

## **Tymshare History**

### **Notes from Ann Hardy**

1964

- Tom and Dave left GE to start Tymshare? Had a signed agreement from GE that they could use the GE timesharing system to deliver their service.

1965

- Tom O'Rourke and Dave Schmidt formed Tymshare Associates.
- GE backed out of their agreement to let Tymshare use the GE system.
- Tom and Dave reached the agreement with Berkeley and SDS.
- Obtained 1<sup>st</sup> financing from George Quist who was with BofA at the time.
- Original board of directors: Tom O'Rourke, ...
- Used the Berkeley 940 for development and testing. It used mag tape for its swapping device. Architecture assumed 64 users. Actually supported one user.
  - Used DTE (data terminal equipment) communication equipment.
- Demonstrated the service at the fall \_\_\_\_\_ show. Verne Van Vlear was the only technical employee.

1966

- Ann Hardy joined the company in February to develop the "monitor" while Verne worked on the "Exec." In today's language, the monitor is the kernel (manages the hardware) and the Exec is the shell.
- Incorporated Tymshare
- Rick and Louise Crandall from ComShare came for 2 months in the summer to learn the system.
- Opened data center on East Meadow Drive with 1<sup>st</sup> SDS 940 when the 1<sup>st</sup> disk arrived.
- September – Vermont drum arrived for the swapping device. Initial design required a complete revolution between writing of every page.
- October – 1<sup>st</sup> customers.

1967

- June – The Tymshare operating system was selected by Harvard University as the only OS for the 940 that could pass their acceptance tests. They had spent more than 5 months working with other vendors without success. Tymshare's system passed in 2 days. The SDS salesman was ecstatic. He was afraid he would never make the sale.
- Opened the Los Angeles office???
- October – Norm Hardy joined the company.

1968

- March – Laroy Tymes joined the company and with Norm Hardy began the development of Tymnet.
- All the code in the 1<sup>st</sup> deployed SPC-12 was written by Laroy Tymes.
- Opened the Paris office???
- Acquired Dial Data – got Dale Jordan and Sal Spinale. President was Lou Clapp.

1969

- Dave Schmidt left to form MASCOR.
  - Cesare Galtieri joined MASCOR from IBM.

1970

- Acquired company in Buffalo, NY – Graphic Controls
- Sassenfeld came. Lasted only about 6 months.
- Ray Wakeman took over Management of Tech Division

1971

- 1<sup>st</sup> Corporate Off-site Managers Meeting.

1972

1973

1974

1975

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tymshare IBM machine was the 370/158.

1976

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- Acquired UDC (United Data Centers) with Bernie Goldstein and Al Eisenstat.

1977

1978

1979

1980

1981

1982

1983

1984

- Sold Tymshare to McDonnell Douglas.
  - I was the only woman VP in the entire company.

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Events without dates

- Don Flippo's acquisition – Minneapolis?

- Dynatax
- Magnum?