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10-27-82 on-the-air-I.D. as: "PLAINFIELD-SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY"

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 11-21-61

Call letters WERA

Station location Plainfield, New Jersey

Name of licensee TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING CORP.

Transmitter location Oak Tree Avenue, S. Plainfield, New Jersey (BP 7-27-60)

120 West Seventh St., Plainfield, N. J. (BS 7-23-73)
X 200 West 7th Street, Plainfield, New Jersey (BMP 8-28-61)

07060

Main studio location X To be determined, Plainfield, New Jersey (BP 7-27-60)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Day	Period From To
BP-10878	7-27-60	1590kc	500w, DA-DAY		9-27 3-27-61
	CP for a new standard broadcast station (Cond'1).				
BP-10878 (1)	8-26-60	Mod. of CP(BP-10878) to assign Call Letters.			
BMP-9404 (2)	4-17-61	Mod. of CP(BP-10878) for extension of completion date to 6-15-61.			
BMP-9539 (3)	7-7-61	mod. of CP(BP-10878 as mod.) for extension of completion date to 9-15-61.			
BMP-9681 (4)	8-28-61	Mod. of CP(BP-10878 as mod.) to change type transmitter (RCA BTA-1R) and to specify studio location as 200 West 7th Street, Plainfield, N. J.			
BP-15013	8-28-61	1590kc	500 DA-D	ux	10-28 4-28-62
	CP to install a new trans. (RCA BTA 500M) to be used on 1590kc with a power to 500w at main trans. location for auxiliary purposes only.				
BL-8696	11-21-61	1590kc	500w, DA-	Day,	11-21-61-6-1-63
	Lic. to cover CP (BP-10,878 as mod.) which auth. a new standard broadcast sta.				
BP-15,859	3-11-63	1590kc	500w-DA	Aux.	5-11 11-11-63
	CP to install new trans. for a x. purposes only.				
BL-10,027	8-6-63	1590kc	500w-DA	Aux	8-6 6-1-66
	Lic. to cover CP (BP-15,859 as reins.) which auth. instl. new aux. trans. spec. type trans. as RCA BTA-500-R.				
BR-4050	5-27-66	(main) RENEWAL OF LICENSE			6-1 6-1-69
BL-11,272	6-3-66	1590kc	500W	Alt-Main	6-3 6-1-69
	Lic to use former aux. trans. RCA BTA-500 R at main trans. loc to be operated on 1590kc 500W Day, as an Alt Main Trans.				
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	15A	500W		

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Main studio location X200 West 7th Street, Plainfield, New Jersey (BP 7-27-60)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BR-4050(S)	5-22-69	Renewal of license & NDEA (MAIN & ALTERNATE MAIN)			6-1-72
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-4050(L)	5-31-72	Renewal of Main & Alt. Main			6-1-75
BS-4050 (1)	7-23-73	Mod. of lic. to change studio location			
BRC-3711(L)	8-9-74	ML to operate trans. by RC from SL. (Main & Alt. M.)			
BR-4050 (L)	3-11-76	RENEWAL (MAIN & ALT.)			6-1-78
BR-4050 (S)	6-23-78	REN. OF LIC. (MAIN & ALT.)			6-1-81
BTC-8748	10-5-78	VOL. TC		EFF: 11-17-78	

Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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(P.O. - c/o Edward J. Santoro, 11 South Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, N.J.)

Station location - Plainfield, New Jersey

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-10,878 Rec'd Filed	10-22-56 10-23-56 10-23-56	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1590kc Power - 500w DA-D Hours of operation - Daytime Transmitter location - Oak Tree Ave., S. Plainfield, N.J. Studio location - To be determined. Plainfield, New Jersey Atty. - Robert M. Booth Engr. - Frank H. McIntosh & Assoc.	GRANTED Cond'l re: Phase Mon.; Field meas equip.; DA & non-DA proof. After Hearing Docket No. 12039 Order issued.	7-27-60
BMP-9404 R.&F.	3-8-61 3-13-61	Modification of construction permit (BP-10878) which auth. a new standard broadcast station for extension of completion date from 3-27-61 to 6-15-61.	GRANTED to	4-17-61 6-15-61
BP-10,878 Rec'd Filed	5-23-61 5-31-61	Mod. of (BP-10,878) which auth. a new standard broadcast station for extension of completion date from 6-15-61 to 9-13-61.	GRANTED	7-7-61

RCA BTA 500M

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Plainfield, New Jersey

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
EP-15013 R&F	7-26-61	CP to install a new trans (RCA ETA 500M) to be used on 1590kc with a power of 500W at main trans location for auxiliary purposes only.	GRANTED	8-28-61
	7-27-61		FORFEITED	4-28-62
See EP-15,859				
BMP-9681 R&F	8-2-61	Mod of CP (BP-10878 as mod which auth a new standard B/C station) to chg type trans (RCA ETA-1R) and to specify studio location as 200 West 7th street, Plainfield, N. J.	GRANTED	8-28-61
	8-4-61			
BL-8696	8-16-61	License to cover C. P. (BP-10,878 as mod.)	GRANTED	11-21-61
R. & F.	8-17-61	which auth. a new standard broadcast station.		
BP-15,859 R. & F.	2-6-63	CP to install a new trans. (RCA ETA 500M) to be operated on 1590kc, 500w at main trans. location for auxiliary purposes only.	Granted	3-11-63
	2-19-63			

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Plainfield, New Jersey

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4050 R. & F.	3-2-63	Renewal of license	GRANTED	5-31-63
	3-4-63			
BL-10,027 Rec'd Filed	2-6-63	Lic to cover CP(BP-15,850 as reinstated) which with installing a new Aux trans., specify type transmitter as RCA-BTA-500-R.	GRANTED	8-6-63
	2-19-63			
	3-11-63			
BR-4050 R & F	3-2-66	Renewal of license (Main)	GRANTED	5-27-66
	3-3-66			
BL-11,272 R & F	3/2/66	Lic. to use former auxiliary trans. RCA BTA- 500R, at main trans. loc. to be operated on 1590kc 500w Day, as an alternate main trans.	GRANTED	6-3-66
	3/3/66			

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Plainfield, N. J.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4050 R & F #495259 \$75. #495260 \$30. PRESS APR 8 1969	2-28-69 3-3-69 3-3-69 3-3-69	Renewal of license---(Main & Alt. Main) Atty. Robert M. Booth	GRANTED	5-22-69
BR-4050 R & F PN R ^L cd. PRESS MAR 27 1972	2-23-72 3-3-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTERNATE MAIN) Julian P. Freret, Atty.	GRANTED	5-31-72
BRC-3711 R & F \$50-308012 AC-056 JUN 19 1974	5-17-74 5-21-74 5-21-74	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 120 West 7th Street Plainfield, New Jersey Main & Alt M <i>PH D</i> Atty. Robert M. Booth, Jr	GRANTED	8-9-74

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September 1969
6-61

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PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4050 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	1-17-75	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTER. MAIN TRANS.)	GRANTED	3-11-76
	1-27-75	R.M. Booth, Jr. Atty.		
	"	AMENDED 1-30-75 re: engineering & commercial matter		
	FEB 11 1975	AMENDED 4-30-75 re: commercial matter AMENDED 1-30-76 re: engineering		
BR-4050 R & F PRESS	1-13-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTER. MAIN TRANS.)	GRANTED	6-23-78
	2-2-78	Julian P. Freret, Atty.		
BTC-8748 R & F FCRM 315 PN FILED	6-9-78	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from	GRANTED EFF:	10-5-78 11-17-78
	6-16-78	Rose Cifrese, Edward J. Santoro, the Estate		
	JUL 19 1978	of James R. Croy III, and George S. Croy		
	7-13-78	to Henry J. Behre		
		Atty - Booth & Freret		

BTC-8748 Amended 9-14-78 re: Henry J. Behre will
remain V-Pres. & have voting rights to licensee's stock &
bank letter

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WERA-AM

Name: TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING CORP.

Station Location: PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR-810202VX FN Filed PRESS	MAR 20 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN. ALTER. TRANS.) Julian P. Freret (Booth & Freret)	<i>Bo 5-22-81</i> ISSUED

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 a few sets of microfiche 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.

