Richard MacKinnon

Dick MacKinnon graduated in 1956 from Mount Hermon School with twin brother Bill. Both went on to graduate *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa at Yale in 1960 and received an MBA at Harvard in 1962. Dick had three distinct careers, somewhat in parallel. He spent thirty years at IBM, primarily as a research director, running a “skunk works” laboratory on the MIT campus. He received IBM’s Outstanding Innovation Award for his pioneering of the precursor network to InterNet and did the communications software for the original IBM PC—the only IBM authored software in the whole PC. He also taught for some 27 years at MIT’s Sloan School and Boston University. Finally, he joined Brother Bill at MacKinnon Associates, consulting with CEOs of State Street Bank, EMC Corporation, and Penske Corp on their information systems. At Penske Corp, Dick served as interim CIO for two years. He retired completely in 2002. Since 1984 Dick has been a director of Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary, member of the oversight committee of the Radiation Oncology Department at Massachusetts General Hospital, and a fellow of Berkeley College at Yale and at Leveret House of Harvard. He lives in Sherborn, MA., just outside Boston. While at Yale, Dick MacKinnon was an American history major and has the fondest memories of his contact with the department's greats: Howard Lamar, John Blum, Edmund Morgan, and David Potter. He and his twin have established essay prizes and a summer fellowship and fund at Beinecke to honor Professors Lamar and Potter. Although MacKinnon has spent about forty years with computers, his greatest long-time interest has been history.

9/11 has special meaning for the MacKinnon family as Dick's son, Bruce, escaped World Trade Tower #1 that fateful day. Daughter Carol graduated both Yale and Berkeley College in 1992.