**JOSEPH FARRY, SR.**

Brick Location: C5

Joe Farry, Sr., was a signalman on the *USS Compton* in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. The *Compton* was actually the first ship to enter Tokyo Bay after the Japanese surrender. It had been damaged by another ship and sent into Tokyo Bay for repairs. It arrived ahead of the *USS Missouri* which carried the Admiral and surrender papers. The *Compton* flag was retrieved by Joe and passed on to his heirs as the real first U.S. flag to fly over Japan after their surrender.

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