

Harry M. Shwartz

Harry Shwartz was one of 6 children born on Wilson St, Munjoy Hill Portland.

The family of David and Anna Shwartz had 3 boys and 3 girls

One of the girls was Jeanette Shwartz Levenson who was my great grandmother

So that Harry Shwartz was my great uncle

Harry Shwartz was always the smartest boy in his class at school.

He graduated Portland High School in 1915 as Valadictorian

After graduation he was appointed to the Naval Academy at Annapolis

In his studies he did very well there, but in the summer when he was called upon to shovel coal into the naval ships it was too much for him.

He developed arthritis and he had to leave school

He resumed his studies at Bowdoin College where he graduated in 1919.

Harry came back to Portland where his father and brother were in the real estate

Business and spent the rest of his life, both as a commercial realtor for others

And as a developer of his own real estate. He also operated an insurance agency.

He was always a very well regarded businessman in the community and for a time

Served on the City of Portland's Board of Zoning Appeals.

At his death in 1977 he left money so the Shwartz Building could be built at Center Day Camp.

During his life he was always interested to know if his nephew, nieces and relatives

Were smart because that is the quality he so much admired in students

I am happy to give this scholarship out tonight in his name. He would be proud