



Biography

Neilson - Harry Rosengarten Neilson Jr. (1928-1994)
"Hank"

Father: Harry Rosengarten Neilson (1893-1949)

Mother: Alberta Pancoast Reath (1903-1938)

Birth Date: July 20, 1928

Born at: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Significant Education:

St. Paul's at Episcopal Academy in Philadelphia

1950: Graduated Harvard College

Spouse Name: Janneke Seton-Jansen

Spouse Parents:

Wedding Date:

Wedding Place:

Occupation: Investment Banker

1955: W. H. Newbold's Son Company, Inc.

Childhood Home:

Home:

Summer Home:

Death Date: June 24, 1994

Death Place: Northeast Harbor, Maine

Cemetery:

Vessels:

44' yawl built by Casey Boat Building, Fairhaven, Mass – owned by Harry "Hank" Rosengarten Neilson Jr. (1928-1994)

“The local folks had something here that the summer people needed and they were accepted as equals. Like sailing boats. The summer people looked up to the fishermen and respected them for their ability to sail and work on a boat.

That’s how it was with my father and the Neilson family. He went to work for them some time in the early 1930’s. They had been coming to Northeast Harbor from Pennsylvania for generations, and they were quite an influence on our lives. Mrs. Neilson [Clara Augusta (Rosengarten) Neilson,

Mrs. Lewis Neilson (1871-1955)], the grandmother, was an old lady when I was a boy. She was a Rosengarten, and that family had been coming to Northeast for years, too, probably since the late 1800s.

Mrs. Neilson's son, Harry Rosengarten rented several cottages in Northeast Harbor through the years. His family first stayed next door to Mrs. Neilson at the Malcolm Cottage, later called "The Lindens," on what is called Rock End Way in 2010, and later the Joy cottage and still later one of the Kimball cottages.

My father worked for the Neilsons for three months every summer, right through the Depression. In those days it worked out pretty good, because there was closed season on lobsters in the summer. Lobstering didn't start until the fall, so this summer work fitted right in...

Mrs. Neilson's son Harry [Henry Rosengarten Neilson (1893-1949)] had three boys – Hank, Albie, and Benjie. Harry's wife [Alberta Pancoast (Reath) Neilson (1903-1938)] died when Benjie was just a baby, and the boys were left with no mother. They did have a nanny, but my father had a lot to do with the care of those children in the summer... They thought a lot of my father, all of them..." - "Ralph Stanley : Tales of a Maine Boatbuilder" by Craig S. Milner and Ralph W. Stanley, published by Down East Books, Camden, Maine 2004, p. 47-48.

One time when we had a babysitter and we were down at the steamboat wharf, my father came by in the "Leader" with Hank and Albie. He stopped and took us all on a little boat ride around the harbor. Hank and Albie were just little fellas, and they had their yachting uniforms on and their captain's caps. They were very formal and would shake hands...", p. 46-48.

Harry's obituary appeared in the St. Paul's School "Alumni Horae," Volume 74, Issue 3, Page 230, Obituaries 112, Originally published: Fall 1994:

Harry Rosengarten Neilson, Jr. of Malvern, Pennsylvania, died on June 24, 1994, of cancer at his summer home in Northeast Harbor, Mount Desert Island, Maine. He was 65. Born in Philadelphia on July 20, 1928, he was the son of Alberta Pancoast (Reath) Neilson and Harry Rosengarten Neilson.

He prepared for St. Paul's at Episcopal Academy in Philadelphia and entered the 111 Form in 1942. At School, Neilson was an active contributor: he served as chairman of the Year Book Committee, vice president of the Concordian Literary Society, one of the head editors of The Pelican, and a Chapel warden. He was also a member of the Missionary Society and the Scientific Association. From 1974-78, he served as a Form Agent.

After graduating from Harvard College in 1950, he enlisted in the United States Navy and reached the rank of lieutenant. Upon retiring from the Navy, he began a distinguished career as an investment banker. He joined W. H. Newbold's Son Company, Inc. in 1955, the start of a 35-year career with the Philadelphia-based investment firm. That same year, he became general partner. He was instrumental in the founding of Newbold's Investment Advisory Division and oversaw its growth as it became a well-respected part of the Philadelphia financial community. In 1975, he was named managing director of the firm. In 1990, he joined a majority of his colleagues from the

advisory division in founding Radnor Capitol Management, an investment advisory firm in Radnor. He was a managing director and senior portfolio manager of that firm and continued in those capacities until his death.

In 1957, at the age of 29, he was elected to the board of trustees of Lankenau Hospital. He served as president of that group for 10 years, beginning in 1968. He became vice president in 1989 and served in that position until his death. In the mid-1980s, he was a member of a committee that created the Main Line Health System, an alliance of Lankenau and Bryn Mawr Hospitals. It has become one of the area's largest health-care systems. He was a trustee from 1985-1992 and served on its retirement-income plan committee.

Neilson continued a history of family service begun in 1872. Sara S. Senior, Lankenau Hospital board chairman, said his contributions to the hospital were too numerous to mention. "His leadership, during a time of growth but also a time of challenge, went beyond simply making decisions about hospital programs, finances or equipment. He addressed every issue conscientiously and with a sense of personal commitment that earned the respect and support of his fellow trustees."

He was a member of St. David's Church in Wayne, Pennsylvania. He was active in the Board of the Widows Corp., a group that provides for the widows, widowers, and children of the Episcopal clergy. His great love for Maine, and in particular Mount Desert Island, where he sailed and served as commodore of the Northeast Harbor Fleet three times [1951, 1955-1956, and 1976], also led him to 40 years of service as a board member of the Jackson Laboratory. He and his wife explored the outer islands surrounding Mount Desert, sparking a great interest in the Island Institute which works to preserve the natural, cultural and economic heritage of the islands. He was a board member of that organization as well as of the Northeast Harbor Library, a library he enjoyed as a child. He served in numerous capacities for his Maine parish church in Northeast Harbor, St. Mary's By-the-Sea: he was a vestry member, Centennial Fund trustee, and frequent head usher. He took special pleasure in recruiting and supervising young children who distributed the Sunday bulletins.

Neilson is survived by his wife, the former Janneke Seton-Jansen; five children, Ruth W. Neilson, Harry R. Neilson III '81, Susanna M. Neilson, Sarah N. Sanz and Silas W. M.