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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Granted 3-19-41, Effective

Date first licensed 3-29-41

Call letters W A T N

LOCATION: WATERTOWN, NEW YORK

INTER-COUNTY BROADCASTING CORP. (AL 6-14-78 EFF: 7-10-78)

Name of licensee x WATERTOWN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

199 Wealtha Ave. (Foot of Wealtha Ave.), Watertown, N.Y. (red. BL-6-25-63)

x Foot of Wealtha Avenue, Watertown, New York (BP 5-13-60)

x 118 Washington St., Watertown, N. Y. (MP 11-22-40) Lic. 3-29-41

Transmitter location x Hoard St. and Starbuck Ave., Watertown, N. Y. (C.P. 7-29-40)

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x To be determined, Watertown, N.Y. (C.P. 7-29-40)

13601  
Main studio location

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

APPL. No.	DATE ISSUED	FREQ.	POWER	TIME Div.	PERIOD		
					From—	To—	
B1-P-809	7-29-40	1210	250w	U	9-29	3-29-41	
	C.P. for new broadcast station						
B1-MP-1080	11-22-40	1210	250w	U	12-22	6-20-41	
	Mod.C.P. to install new antenna, change transmitter and studio sites and extend C & C dates						
B1-MP-1120	12-19-40	1210	250w	U	1-18	7-17-41	
	Mod. of C.P. to change type of transmitter and extend C & C dates						
B1-L-1333	3-19-41	1240	250w	U	3-29	10-1-41	
B1-Z-579		NARBA					
	Lic. to cover C.P. 809 as mod. for new station. Specify NARBA frequency. Determine operating power by direct method.						
B1-L-1333	3-19-41	1240	250w	U	3-29	10-1-41	
B1-Z-679	Superseding lic. changing antenna current & resistance						
B1-R-1103	9-23-41	1240	250w	U	10-1	10-1-42	
B1-R-1103	9-23-41	1240	250w	U	10-1	10-1-42	
	This license supersedes above license of same date						
B1-R-1103	9-22-42	1240	250w	U	10-1	4-1-43	
B1-S-1103	11-6-42	1240	250w	U	12-1	4-1-43	
	Mod. in accordance with Order #107						
B1-R-1103	3-23-42	1240	250w	U	4-1	4-1-45	
B1-S-1103	3-27-45	Extension of License			4-1	6-1-45	
B1-R-1103	4-9-45	1240	250w	U	4-9	8-1-46	
B1-S-1103	7-10-45	1240	250w	U	10-1	8-1-46	
	Mod. Lic. Order 107-A						
B1-S-1103	7-25-46	Extension of license			8-1	10-1-46	
B1-R-1103	8-7-46	1240	250w	U	8-7	8-1-49	
BR-1103	7-27-49	1240	250w	U	8-1	8-1-52	
BR-1103	7-2-52	1240kc	250w	Unl.	8-1-52	6-1-54	
BR-1103	5-12-54	Renewal of license			6-1	6-1-57	
BR-1103	5-1-57	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			6-1	6-1-60	
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WIRE	11-6-59	Remain silent to 1-6-60					

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June 1954

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters ..... **W A T N**

Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period	
					From	To
WIRE	1-6-60	Ext. remain silent to			3-1-60	
WIRE	3-1-60	Ext. remain silent to			5-1-60	
Wire	4-29-60	Ext. remain silent to			6-1-60.	
BP-14094 (Cond'1)	5-13-60	1240kc	250w	U	7-13	1-13-61 CP to change antenna-trans. and studio loc., make changes in antenna and ground systems.
Wire	6-9-60	Ext. remain silent to			8-1-60.	
	5-25-60	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.				
Wire	8-4-60	Extension authority remain silent period ending				10-15-60.
Wire **	10-27-60	Ext. authority remain silent for period ending December 15, 1960.				
Letter	1-16-61.	Accordance Sec. 9(b) Admin. Proc. Act. auth. remain silent ext. until request filed 1-5-61 is acted on.				
BMP-9260 (1)	1-25-61	Mod. of CP(BP-14094) for extension of completion date to 7-13-61.				
**WIRE	12-13-60	Remain silent thru 1-16-61				
BMP-9553 (2)	7-12-61	Mod. of CP(BP-14094) as mod. for extension of completion date to 11-13-61.				
Wire	8-8-61	Authority remain silent to 12-1-61.				
WIRE	10-31-61	Ext. Authority remain silent period ending 1/2/62				
Wire	1-24-62	Ext. Auth. remain silent ending 5-14-62				
BMP-9870 (3)	11-9-61	Mod. CP(BP-14094 as modified) for extension of completion date to May 14, 1962				
BP-14470 (COND'1)	8-28-62	1240kc	250w-1kw-LS	Un	10-28	4-2-63 CP to inc daytime pwr from 250w to 1kw and install new transmitter(RCA BTA 1L)
BR-1103	8-14-62	Renewal of license			8-14	6-1-63
BL-9276 (1)	11-21-62	Lic. to cover CP (BP-14,094 as mod) which auth. chg. ant-trans & studio loc., make chgs. in ant. & ground system.				
BR-1103	5-31-63	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			6-1	6-1-66

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Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BL-9986	6-25-63	1240kc	250w-1kw	U	6-25 6-1-66
	Lic. to cover CP (BP-14,470) which day power and instl. new trans. & spec. trans. as RCA BTA-1R1				auth. incr.
BS-1103 (1)	2-18-65	Mod. of license to delete the series limiting resistor in the antenna system (Memo). (daytime only)			
BS-1103 (2) (nighttime/only)	7-22-65	Mod. of lic to to delete the series limiting resistor in the ant sys. (Memo)			
BR-1103	5-27-66	1240kc	250w-1kw	Unl.	6-1 6-1-69
BR-1103(S)	5-22-69	Renewal			6-1-72
BL-12,395(I)	7-17-69	Lic. to use former main trans. RCA 250K for Aux. Purposes Only			6-1-72
EBSA	5-22-72				
BR-1103(S)	8-17-72	RENEWAL (Main & Aux.)			6-1-75
BR-1103(S)	8-29-75	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			6-1-78
BR-1103(L)	6-14-78	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUXILIARY)			6-1-81
BAL-9277	6-14-78	VOL. AL EFF: 7-10-78			

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

# 1.

Call  
Letters W A T N  
~~NEW~~Name WATERTOWN BROADCASTING CORP.P.O. Watertown, N.Y.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
Bl-P-809	9-23-35	C.P. new station to be operated on: Frequency - 1270-kc; 1420 kc - 1210 kc Power - 250-wr-ber-100w-night 250 w Time - daytime, unlimited Studio & Trans. - to be determined, Watertown, N.Y.	<del>Examiner's Rept. 1-31-36</del> <del>GRANTED Min. 9-23-36</del> <del>Effective 10-13-36</del> Min. 12-2-36 the Order of 9-22-36 set aside & appl. to be heard <u>de novo.</u>	
Amended	1-15-37	RE: change frequency from 1270 to 1420 kc, power from 150w to 100w, 250w-LS, hours of oper. from daytime to unlimited.		
Amended	11-13-39	RE: change requested freq. from 1420 to 1210 kc, power from 100; 250w-LS to 250watts, make changes in antenna and change type of trans- mitter. Give trans. site as Hoard St & Starbuck Ave., Watertown, N.Y.	Petition filed to grant without hearing. GRANTED without hearing CA 7-29-40, Minutes dated 8-5-40.	



Mr. G. Harry Righter,  
608 Woolworth Bldg.,  
New York, N.Y.

attorney -

Case No. 7765 - Notice of Appeal 9-24-40

Filed by Brown Radio Service & Laboratory (WSAY)

Motion for Stay Order denied 2-3-41

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Call

Letters W A T NName WATERTOWN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B1-MP-1080 Rec'd	9-21-40 9-27-40	Mod. of C.P. (B1-P-809) to install new antenna, change location of trans. to 118 Washington St., Watertown, N.Y., approval of studio site at 118 Washington St., Watertown, N.Y., and extend commencement and completion dates 30 days after grant and 180 days thereafter. (Filed by E.D. Johnston)	GRANTED	11-22-40
B1-P-1120 Received	11-28-40 12-2-40	Mod. of C.P. (B1-P-809) as modified, to change type of transmitter from RCA 250-G to RCA 250K. Extend C & C dates 30 and 180 days respectively.	Granted	12-19-40
B1-L-1333 Received	1-31-41 2-1-41	Lic cover CP(B1-P-809) as mod. for new station.	Granted	3-19-41
B1-Z-679 Received	1-31-41 2-1-41	Auth. determine operating power by direct method.	EFF. 3am EST 3-29-41 <del>for 1040 kc WATN</del> Granted	3-19-41 EST 3-29-41

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W A T NName WATERTOWN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Action
				Date
B1-R-1103	7-28-41	Renewal of license and Form 335	Granted	9-23-41
B1-R-1103	7-21-42	Renewal of license and Form 335 Filed by E.D. Johnston atty.	Granted	9-22-42
B1-R-1103	1-25-43	Renewal of license Filed by E.D. Johnston atty.	Granted	3-23-43
B1-R-1103 Rec'd	1-12-45 1-19-45	Renewal of license Let. filed 5-22-45 Filed by Fred Albertson atty. Amend. filed 2-9-45, 5a, g, 17b & photos	Granted	4-9-45
B1-R-1103 Rec'd	5-22-46 6-3-46	Renewal of license Filed by Dwight E. Rorer atty. Dow & Lohnes	Granted	8-7-46

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Letters W A T NName WATERTOWN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1103 Rec'd	5-10-49 5-12-49	Renewal of license Filed by Thomas Wilson atty.	Granted	7-27-49
BR-1103 Rec'd Filed	4-16-52 4-23-52 4-22-52	Renewal of license Filed by John P. Carr, Atty.	GRANTED	7-2-52
BR-1103 Rec'd Filed	2-18-54 2-24-54 2-24-54	Renewal of License Filed by Alfred C. Cordon, Jr., Atty.	Granted	5-12-54
BR-1103 Rec'd Filed	2-15-57 3-1-57 3-1-57	Renewal of License. Alfred C. Cordon, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	5-1-57
BR-1103 Rec'd&Filed	2-20-60 3-7-60	Renewal of license Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Attys.	GRANTED	8-14-62

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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WATNName WATERTOWN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-14094 Rec'd Filed	4-15-60 4-19-60 4-19-60	Construction permit to change antenna-transmitter and studio locations from 118 Washington Street, Watertown, New York to Foot of Health Avenue, Watertown, New York. & make changes in antenna & ground system. Alfred C. Gordon, Jr., Atty. Paul F. Godley, Jr., Engr.	GRANTED Cond'l re: Before prog. tests may be auth., a non-DA proof-of performance shall be submitted to show that radiation has been limited to a value not to exceed 75 millivolts-per-meter for 250w operation.	5-13-60
BP-14,470 Rec'd Filed	10-27-60 11-3-60 11-3-60	Construction Permit to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw and install new transmitter (RCA-BTA-1L) (waiver of Section 3.28(c) of Rules requested) Atty.- Dow, Lohnes and Albertson Eng.- Paul Godley Co., Upper Montclair, N. J.	GRANTED CONB'L re interference imposed by other 250w Class IV stations; 3.54 of Rules; acceptance of interference which may result from BP-13899, Gouverneur, NY.	8-28-62

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W.A.T.N.Name Watertown Broadcasting Corporation  
Watertown, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-9260 R & F	12-21-60 12-27-60	Modification of C. P. (BP-14094 which auth. to chg. antenna-trans. & studio loc. & make chges. in antenna & ground systems) for extension of completion date from 1-13-61 to 7-13-61.	GRANTED to	1-25-61 7-13-61
BMP-9553 Rec'd&Filed	6-10-61 6-15-61	<u>Atty's Dow, Lohnes and Albertson</u> Modification of CP(BP-14,094 as mod. which auth. change antenna-transmitter and studio location and changes in antenna and ground systems) for extension completion date from 7-13-61 to 1-13-62. Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Attys.	GRANTED to	7-12-61 11-13-61

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Letters WATNName Watertown Broadcasting Corporation  
Watertown, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-9870 R. & F.	10-10-61 10-12-61	Mod of CP (BP-14094 as mod which auth chg antenna-trans and studio loc and chgs in antenna and ground systems) for extension of completion date from 11-13-61 to 5-13-62. Atty: Dow, Lohnes and Albertson	GRANTED	11-9-61 to 5-14-62
BL-9276 R. & F.	3-31-62 4-2-62	Lic to cover CP (BP-14,094 as mod) which auth changing antenna-trans and studio loc, make chgs in antenna and ground systems. Atty- DOW, LOHNES & ALBERTSON	GRANTED	11-21-62
BR-1103 R. & F.	2-20-63 3-19-63	Renewal of license. Atty. Alfred C. Cordon, Jr.	GRANTED	5-31-63
BL-9986 R. & F.	2-21-63 2-26-63	Lic to cover CP (BP-14,470) which auth incr day power and install new transmitter, and specify trans as RCA BTA 1R1 Atty- Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED	6-25-63

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters .....W.A.T.N.....

Name WATERTOWN BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
Watertown, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
ER-1103 R & F	3-1-66 3-3-66	Renewal of license  Atty- Dow, Lohnes & Albertson (Alfred C. Gordon)	GRANTED	5-27-66
BR-1103 R & F #493214 \$75. PRESS MAR 1 2 1969	2-26-69 2-27-69 2-27-69	Renewal of license  AMENDED 4-3-69 re: Date of balance sheet & equip. perf. meas. \$30 fee #503832 4-3-69 to be applied to 302's for aux. trans.	GRANTED	5-22-69
BL-12,395 R & F #503832 \$30 PT JUL 2 1969	6/10/69 6/11/69 4/3/69 6/19/69	License to use former main trans. RCA 250K for aux. purposes only. (250 W)	GRANTED	7-17-69



Ltr. 3-11-69 re: Bal. sheet dated 12-31-65; Two types of trans. shown; No exhibit for Sec. 11  
Para. 10(c).

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INTER-COUNTY BROADCASTING CORP.

Name .. WATERTOWN BROADCASTING CORPORATION ..  
WATERTOWN, NEW YORK

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1103 R & F PN PRESS	3-1-72 3-2-72 3-20-72	Renewal of License (MAIN & AUXILIARY) AMENDED 4-26-72 re: community survey; commercial policy; equal employment program	GRANTED	8-17-72
MAR 23 1972				
BR-1103 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-29-75 4-2-75 APR 7 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) AMENDED 6-2-75 re: ascertainment of comm. needs AMENDED 7-23-75 re: programming	GRANTED	8-29-75
BAL -9277 R & F FORM 311 PN FILED	1-20-78 1-23-78 FEB 21 1978 3-27-78	Voluntary assignment of license to INTER-COUNTY BROADCASTING CORP.  Atty - Jason Shrinsky PETITION TO DENY FILED 3-13-78 by Atty <sup>Over</sup> Colby on behalf of WOTT OPPOSITION TO PET TO DENY filed 3-20-78 by Atty Shrinsky on behalf of assignor AMENDED 3-27-78 - re bus. int; ascertainment data & fin. showing  REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PET TO DENY filed 3-29-78 by Atty Colby on behalf of RBG (WOTT)	GRANTED EFF:	6-14-78 7-10-78

RE: BAL-9277 - AMENDED 2/7/77 - Demographic data

NOTED: Table I - place of birth of Marc Clarcq not shown

SUPPLEMENT TO PET TO DENY filed 4-3-78 by Atty Colby on behalf of WNCQ-FM(R.B.G. Productions, Inc.)

MOTION FOR EXT OF TIME TO RESPOND TO MOTION TO STRIKE & SUPPLEMENT TO PET TO DENY - filed 4-5-78 by attys on behalf of licensee

MOTION TO STRIKE OPPOSITION TO PET TO DENY filed 4-3-78 by Atty Colby on behalf of RBG

VERIFIED COPY OF ABOVE MOTION filed 4-7-78

SUPPLEMENT TO PET TO DENY filed 4-12-78 by Atty Colby on behalf of RBG

OPPOSITION TO SUPPLEMENT TO PET TO DENY filed 4-24-78 by Attys. Stambler & Shrinsky on behalf of licensee

OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO STRIKE filed 4-24-78 by Attys on behalf of licensee

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO STRIKE filed 5-4-78 by Atty Colby on behalf of R.B.G. Productions, Inc. (WNCQ-FM)

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO SUPPLEMENT TO PET TO DENY filed 5-4-78 by Atty Colby on behalf of R.B.G.

AMENDED 5-23-78 re: Programming data

WITHDRAWAL OF PET TO DENY filed 5-24-78 by Atty Colby on behalf of R.B.G.

LTR from attys Stambler & Shrinsky re allegations of R.B.G. filed 5-26-78

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call  
Letters W A T N

Name WaterTown Broadcasting Corporation  
Watertown, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1103 R&F PRESS	1-27-78 1-30-78 <b>MAR 3 1978</b>	Renewal of License (Main & Aux.) Atty: Jason L. Shrinsky	GRANTED	6-14-78
BR810127UV PRESS	<b>MAR 18 1981</b>	RENWAL OF LICENSE Atty. Bruce A. Eisen		

## About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form – 3” by 5” filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only one set is known to exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

