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B-S-1302

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 11-5-46

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LOCATION: CHAMBERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Name of licensee CHAMBERSBURG BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location S. of U.S. 30 along Pa. Rt. 995, Village of Pleasant View, Pa. (redescription)
x Warm Springs Road, off U.S. #30, Hamilton Township, Pa. (Resescription)
x On Route 995, 1/8 mile South of Route 30, Chambersburg, Penna. (CP 3-27-46)
(Lic. 11-5-46)

Main studio location Professional Arts Bldg., Chambersburg, Pa. (Resescription 4-23-70)
x Craft Press Bldg., Lincoln Way East at Pennsylvania R.R.,
Chambersburg, Penna. (MP 7-8-46) (Lic. 11-5-46)
to be determined, Chambersburg, Penna. (CP 3-27-46)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
B2-P-4221	3-27-46	800	1kw	Daytime	5-27 11-27-46
	C.P. for new station				
B2-MP-1914	7-8-46	Mod. C.P. (4221)		for change	in type of T, 5-27 11-27-46
	& approval of studio site				
B2-P-4221	3-27-46	800	1kw	Daytime	5-27 11-27-46
	C.P. for new station issued correcting				
	to Sunset				
		800	1kw	D	11-5 11-1-49
	C.P. (4221) as modified for a				
	new station and determine operating power				
	by direct measurement				
	Cond'l clause				
BS-1302	2-25-47	800	1kw	Daytime	2-25 11-1-49
	Mod. Lic. to delete waiver 3.55(b) from cond'l.				
	clause (Conditional Clause)				
B2-TC-525	4-10-47	Transfer of Control from Rello Oller to			
	EFF: 4-14-47	C.M. Cassel, T. K. Cassel and J.S. Booth			
B2-3002	2-23-49	800	1kw	Daytime	2-23 11-1-49
	Determine opr. power by direct method.				
BR-1302	10-21-49	800	1kw	Daytime	11-1- 11-1-52
BF-8465	4-25-52	CP install new transmitter			6-25 12-25-52
BL-4730	7-8-52	800	1kw	Daytime	7-8 11-1-52
	Lic. cover CP(8465) for new transmitter				
BR-1302	10-15-52	800kc	1kw	Daytime	11-1 8-1-54
BRC-35(1)	4-129-53	Mod. of lic. to operate trans. by R.C.			
	from Craft Press Building, Chambersburg, Pa.				
	7-1-57	800	1kw	Daytime	7-1 8-1-57
B2-3768	5-23-56	Authority to determine operating			
(1)	power by direct measurement of				
	antenna power.				
				Daytime	8-1 8-1-
BR-1302	7-13-60	renewal of license			8-1 8-1-63

Form BC 126

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June 1954

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Station location Chambersburg, Penna.

Name of licensee

See card #1

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div	Period	
					From	To
PTC-3589 EFF:	12-6-60 12-14-60				Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by John S. Booth thru purchase of stock from Charles M. Cassel	
BS-1302 (1)	8-22-62				Mod. of license to change the average sunset time for the month of July.	
BR-1302	5-10-67				Renewal of License Renewal of NDLA	
BR-1302(L)	7-24-69				Renewal of NDLA	
BS-1302(1)	4-23-70				Mod. Lic. redescrbe main studio, KC XX and transmitter locations.	
PSA	11-23-70		250 watts			
BZ-7975(2)	2-4-72				Direct Measurement 8-1-72	
BTC-6791	2-29-72				VOL. TC EFF: 4-12-72	
EBSA	5-25-72					
BR-1302(L)	7-31-72				RENEWAL 8-1-75	
BR-1302(S)	8-12-75				RENEWAL 8-1-78	
BTC-7873	12/10/75				Vol TC EFF: 1/6/76	
BZ-8969(L)	10-12-75				Direct Measurement	
BZ-9593(L)	2-15-78				Direct Measurement 8-1-78	
BR-1302(S)	7-20-78				Renewal 8-1-81	
BZ-790810AB(L)	10-30-79				Direct Measurement 8-1-81	
COMTEL	3-25-80				OPERATING AT REDUCED POWER, NOTIFY WHEN NORMAL AND ADVISE WHAT REPAIRS MADE.	
COMTEL	3-27-80				COMTEL 3/25/80 GRANTED REQUESTED AUTHORITY AND IS STILL VALID.	

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name CHAMBERSBURG BROADCASTING COMPANY

(P.O. 167 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, Pa.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-P-4221	10-4-45	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 800 kc Power: 1kw Hours of Operation: Daytime Trans. Location: On Route 995, 1/8 mi. South of Route 30, Chambersburg, Pa. Studio Location: To be determined, Chambersburg, Pa. (Filed by Verne R. Young, Atty.; Herbert L. Wilson, Engr.)	Docket No. 7066 Granted petition for reconsideration and grant of application Order issued	3-27-46
Rec'd	10-5-45			
Filed	10-5-45			

GATES RADIO CO. 1000-C Transmitter

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WCHNName Chambersburg Broadcasting Company

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BB-MP-1914	5-11-46	Mod. of C.P. (BB-p-4221, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter (Gates Radio Co. 100B) and for approval of studio location at Craft Press Bldg., Lincoln Way East at Pennsylvania R.R., Chambersburg, Pa.	GRANTED	7-8-46
Rec'd	5-14-46			
Filed	5-14-47			
AMENDED	6-21-46	AMENDED: re change in type of transmitter (Gates Radio Co. 1-D)		
Rec'd	6-24-46			
Filed	6-24-46			

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-L-2060 Rec'd Filed	8-5-46 8-8-46 8-8-46	License to cover C.P. (B2-P-4221, as mod.) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED (Cond'l 3.55(b)	11-5-46 re waiver & 3.60)
B2-Z-1883 Rec'd Filed	8-5-46 8-8-46 8-8-46			
B2-TC-525 Rec'd Filed	12-23-46 12-31-46 12-31-46	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Rello Oller to C.M.Cassel, T.K.Cassel and J.S.Booth. (75 shares-51%) (Filed by Verne H.Young,Atty.)	GRANTED	4-10-47

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-3008 Rec'd Filed	1-13-49 1-19-49 1-19-49	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. Verne R. Young, Atty.	GRANTED	2-23-49
BR-1302 Rec'd	8-24-49 8-31-49	Renewal of license. (Verne R. Young, Atty.)	GRANTED	10-21-49
BP-8465 Rec'd Filed	4-14-52 4-15-52 4-15-52	Construction permit to install a new transmitter (Gates BC-1F). Verne R. Young, Atty.	GRANTED	4-25-52

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-4730 Rec'd Filed	6-3-52 6-4-52 6-4-52	License to cover construction permit (BP-8465) which authorized installation of a new transmitter. Verne R. Young, Atty.	GRANTED	7-8-52
BR-1302 Rec'd Filed	7-5-52 7-7-52 7-7-52	Renewal of license Filed by Verne R. Young, Atty.	GRANTED	10-15-52
BRC-35 Rec'd Filed	4-20-53 4-22-53 4-22-53	Modification of license to operate transmitter by Remote Control from Craft Press Building, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Verne R. Young, Atty.	GRANTED	4-29-53

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FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

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Letters W C H AName CHAMBERSBURG BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1302 Rec'd Filed	4-14-54 4-26-54 4-26-54	Renewal of License Filed by Verne R. Young	Granted	7-7-54
BZ-3768 Rec'd Filed	4-26-56 4-30-56 4-30-56	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. Verne R. Young, Atty.	GRANTED	5-23-56
BR-1302 Rec'd Filed	4-4-57 4-19-57 4-19-57	Renewal of license. Verne R. Young, Atty.	GRANTED	7-25-57
BR-1302 Rec'd & Filed	4-12-60 4-21-60	Renewal of license. Loucks, Zias and Jansky, Attys.	GRANTED	7-13-60

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Letters W C H AName CHAMBERSBURG BROADCASTING COMPANY
CHAMBERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-3589 Rec'd Filed	11-3-60 11-10-60 11-10-60	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by John S. Booth thru purchase of stock from Charles M. Cassel. Harry J. Daly, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	12-6-60 12-14-60
BP-14,743 Rec'd Filed	3-10-61 3-16-61 3-16-61	CP to increase power from 1kw to 5kw and install new transmitter (Gates BC-5P-2) Atty. Loucks & Jansky Eng.- Paul Dean Ford, Terre Haute, Ind. Request waiver of Section 3.28(d)(3) - F 7-27-62	DENIED Docket #15385	12-15-65
BR-1302 R. & F.	3-27-63 4-12-63	Renewal of license. Atty. Maurice M. Jansky	GRANTED	7-3-63
LICENSEE NOW REPRESENTED BY DALY AND JOYCE AND NO LONGER BY CARB H. INLAY (LOUCKS & JANSKY), PER LETTER DATED AND RECEIVED APRIL 14, 1965.				
BR-1302 R & F	3-18-66 4-15-66	Renewal of License Atty. Daly and Joyce	GRANTED	5-10-67

FORM BC-121 #8
 AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

800kc

Call
 Letters W C H A

Name CHAMBERSBURG BROADCASTING COMPANY
 Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1302 R & F #503986 \$75 Press	4-2-69 4-8-69 4--8-69	Renewal of License Atty-Daly and Joyce (George R. Borsari, Jr.) AMENDED 6-9-69 re: balance sheet	GRANTED	7-24-69
BZ-7975 R & F DM PRESS	12-14-71 12-17-71 1-24-72 FEB 2 1972	Direct Measurement	GRANTED	2-4-72
2-2-72. By Direction of Commission, Letter adopted stating FCC Form 316 necessary to transfer stock of John S. Booth to a so-called "Dacey Trust". Item 3, AL-IC, -----				
BTC-6791 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #040019 CODE 053 (Form 316) ALSO SEE: FM WCHM FEB 15 1972	2-5-72 2-9-72	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from John S. Booth to John S. Booth, Trustee for John S. Booth (Living Trust) Atty - Daly, Joyne & Borsari	GRANTED	2-29-72 EFF: 4-12-72

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name CHAMBERSBURG BROADCASTING COMPANY
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1302 R & F P.N. PRESS MAY 15 1972	4-14-72 5-2-72 5-2-72	Renewal of License Atty: George R. Borsari AMENDED 6-2-72 re: equal employment policy	GRANTED	7-31-72
BR-1302 R & F PN PRESS APR 8 1975	3-27-75 4-1-75	Renewal of license Atty- John A. Borsari AMENDED 7-30-75 re: comm. leaders survey, prog. & EEO	GRANTED	8-12-75
BR-7573 R & F FEE PD: \$400 #488119 CODE 047 (INCLUDES FM NOV 6 1975 WCHM)	10-3-75 10-15-75	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from John S. Booth, Trustee for John S. Booth (Living Trust) to John S. Booth III, Thomas E. Booth, and Harriett D. Booth, Custodian for Margaret A. Booth under Fla. Gift to Minors Act. Atty - Leonard Joyce	GRANTED EFF: NO FEB	12/10/75 1/6/76

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

800kHz

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Call Letters WCHA

Name CHAMBERSBURG BROADCASTING COMPANY
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-8969 R & F DM DEC 8 PRESS NOV 27	9-18-75 9-22-75 DEC 24-75 NOV 27 1975	Direct Measurement	GRANTED	12-12-75
BZ-9593 R & F DM PRESS	12-1-77 12-9-77 FEB 2 1978 1-23-78	Direct Measurement	GRANTED	2-13-78
BR-1302 R & F PRESS	3-7-78 3-31-78 MAY 5 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE John A. Borsari, A. J.		
BZ-790810AB R & F DM 8- PRESS	10-8-79 8-21-79 OCT 17 1979	Direct Measurement Atty. John A. Borsari (Daly, Joyce & Borsari)	GRANTED GRANTED	7-20-78 10-30-79

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

800 kHz
Call Letters: W C H A

Name: CHAMBERSBURG BROADCASTING CO.

Station Location: CHAMBERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
EZ-810225AJ R & F PRESS	2/25/81 MAR 20 1981	DIRECT MEASUREMENT Atty: George R. Borsari, Jr. (Daly, Joyce & Borsari)	ISSUED
BR810401VP PRESS MAY 18 1981 PN filed		RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty - George R. Borsari, Jr.	gd. 7-7-81 ISSUED

W C H A - RECORD OF DENIAL OF INFORMAL APPLICATIONS

BS-1302 10-31-47 To opr. add'l time from 5:00 pm, EST
Nov. 4, 1947 to 7:00 am, EST, Nov. 5, 1947, to
broadcast election returns, only.

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.

