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June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

#1903

Date first licensed November 6, 1972

Call letters WBTX

Station location Broadway-Timberville
Va.

Name of licensee Massanutten Broadcasting Company, Inc.

Transmitter location Rt. #259, 1.03 mi. NW of Broadway, Virginia (BP 9-16-71)

Main studio location Main Street, Broadway, Virginia
To be determined

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BP-17,830	9-16-71 CP for a	1470kc	5kw	Day	RC, 9-16-72 new standard broadcast station.
BP-17,830(1)	2-28-72	Call letters assigned.			
WIRE	5-17-72	PSA	500w		
EBSA	6-12-72				
BTC-6841	6-22-72	Vol TC	EFF: 7-6-72		
BL-13,238(L)	11-6-72	Lic(BP-17,830)	for new station 10-1-75		
BR-4903(L)	9-23-75		RENEWAL		10-1-78
BR-4903	9-14-78	(S) REN.	OF LIC.		10-1-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

Call
Letters new WBTZName Massanutten Broadcasting Company, Inc.
Broadway-Timberville, Virginia (c/o Donald E. Showalter, Esq., 406 First NationalBank Bldg., Harrisonburg, Va. 22801)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-27,530	5-31-67	CP for a new standard broadcast station to be	Returned	7-18-67
Rec'd	6-1-67	operated on:	per Sec. 73.30(a)	
Post.	5-31-67	Frequency: 1470kc		
V. P.	7-19-67	Power: 5kw		10 D 15903
NOV 7 1967		Hours: Daytime		
		Trans: Collins 420-51 RCA, BIA-5U2		
		Trans loc: Rt. #259, 1.03 mi. NW of Broadway, Virginia	GRANTED	9-16-71
		Remote control "To be determined"	Grant Fee \$1,800.00	
		Studio loc: To be determined, Broadway, Va.	Paid and REFUNDED.	
		atty: Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn (Carl Roberts)	024, 1-26-72, W 035333	
		enr: Kear and Kennedy	Application filed prior	
		Requests waiver of Sec. 73.30(b)	to institution of GRANT	
			Fee requirement.	

over for amendments

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Boyertown, Penna 19512

AMEND. +R&F 4-8-69 Sec. II & III

AMEND R&F 6-15-69 re Section IV-A.

AMENDED 3-5-71 re Section III, & V-A; chg. type trans.
to RCA, BTA-5U2; chg. type modulation monitor & frequency
monitor and delete exhibit, 9 in lieu of new exhibit 9.

PRESS: **MAY 3 1971**

AMENDED 5-21-71 re Section III.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W B T X

Name MASSANUTTEN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
Broadway-Timberville, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-6841 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #063810 CODE 053 (Form 316) APR 28 1972	3-31-72 4-13-72	Voluntary transfer of control of permittee corporation from David M. Eshleman to Donald E. Showalter, David M. Eshleman, Lewis E. Strite et al (7 stockholders) Atty - Arent, Fox etc	GRANTED	6-22-72 EFF: 7-6-72
BL-13,238 Rec'd W 069766-350 Ltd PTA Amended & F PTA ext. PRESS JUN 30 1972	5-1-72 5-4-72 5-4-72 5-17-72 6-14-72 6-16-72	Lic. (BP-17,830, as mod.) for new Standard Broadcast Station. Trans: GCA, AM-5000D. Studio & RC: Main Street, Broadway, Va. AC-067 to 6-17-72 enrg. data Atty: Arent, Fox, et al (David Tillotson)	GRANTED	11-6-72
BR-4903 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JUN 19 1975	5-20-75 6-2-75 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE David Tillotson, Atty.	GRANTED	9-23-75

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WPTX

Name MASSANUTTEN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
Broadway-Timberville, Va.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4903 R & P PRESS	5-25-78	Renewal of License	GRANTED	9-14-78
	6-1-78	David Tillotson, Atty.		
	JUN 14 1978			
BR810601B7 PRESS	AUG 5 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. David Tillotson	GRANTED	10-22-81

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 12th 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.

