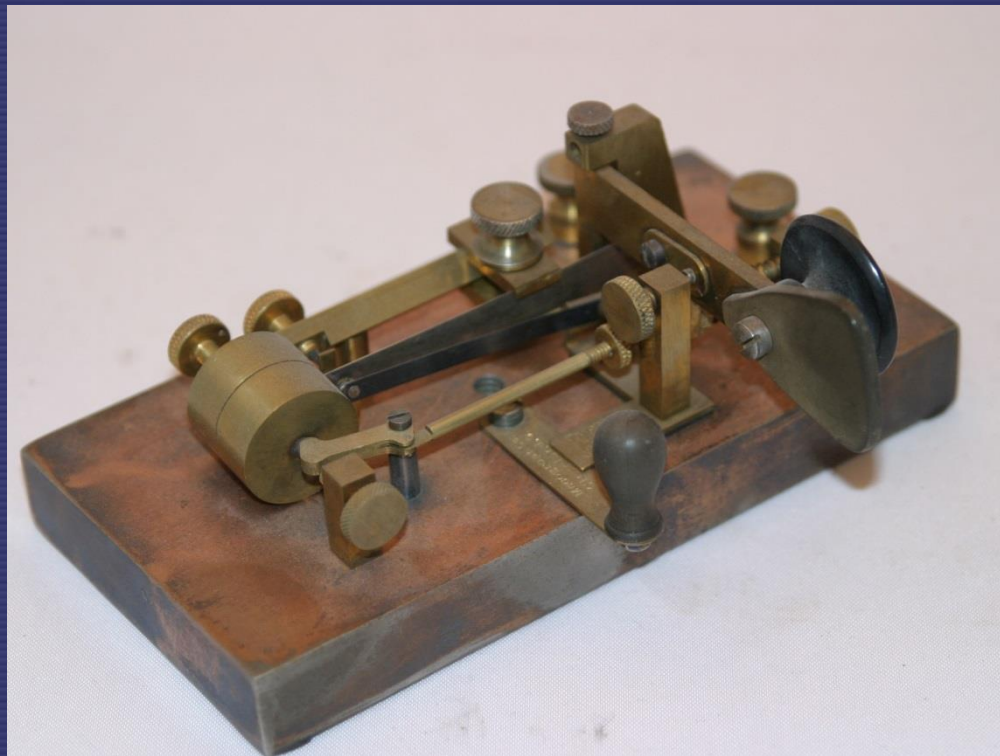
Mecograph



Mecograph # 3

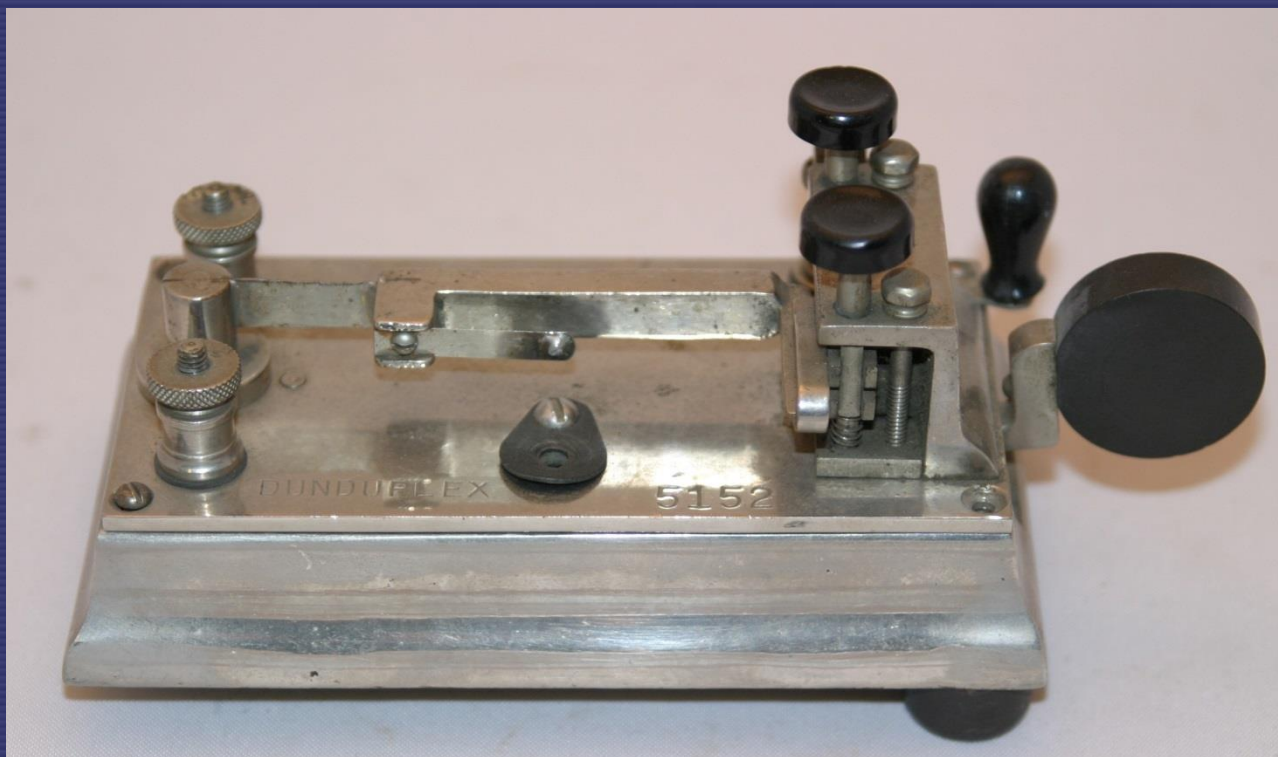


Mecograph #5

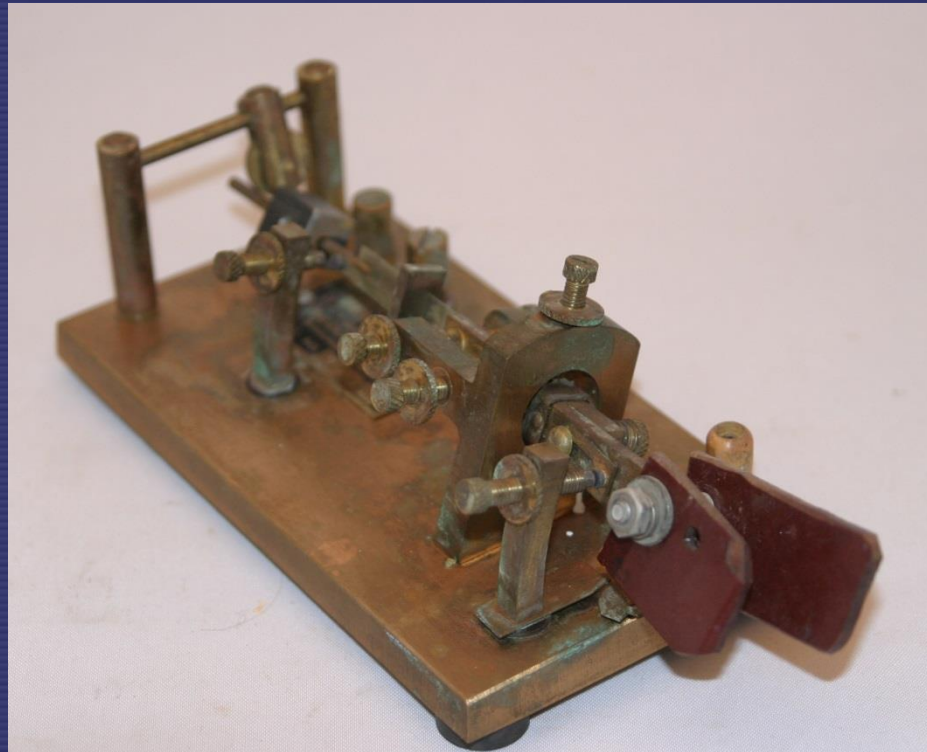




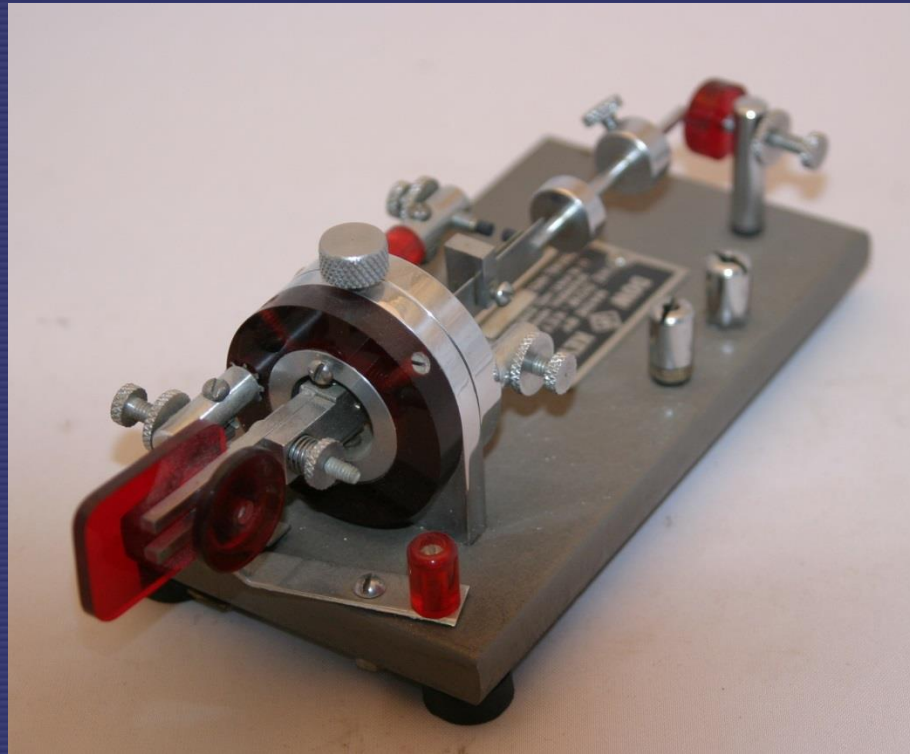
Thos. Dunn “Dunnduplex”

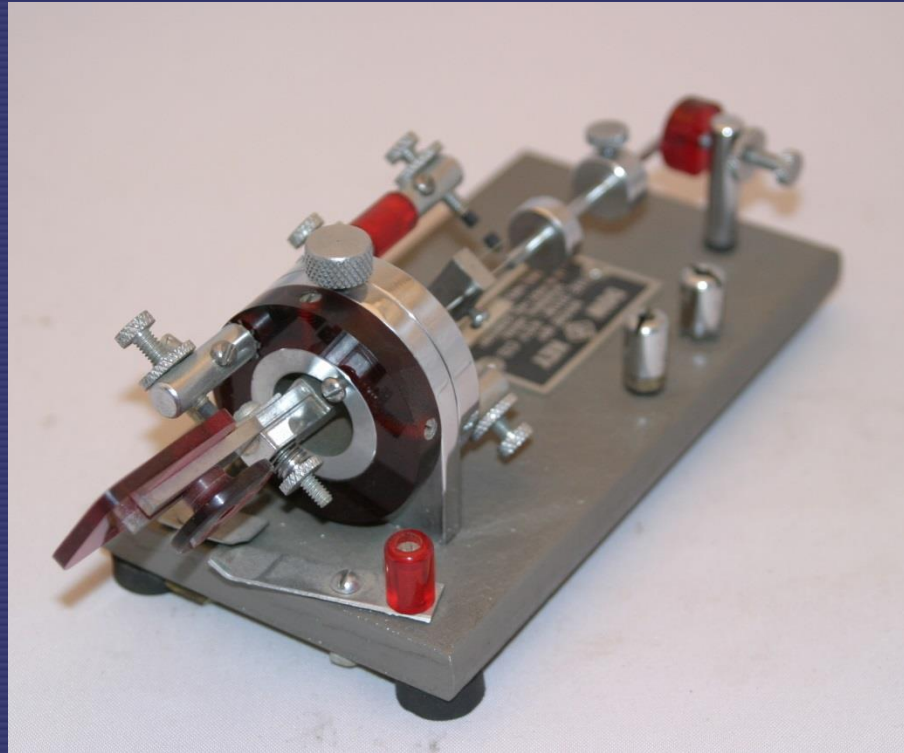


Bent Dow



Dow-Key Universal

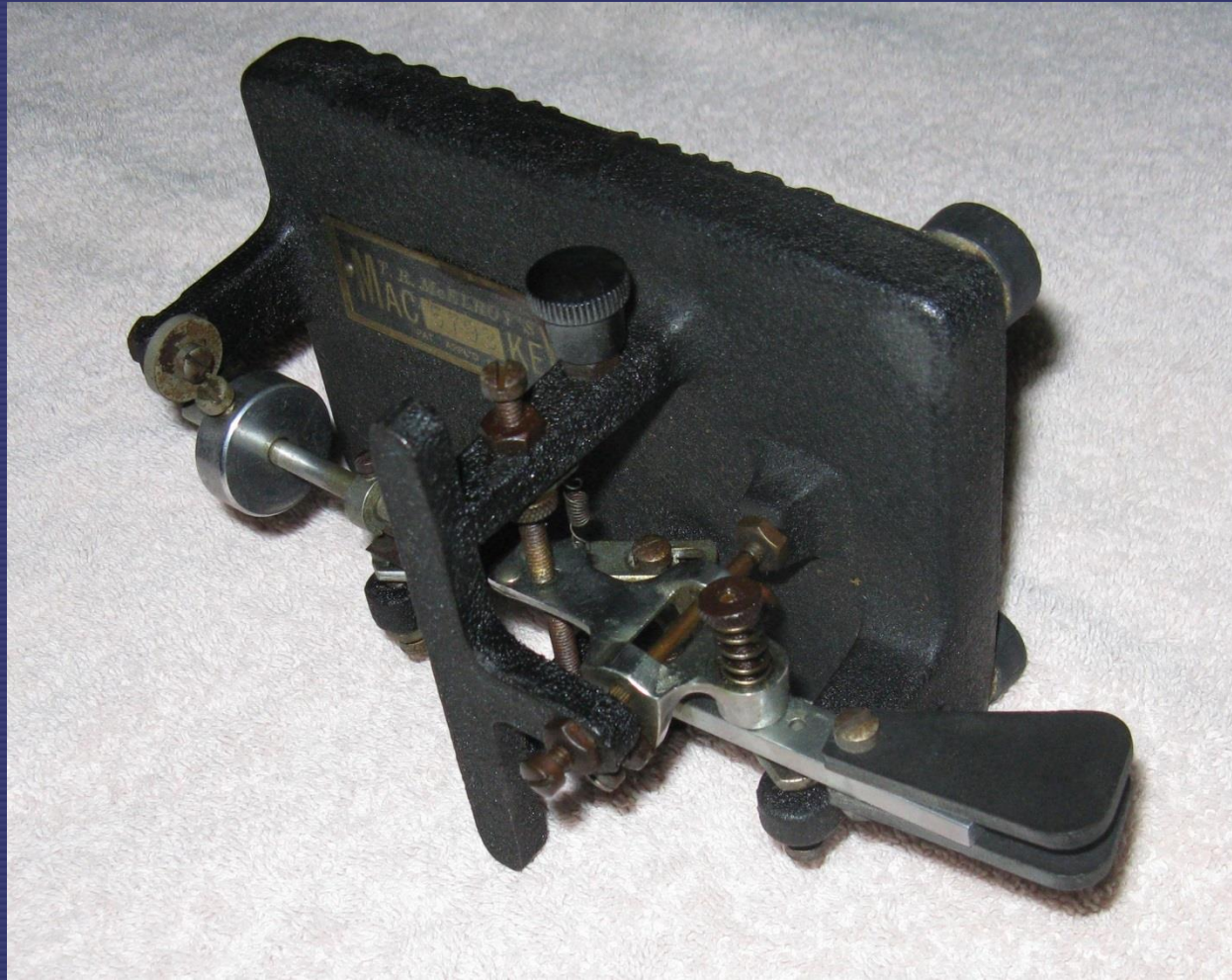




McElroy



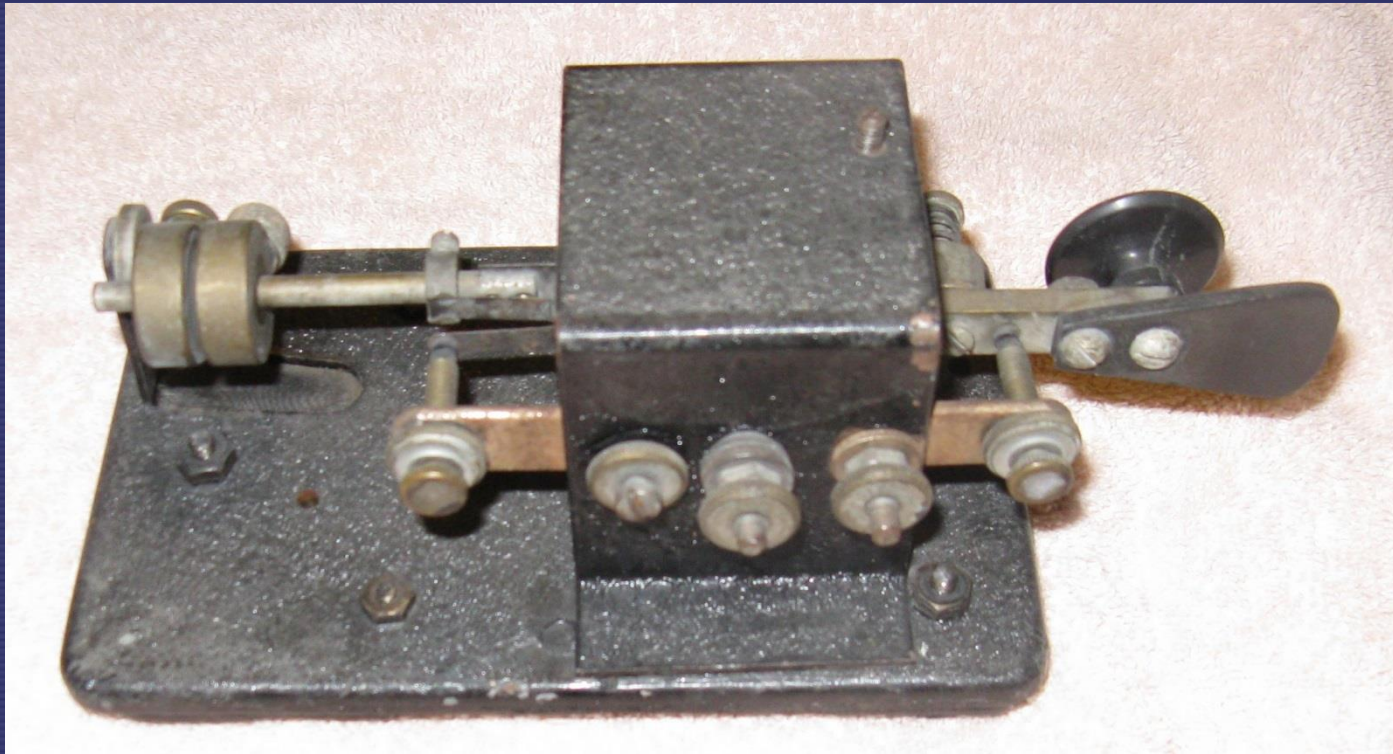




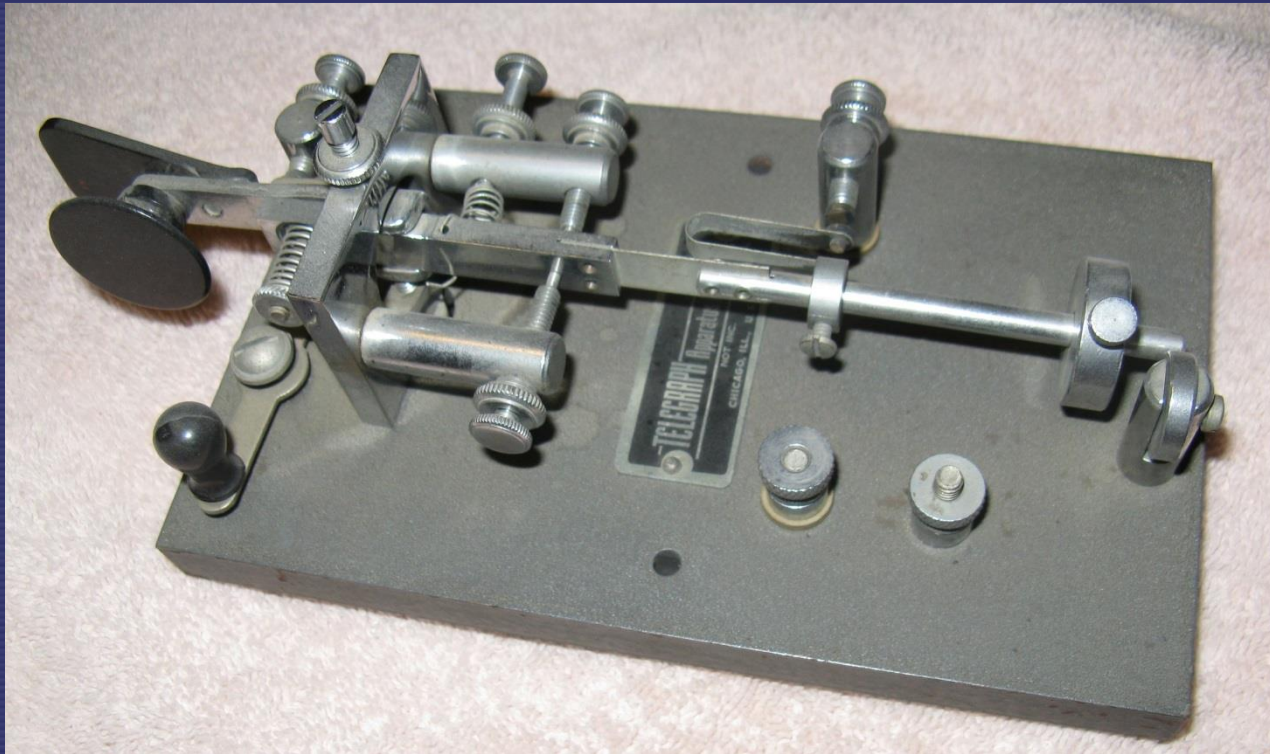
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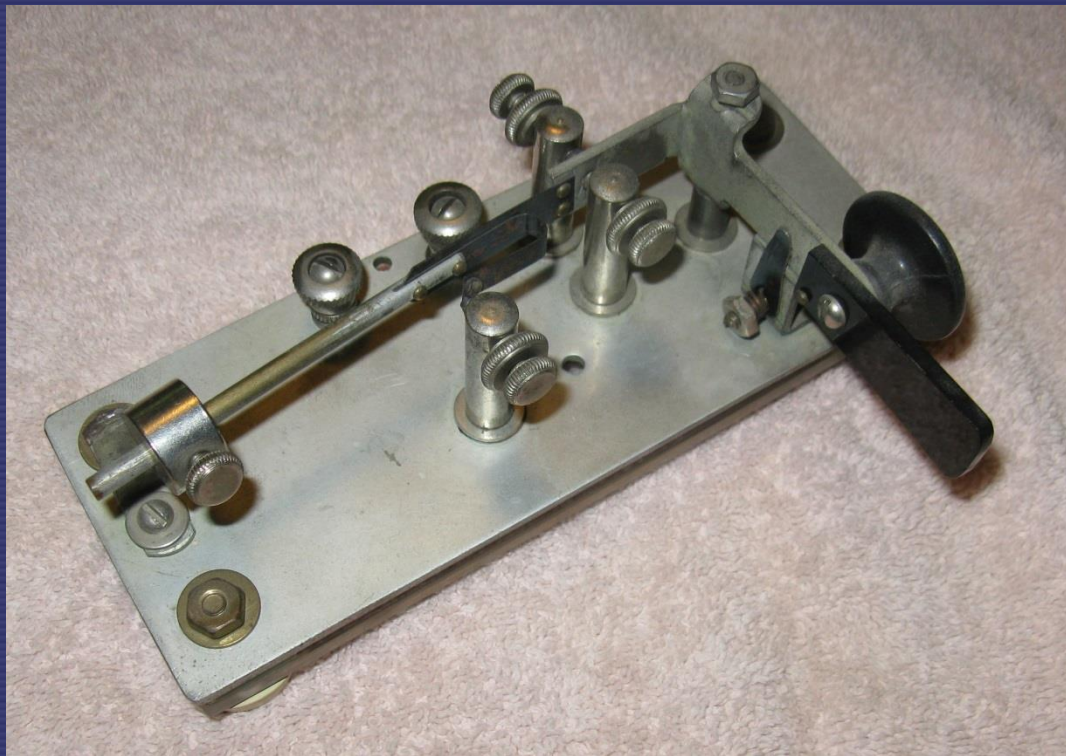
McElroy Junior



Telegraph Apparatus Co.



Teleplex



Melehan Valiant



Lytle Triplex



Foreign Stuff

Levinson's 'Like A Flash' (Australia)



McDonald Pendagraph (Australia)



Buzza (Australia)



Rolph Brown Xograph (Canada)



Eddystone (England)





Vibro-Morse (France)

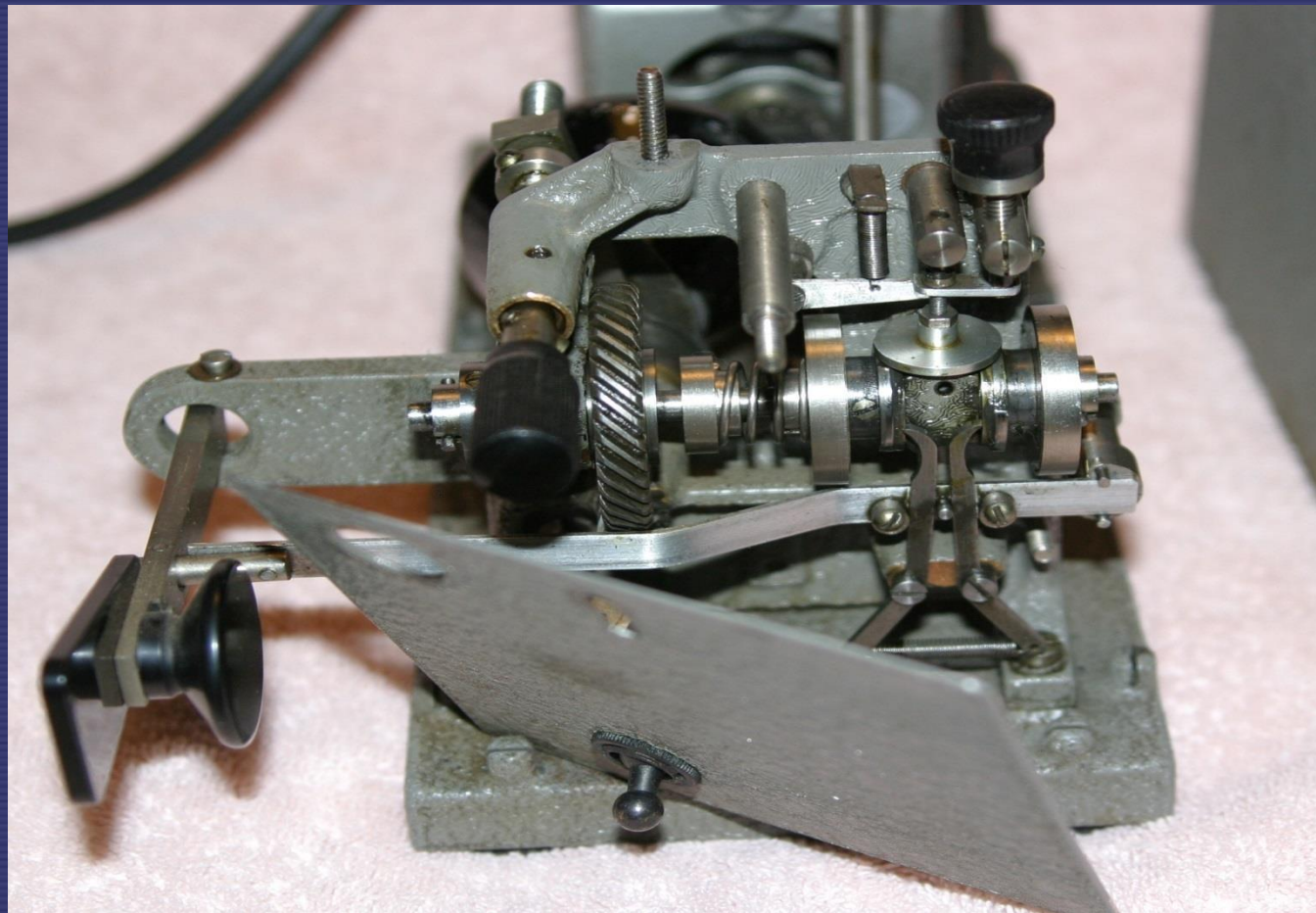


Electro- Mechanical Keyers

The MotoKey



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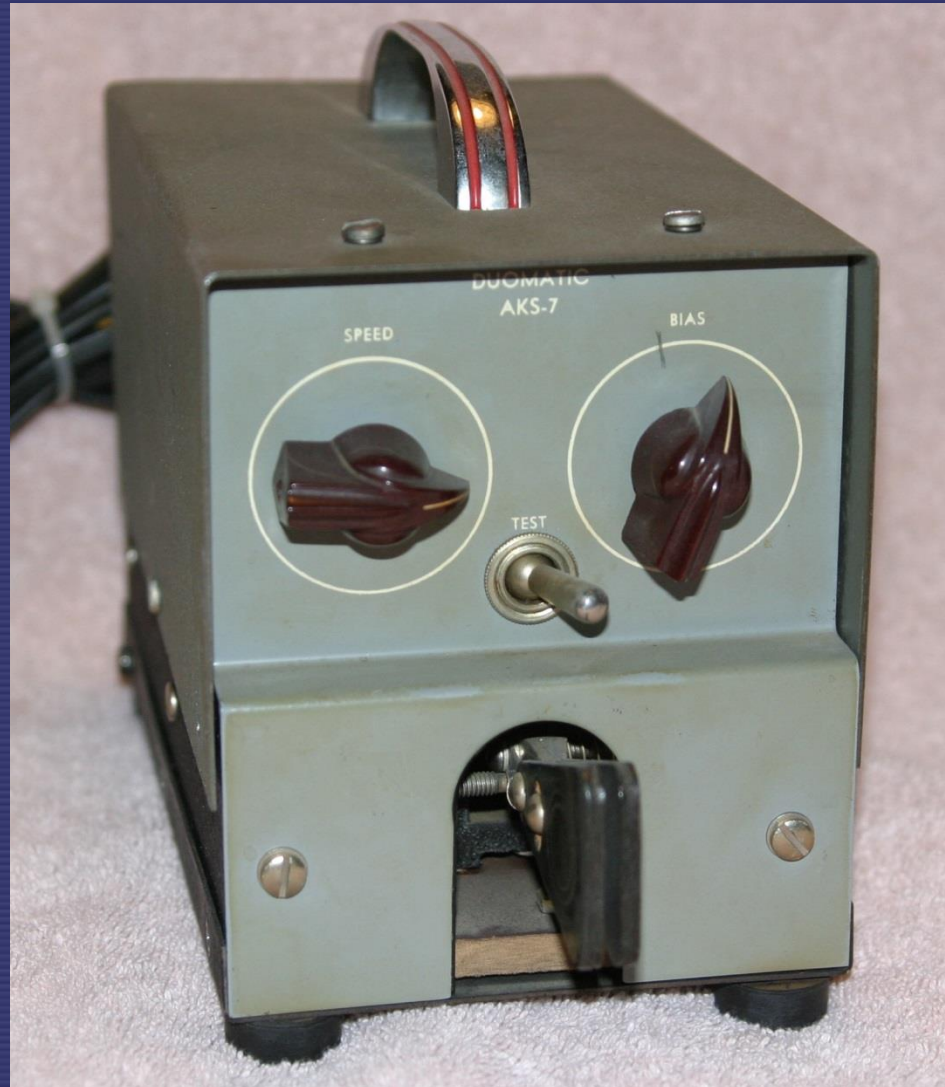
Mon-key



T.O. Keyer (Jim Ricks, W9TO)



W60WP Duo-Matic (Forrest "Bart" Bartlett)

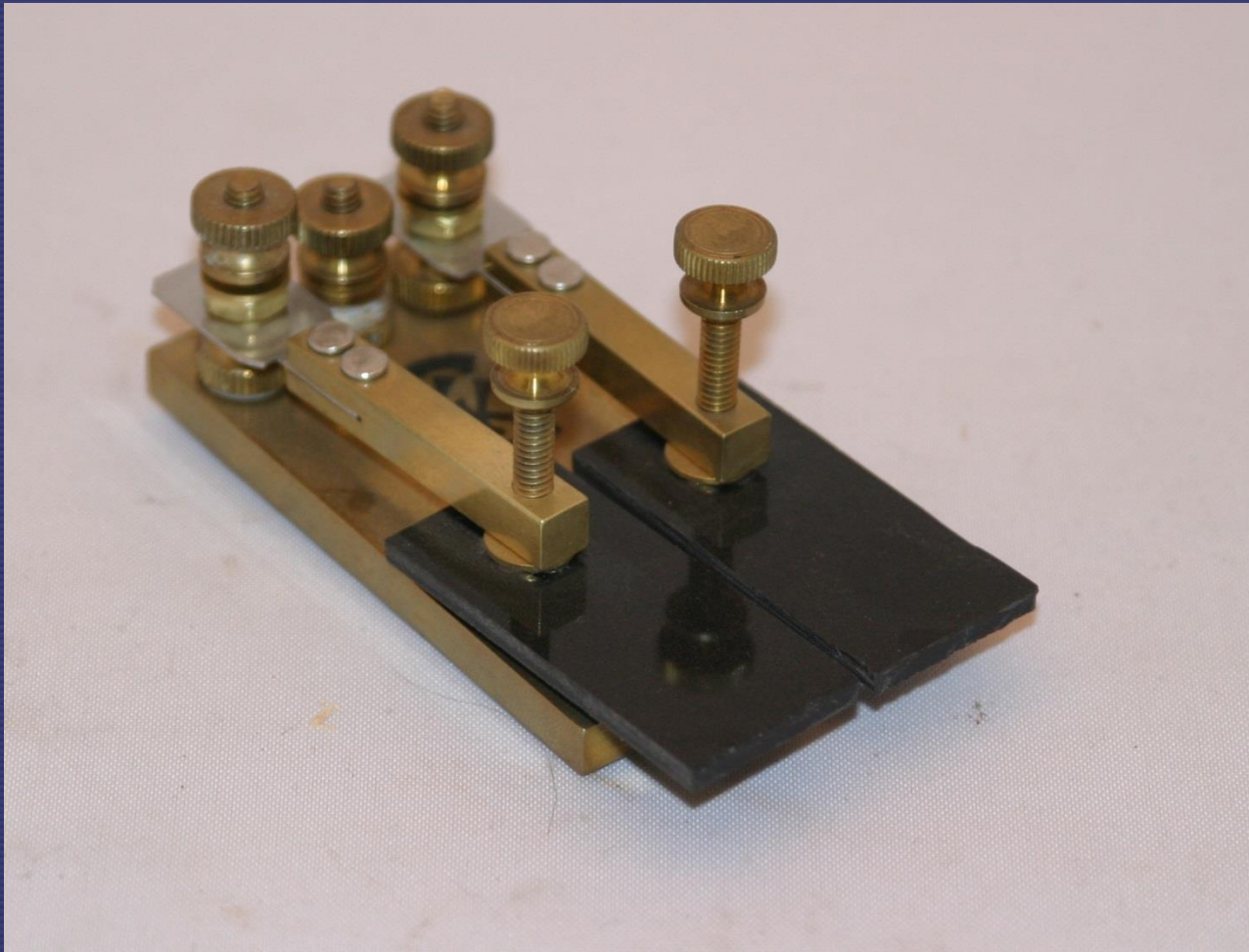


Things that go
click in the
night....

Quik-Key



Kitano Key



RAF “Bathtub Key”



Guess.....



J-51



VE3QQ Glo-Key



Electronic Feather Touch



J.H. Bunnell Secret Sounder







"That's all Folks!"

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