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**REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE**

**Cat. No. 4550L**

**Patent No. 1390199**

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....2-10-48.....

Call letters ..... W K R T .....  
LOCATION: CORTLAND, NEW YORK

CROWN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (AL 1-19-78 EFF:1-31-78)

\* RADIO CORTLAND, INC. (AL 7-21-50 EFF: 7-25-50)

Name of licensee \* CORTLAND BROADCASTING CO., INC. ....

Cortlandville, New York (Lic. 2-10-48)

Transmitter location \* Cortland, New York (CP 7-17-47) .....

(BML 8-25-71)

Tompkins Street and Fairfield Drive, Cortlandville, New York (Outside City

\* 27 North Main Street, Cortland, New York, (BRC-381) Limits)

\* 14 Groton Avenue, Cortland, New York (Lic. 2-10-48)

\* State Theater Bldg, 33 N. Main Street, Cortland, New York (Ltr. 2-27-48)

\* 14 Groton Avenue, Cortland, New York (Ltr. 9-4-47)

\* 45 Main Street, Cortland, New York (CP 7-17-47)

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time	Period
				Div.	From- To-
BP-6091	7-17-47	920	1kw	Daytime	9-17 3-17-48
CP for new station.					
Letter	12-23-47	STA to operate additional time from 11:30 pm, EST, 12-24-47 to 1:15 am, EST, 12-25-47, (with power reduced to 250w) in order to broadcast midnight Mass of St. Mary's Church, only.			
BL-2811 BZ-2656	2-10-48	920	1kw	Daytime	2-10 5-1-50
Lic. to cover CP (6091) for a new station and determine operating power by direct method. (CONDITIONAL CLAUSE)					
BMP-3173	3-10-49	920	500w*, 1kw-LS *DA-N	U	5-10 11-10-49
. CP (6091) to change hrs. of opr., change power, install DA for night use, change ground system.					
BL-3756	2-18-49	920	500w*, 1kw-LS *DA-N	U	5-10 5-1-50
Lic. to cover CP (3173) to change hrs. of opr., change power and install DA for night use.					
BR-1851	4-21-50	920	500w-DA-N, 1kw-LS, U		5-1 5-1-53
BAL-1033	7-21-50	Vol. AL from Cortland Broadcasting Co., Inc. to Radio Cortland, Inc.			
EFF:	7-25-50				
BR-1851	4-15-53	920	500W, 1 kw-LS DA-N U		5-1-53 6-1-54
BRC-381 (1)	4-29-54	Modification of license to operate trans. by remote from 27 North Main St., Cortland, New York, while using non-directional antenna			
BR-1851	5-19-54	920	500w 1kw-LS DA-N U		6-1 6-1-57
BTC-1774 EFF:	7-28-54 8-23-54	Vol. acquisition of control by Leighton A. Hope			
BS-1851 (1)	8-25-55	Mod. Lic. to show FM ant. mounted on NW tower instead of SE tower			
BR-1851	5/24/57	920kc	500 w 1kw-LS DA-N U		6/1/57 6/1/60
5-25-60 Comm. deferred action on renewal pending / further consid.					

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Station location Cortland, New York

Name of licensee RADIO CORTLAND, INC. SEE PAGE 1

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BR-1851	6-29-60	RENEWAL	OF LICENSE		6-29 6-1-63
BR-1851	5-31-63	Renewal	of license		6-1 6-1-66
BR-1851	6-22-66	Renewal	of license		6-22 6-1-69
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
BR-1851(S)	5-29-69	Renewal	& NDEA		6-1-72
BZ-7638(L)	10-15-70	Direct Meas.-monit.	pts. redes.		
BML-2373(1)	8-25-71	Mod. of license	to change main studio location. (outside city limits)		
EBSA	6-12-72				
BR-1851(L)	6-8-72	RENEWAL			6-1-75
BR-1851(S)	6-26-75	Renewal	of License		6-1-78
BS-1851(L)	8-22-75	ML chg	antenna monitor (page 2)		
BAL-9171	1-19-78	VOL. AL	EFF:1-31-78		
BR-1851(S)	8-31-78	Renewal	of License		6-1-81
BRC-781109 AG (1)	1-22-79	RC			
BZ-780721AF(L)	10-19-79	Direct Measurement			6-1-81

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters WKRT  
NewName CORTLAND BROADCASTING CO., INC.  
(PO 45 Main Street, Cortland, New York)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
HP-6091 Rec'd Filed	5-15-47 5-16-47 5-19-47	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 920kc Power: 1kw Hours of operation: Daytime only Trans. location: Cortland, New York Studio location: 45 Main Street, Cortland, New York John A. Moffet, Engr.; Scott G. Rigby, Att'y.	GRANTED	7-17-47
BMP-3173 Rec'd Filed	9-18-47 9-22-47 9-22-47	Mod. of C.P. (BP-6091, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change hours of operation from Daytime to Unlimited, change power from 1kw to 500w, 1kw-LS, and install directional antenna for night use.  (Filed by Graeme C. Bannerman, Atty.; John A. Moffet, Engr.)	Docket # 8778 Granted 3-10-49 after being removed from the hearing docket ORDER ISSUED  Issued as CP	

Transmitter-General Electric XT-1-A

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Call

Letters W K R TName CORTLAND BROADCASTING CO., INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-3173 (cont. from Card #1)				
AMENDED	12-16-47	AMENDED to change DA pattern for night use		
Recd.	12-17-47	and make changes in ground system.		
Filed	12-17-47			
		Ret. filed 3-2-48 for reconsideration and grant without hearing		



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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-2811 Rec'd Filed BZ-2656 Rec'd Filed	11-14-47 11-14-47 11-14-47 11-13-47 11-14-47 11-14-47	License to cover C.P. (BP-6091) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED waiver 3.55(b) and 3.60	2-10-48
BL-3756 Rec'd Filed	6-21-49 6-22-49 7-18-49	License to cover C.P. (BMP-3173) which authorized to change hours of operation, change power and install directional antenna for night use.  (Dabney T. Waring, Engr.)	GRANTED	8-18-49
BR-1851 Rec'd	2-28-50 3-2-50	Renewal of license	GRANTED	4-21-50

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Letters W K R TName RADIO CORTLAND, INC. (AL 7-21-50)  
CORTLAND BROADCASTING CO., INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-1033 Rec'd Filed	6-1-50 6-2-50 6-2-50	Voluntary assignment of license from Cortland Broadcasting Co., Inc. <u>to</u> Radio Cortland, Inc.  Scott G. Rigby, Atty.	GRANTED  EFF:	7-21-50  7-25-50
BR-1851 Rec'd Filed	1-29-53 2-2-53 2-2-53	Renewal of License	GRANTED	4-15-53
BR-1851 Rec'd Filed	2-20-54 2-25-54 2-25-54	Renewal of license	GRANTED	5-19-54
BRC-381 Rec'd Filed	4-21-54 4-26-54 4-26-54	Modification of license to operate trans. by remote control from 27 North Main St., Cortland, New York, while using non-directional antenna.	GRANTED	4-29-54

#4 APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W K R T

Name RADIO CORTLAND, INC.  
CORTLAND, NEW YORK

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTG-1774	7-13-54	Voluntary acquisition of control of licensee corporation by Leighton A. Hope thru purchase of 200 shares of stock from Robert M. Hope.	GRANTED EFF:	7-28-54
Rec'd	7-19-54			8-23-54
Filed	7-19-54			
BR-1851	2-25-57	Renewal of license	GRANTED	5-24-57
Rec'd	2-27-57			
Filed	2-27-57			
BR-1851	2-29-60	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	6-29-60
Rec'd & Filed	3-3-60			
BR-1851	2-22-63	Renewal of license	GRANTED	5-31-63
Rec'd &	2-26-63			
Filed	2-26-63			
BR-1851	2-25-66	Renewal of license	GRANTED	6-22-66
R&F	3-2-66			

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Letters W K R T

Name RADIO CORTLAND, INC.  
Cortland, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1851 R & F \$494889 \$75.00 PRESS MAR 11 1969	2-21-69 2-26-69 2-26-69	Renewal of license AMENDED 3-17-69 re: Business Interests AMENDED 4-28-69 re: Programming (AM & FM)	GRANTED	5-29-69
BZ-7638 Rec'd Amended & F DM PRESS OCT 12 1970	10-6-69 10-8-69 10-2-70 10-6-70	Direct Measurement  Engr. data	GRANTED	10-15-70
BML-2373 R & F #023906 \$50 Acc. 060 Press AUG 23 1971	8-10-71 8-12-71 8-12-71	Mod. of license to change main studio location to on Tompkins Street and Fairfield Drive, Cortlandville, New York. (Outside City Limits)	GRANTED	8-25-71
BR-1851 R & F PN Recd. RESS MAR 9 1972	2-25-72 3-1-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 3-20-72 re: engineering data AMENDED 4-26-72 re: community survey; equal employment program	GRANTED	6-8-72

Form 101 sent 3-7-69 re: Sec. I, Para. 7 not ans.

Form BC-121  
September 1969

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Letters W K R TName\* CROWN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
RADIO CORTLAND, INC.  
CORTLAND, NEW YORK

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1851 R & E PN R cd. PRESS	1-17-75 1-27-75 " <b>FEB 13 1975</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 1-29-75 re: station personnel AMENDED 5-16-75 re: ascertainment of community needs & programming AMENDED 6-12-75 re: commercial matter	GRANTED	6-26-75
BAI-9171 R B & F FORM 314 (ALSO SEE FM) FILED PN " PN filed 10-26-77	9-22-77 9-27-77 10-11-77 10-12-77 <b>NOV 7 1977</b>	Voluntary assignment of license to CROWN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  Atty - Stambler & Shrinsky, P.C. (B. Eisen) AMENDED 9-29-77 - revised by laws; executed copy of agreement AMENDED 10-11-77 - <u>Cert Art of Inc.</u> , revised exh. re prop. prog. AMENDED 12-27-77 - demographic & prog. data; rev. financial; info re stockholders AMENDED 1-5-78 - statement re B/C employment; rev. prog. (re news); financial data; demographic data AMENDED 1-11-78 - financial data	GRANTED EFF:	1-19-78

Form BC-121  
May 1976

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Letters W K R TName CROWN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
CORTLAND, NEW YORK

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1851 R & F PRESS	1-20-78 2-1-80 MAR 3 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE  Atty. James M. Weitzman (Stambler & Shrinsky, P.C.)	GRANTED	8-31-78
BRC781109AG PRESS	JAN 18 1979	Modification of License to operate Transmitter by Remote Control from Main Studio Location: Tompkins Street & Fairfield Drive, Cortland, New York (Nighttime).	GRANTED	1-22-79
BZ-780721AF R & F DM PRESS OCT 5	7-21-78 7-31-79 1979	Direct Measurement  Atty: James M. Weitzman (Shrinsky & Eisen)	GRANTED	10-19-79

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## APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WKRT-AM

Name: CROWN BROADCASTING CO., INC.

Station Location: CORTLAND, NEW YORK

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR-810202A3 PN FILED PRESS	MAR 2 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. James M. Weitzman	GRANTED 5-29-81



W K R T - RECORD OF DENIAL OF INFORMAL APPLICATIONS

Ltr. 12-8-48 advising applicant that in accordance with Sec. 1.324 of the Rules STA cannot be considered for authority to broadcast midnite Mass Dec. 25.

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## 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 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.

