



Artifact Showcase

Walter Compton Photo

Walter Knobloch was born in Charleston, SC, in 1912. He began his broadcasting career in 1936 and adopted the name Walter Compton. From 1937 to 1945 he was at local radio station WOL, hosting in 1942 the program "Quiz of Two Cities." From 1946-47 he served as general manager of Baltimore station WAAM-TV.

Nationwide exposure followed his anchoring of "The Walter Compton News" for the DuMont TV network (1947-48), the first TV news show to originate from Washington, DC. Compton was the general manager of TV station WTTG (Channel 5) from 1948 to 1953. In the last two years of his life, he worked for the Mutual Broadcasting System.

Compton died in 1959.



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