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Letters W.G.N.C.

WGNC, INC (AL 11-26-80, EFF: 1-1-81)

Location: Gastonia,
North Carolina

Name of

Licensee:

* CATHERINE T. McSWAIN (AL 7-25-51, Eff. 8-10-51)

*CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF F.C. TODD, DECEASED (AL 7-25-

* F. C. TODD

51, Eff 3-21-51

Transmitter West Sycamore Street, Gastonia, North Carolina (BP 2-4-66)

Location: X 1 1/2 mile north of city, Gastonia, North Carolina (C.P. & MP 1-9-39) Lic. 4-10-39

1700 North Broadcast Street, Gastonia, N. C. (BP 2-4-66)

MIP 28052

Main Studio X 1 1/2 mile north of city, Gastonia, North Carolina (Ltr. 12-6-51)Location: X 168-170 West Main Street, Gastonia, North Carolina (C.P. & MP 1-9-39) Lic.

FRC-65

4-10-39

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	PERIOD	
					From	To
Letter B3-P-1977	9-6-38 Eff. 9-16-38	1420	100w, 250w-LS	U	Subject to trans. site and antenna. For new station at Gastonia, North Carolina	
B3-P-1977 J-MP-732	1-9-39 C.P. for new station; of trans. site; change equip.	1420	100w, 250w-LS	U	3-9	9-9-39
B3-L-927	4-10-39 License to cover C.P. for new station	1420	100w, 250w-LS	U	4-10	1-1-40
B3-ML-710	9-6-39 Mod. License to incr. night power	1420	250w	U	9-6	1-1-40
B3-R-998	12-18-39	1420	250w	U	1-1	12-1-40
B3-S-998	5/20/40	1420	250w	U	5/1	8/1/40
Order	6/12/40	Extension of license			8/1	10/1/40
Order	9-10-40	Extension of license			10-1	3-29-41
B3-R-998	10-18-40	1420	250w	U		
NARBA REALLOCATION						
B3-R-998	3-21-41	1450	250w	U	3-29	12-1-41
B3-Z-1011	7-3-41 Determine operating power by direct measurement	1450	250w	U	7-3	12-1-41
B3-F-228	7-10-41	Installation of automatic frequency control				
B3-S-998	11-28-41	Extension of license			12-1	1-1-42
B3-S-998	12-23-41	Extension of license			1-1	2-1-42
B3-S-998	1-27-42	Extension of license			2-1	3-1-42
B3-S-998	2-24-42	Extension of license			3-1	4-1-42
B3-R-998	5-17-42	1450	250w	U	5-17	10-1-43
B3-S-998	11-6-42 Mod. Lic. in accordance with Order 107	1450	250w	U	12-1	10-1-43
B3-R-998	9-28-43	1450	250w	U	10-1	10-1-45
B3-S-998	9-25-45 Order 107-A	Extension of License			10-1	12-1-45
B3-S-998	11-31-45	Extension of license			12-1	2-1-46
B3-S-998	1-23-46	Extension of license			2-1	4-1-46
B3-S-998	3-20-46	Extension of license			4-1	6-1-46

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

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Name of licensee F. C. TODD

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

APPL. No.	DATE ISSUED	FREQ.	POWER	TIME Div.	PERIOD	
					From	To
B3-R-998	5-10-46	1450	250w	U	5-10	2-1-48
BR-998	1-16-48	1450	250w	U	2-1	2-1-51
BF-7798	9-14-50	1450	250w	U	11-14	5-14-51
C.P. to install a new transmitter						
BL-4253	10-31-50	1450	250w	U	10-31	2-1-51
Lic. cover CP(BF-7798) which auth. installation new T						
BR-998	1-29-51	1450	250w	U	2-1	2-1-54
BAL-1173	7-25-51	Invol. assignment of license to CITIZENS				
EFF.	3-21-51	NATIONAL BANK, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF F. C. TODD, DECEASED				
BAL-1188	7-25-51	Vol. assignment of license to CATHERINE				
EFF.	8-10-51	T. McSWAIN				
Indefinite extension of license in absence of action by the Commission						
Order	6-4-52	Waived Section 3.162 period ending				12-1-52
(Operate T by remote control)						
Lt r.	11-19-52	Ext. waiver 3.165 to permit operation by remote supervision period ending 12-1 6-1-53				
Teleg.	1-29-54	Action on renewal deferred 1-27 and continued operation auth. until final determination on renewal.				
BR-998	2-24-54	1450	250w	U	2-24	12-1-54
BR-998	11-10-54	Renewal of license			12-1	12-1-57
BR-998	11-29-57	Renewal of License			12-1	12-1-60
BR-998	11-16-60	Renewal of License			12-1	12-1-63
BR-998	11-29-63	Renewal of license			12-1	12-1-66
BP-17037	2-4-66	1450kc	250w	U	4-4	10-4-66
CP to change antenna-trans. & studio loc. and operate by remote control from studio location.						
BL-11,376	8-17-66	1450kc	250w	U	8-17	12-1-66
Lic to cover CP(BP-17,037) which auth chg. ant-trans loc chg studio loc and operate RC from studio loc.						
BR-998	11-18-66	Renewal of License			12-1	12-1-69
BR-998(S)	1-28-70	Renewal of license & NDEA			12-1	12-1-72

Form BC 126

June 1954

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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
BP-18,691	6-10-70	1450kc	250w	1kw, <i>unk</i>	2-10-71
	CP to increase power from 250w U to 250 w 1kw-LS and install Collins 20V-1 transmitter for day-time use only				
BL-12,742(L)	10-19-70	Lic.(BP-18,691)		for changes. 12-1-72	
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-998(S)	4-23-73	RENEWAL			12-1-75
BR-998(L)	12-24-75	RENEWAL			12-1-78
BR780726UX (S)	3-27-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-81
BAL801031EI	11-26-80		VOL AL	EFF:	1-1-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

#1

Call W G N C
Letters X N P VName F. C. ToddP. O. F. C. Todd Machinery Co. Airline Ave. Gastonia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action N.C.	
			Nature	Date
B3-P-1977	10-28-37	C.P. for new station to be operated on: Frequency - 1420 kc Power - 100w;250w-LS Time --unlimited S & T - to be determined, Gastonia, N.C.	Ex. Rept. 1-645 Dock. 4927 GRANTED Effective 9-16-38 Trans. site and antenna. Letter written. Issued with MP-732	9-6-38
B3-MP-732	11-21-38	Mod. of C.P. (B3-P-1977) for approval of new transmitter, approval of antenna and of trans. site at 1 1/2 mi. N. of Gastonia, N.C. and studio at 168-170 West Main St., Gastonia, N.C.	Granted	1-9-39
B3-L-927	3-21-39	License to cover C.P. (B3-P-1977) for a new station.	Granted	4-10-39
B3-ML-710	7-13-39	Modification of license to increase power from 100w;250w-LS to 250w day and night.	Granted	9-6-39

Mr. Gum attorney

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W G N CName F. C. TODD

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B3-R-998	10-25-39	Renewal of license	Granted	12-18-39
B3-R-998	5/29/40	Renewal of license	Granted	3-24-41 1450kc, 250w, U
B3-Z-1011 Rec'd	5-24-41 5-26-41	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement.	Ret'd 5-29-41, not signed	
Resub. Rec'd	5-31-41 6-2-41	Form 335 filed 6-11-41.	Granted	7-3-41
B3-F-228 Rec'd	6-12-41 6-13-41	Authority to install automatic frequency control equipment.	Granted	7-10-41

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Action
				Date
B3-R-998 Resub.	9-26-41	Renewal of license and Form 335.	Rev'd. - 10-13-41. 11(e); 15(a) & (b); 18; 22(e). Granted	3-17-42
B3-R-998 Rec'd Resub. rec'd	7-19-43 7-21-43 7-28-43	Renewal of license (See - + + +)	Ret'd Granted	7-22-43 9-28-43
B3-R-998 Rec'd	7-10-45 7-11-45	Renewal of license (Ltr. 7-14-45 re 17(b) Amend. re 17(b) filed 7-17-45	Granted	5-10-46
BR-998 Rec'd	11-25-47 11-26-47	Renewal of license	GRANTED	1-16-48

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CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF
Name X. F. C. TODD F. C. TODD, DECEASED. (AL 7-25-51, Eff. 3-21-51)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-7798 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	8-5-50 8-8-50 8-14-50 8-15-50 8-15-50	Construction permit to install a new transmitter (Raytheon RA-250-A).	RETURNED Sect. V-A Sect. I. GRANTED	8-11-50 dated after 9-14-50
BL-4253 Rec'd Filed	10-19-50 10-20-50 10-20-50	License to cover construction permit (BP-7798) which authorized installation of a new transmitter.	GRANTED	10-31-50
BR-998 Rec'd	12-7-50 12-8-50	Renewal of license	GRANTED	1-29-51
BAL-1173 Rec'd Filed	3-29-51 3-30-51 3-30-51	Involuntary assignment of license from F. C. Todd to Citizens National Bank, Executor of the Estate of F. C. Todd, Deceased.	GRANTED Eff.	7-25-51 3-21-51

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94 CATHERINE R. McSWAIN (AL 7-25-51, Eff. 8-10-51)

X CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, EXECUTOR OF THE

Letters W G N CName ESTATE OF F. C. TODD, DECEASED

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-1188 Rec'd Filed	4-30-51 5-2-51 5-2-51	Voluntary assignment of license from Citizens National Bank, Executor of the Estate of F. C. Todd, Deceased to Catherine T. McSwain. (Contingent on grant of BAL-1173)	GRANTED Eff.	7-25-51 8-10-51
BR-998 Rec'd Filed	11-11-53 11-13-53 11-13-53	Renewal of License	GRANTED	2-24-54
BR-998 Rec'd Filed	9-21-54 9-22-54 9-22-54	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-10-54
BR-998 Rec'd Filed	9-2-57 9-4-57 9-4-57	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	11-20-57
BR-998 Rec'd Filed	9-2-60 9-6-60 9-6-60	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-16-60

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Letters W G N CName CATHERINE T. McSWAIN
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-998 Rec'd Filed	9-23-63 9-24-63 9-24-63	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-29-63
BP-17,037 Rec'd. Filed	10-14-65 10-15-65 11-29-65	Construction permit to change antenna-trans. location to West Sycamore St., Gastonia, N.C., change main studio location to 1700 North Broadcast Street, Gastonia, N.C. and operate by remote control from studio location.	GRANTED	2-4-66
BL-11,376 R & F	6/23/66 6/27/66	Lic. to cover CP (BP-17,037) which auth. chng ant-trans. location, chng. studio location and operate RC from studio loc.	GRANTED	8-17-66
BR-998 R & F	8-30-66 8-31-66	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-18-66
BR-998 Rec'd #538887 \$30 PN PRESS	8-30-69 9-4-69 548204 \$45 9-4-69 OCT 13 1969	Renewal of license REMOVED 12-13-69 re: Programming	GRANTED	1-28-70

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Name GASTONIA, N.C. NEWS
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-18,691 Rec'd Filed \$30-564486 \$35-578098 \$10-578097 PRESS: PN filed	12-18-69 12-22-69 2-16-70 12-22-69 2-16-70 2-16-70 1970	CP to increase power from 250w, Unlimited to 250w, 1kw-L5 and install Collins 20V-1 transmitter for daytime use only.	GRANTED	6-10-70
BL-12,742 Rec'd #623267 \$11 #624886 \$20. Amended PTA PRESS OCT 13 1970	7-30-70 8-4-70 8-4-70 8-18-70 8-31-70 9-9-70	Lic.(BP-18,691) for changes. Day Trans: COLLINS, 20-V. new 302 - engr. data.	GRANTED	10-19-70

CONTACT: Broadus McDwain, Station Mgr.
TELE: 865-8501 AREA CODE: 704
ADDRESS: 1700 Broadcast Street Gastonia, N.C.

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Name **WGNC, INC.**
CATHERINE T. McSWAIN
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-998 R & F PN Recd. PRESS SEP 27 1972	8-24-72 8-31-72 " SEP 27 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 12-12-72 re: ascert. of comm. needs; commercial & employment policy AMENDED 2-26-73 re: accert. of comm. needs & equal employ. prog.	GRANTED	4-23-73
BR-998 R & F PN Recd. PRESS AUG 19 1975	7-29-75 7-20-75 " AUG 19 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 11-28-75 re: commercial matter & EEO AMENDED 12-12-75 re: EEO	GRANTED	12-24-75
BR780726UX PRESS SEP 15 1978	SEP 15 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTER. TRANS.)	GRANTED	3-27-79
BAL801031E Form 316 PRESS NOV 24 1980	NOV 24 1980	Voluntary assignment of license to WGNC, Inc.	GRANTED EFF:	11-26-80 1-1-81

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 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.

