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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 9-19-47

Call letters WRIB (Let. 4-18-47)
X W E P L

Station location: Providence, R. I.

WRIB, INC. (AL 11-29-72 EFF: 12-19-72)

Name of licensee X R. I. BROADCASTING CO.

End of Water Street, East Providence, Rhode Island. (MP 5-23-47) (Lic. 9-19-47)

Transmitter location Watchemoket Cove, East Providence, R. I. (CP 10-5-46)

End of Water Street, East Providence, Rhode Island (Ltr. 12-18-53)
(Eff. 1-15-54)
X Narraganset Hotel 97 Dorrance Street, Providence, Rhode Island (MP 5-23-47)
(Lic. 9-19-47)

Main studio location Crown Hotel, 208 Weybosset St., Providence, R. I. (CP 10-5-46)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BL-P-5046 C.P. for new station	10-3-46	1220	250w	Daytime (Conditional Clause)	12-3 6-3-47
BMP-2721 Mod. C.P. (5046) changes in antenna and T equipment, change T & S sites and extension of completion date (Cond. clause)	5-23-47	1220	250w	Daytime	12-3 7-3-47
BL-2521 BZ-2341	9-19-47	1220	250w	Daytime	9-19 5-1-48
Lic. to cover CP (5046 as mod.) for a new station and determine operating power by direct method. (Cond. Cl.)					
BR-1584	4-28-48	1220	250w	Daytime	5-1 5-1-51
BMP-2479	8-17-50	1220	1kw	Day	10-17 4-17-51
C.P. to increase power and install a new transmitter					
BMP-5311	9-12-50	1220	1kw	Day	10-17 4-17-51
Mod. C.P. (BMP-2479) to chg. type transmitter					
BL-4225	10-24-50	1220	1kw	Daytime	10-24 5-1-51
Lic. cover CP (BMP-2479, as mod. which authorized increase in power and installation of new T.					
BL-4226	10-24-50	1220	250w	Aux.	10-24 5-1-51
Lic. to use old main T for aux. purposes					
BS-1584	4-25-51	Extension of license Main and auxiliary		5-1	9-1-51
BS-1584	8-24-51	Extension of license Main and auxiliary		9-1	12-1-51
BS-1584	11-28-51	Extension of license Main & auxiliary		12-1	3-1-52
BS-1584	2-26-52	Extension of license Main and auxiliary		3-1	6-1-52
BS-1584	5-21-52	Extension of license Main and auxiliary		6-1	9-1-52
Telegram	8-20-52	Action on renewal deferred and continued operation auth. until final determination on renewal			8-13-52
BR-1584 Aux	9-10-52	1220kc	1kw 250W	Daytime Aux.	9-10-52 4-1-54
BR-1584	3-17-54	1220	1kw	Daytime	4-1 4-1-57
Aux & Main Trans.					
BR-1584	3-20-57	Renewal of License Aux. and Main		4/1/57	4/1/60

June 1954

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WRIB, INC. (AL 11-29-72 EFF: 12-19-72)

Name of licensee ..X.R.I. BROADCASTING CO.

Transmitter location See card #1

Main studio location See card #1

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BTC-3314 EFF	12-15-59 3-8-60	Voluntary acquisition of negative control of licensee corporation by (1) Irma Pace 50% and (2) Frank Rao and John Rao 50% thru sale of 20 shares of stock by Harold C. Arcaro and Ines C. Arcaro to Irma Pace and R. I. Broadcasting Co.			
	3-30-60	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-1584	9-7-60	Renewal of License (M & A)			9-7 4-1-63
BTC-3591 EFF:	2-23-61 2-28-61	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Frank Rao, John Rao and Irma Pace to Springfield Broadcasting Co.			
	3-27-62	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL			
BR-1584	4-18-63	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (M & A)			4-18 4-1-66
BTC-4285 EFF:	6-7-63	Involuntary transfer of control of Springfield Broadcast Co. (Parent corporation of licensee corporation) from Paul J. Perreault to Frances P. Perreault, Executrix of the Estate of Paul J. Perreault, Deceased.			
BR-1584	4-18-63	Renewal of License Main & Aux			4-18 4-1-66
BZ-5151	1-27-65	1220kc	1kw	Day (M)	1-27 4-1-66
		Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power			
BZ-5486 (1)	4-21-65	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power			
BR-1584	3-21-66	1220kc	1kw 250w	Day (N) (Aux.)	4-1 4-1-69
BR-1584	10-22-69	Renewal of Main & Aux.			4-1-72
TELEGRAM	1-6-71	PSA	500 watts		
BR-1584(S)	4-28-72	RENEWAL MAIN & AUX.			4-1-75
BR-1584 ---BBSA	Superseding authorization to correct station loc. 6-12-72				
BAL-7637	11-29-72	VOL AL			
BR-1584(L)	3-31-75	RENEWAL MAIN AND AUXILIARY			4-1-78
COMTEL	3-8-78	OBSTRUCTION MARKING & LIGHTING ACCORDANCE PARAGRAPH 1 only.			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location

Name of licensee SEE CARD #1

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To
BR-1584(L)	3-21-78	Renewal (Main & Aux.)			4-1-81
BR-1584(L)	3-21-78	Supersedes to correct * Renewal			Antenna 4-1-81
Comtel	6-6-79	Coord: 41 19 15		71 23 07	
BZ-790423AD(L)	8-8-79	Direct Measurement			4-1-81

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x NewName R. I. BROADCASTING CO.(P.O. - Rm. 514, Industrial Trust Bldg., Providence, R. I.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B1-P-5046 Rec'd	5-17-46	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1170-ke 1220 kc Power - 250w Hours of operation - Daytime Only Trans. location - Watchemoket Cove, East Providence, R. I. Studio location - Not-specified	GRANTED (Conditional re waiver 3.55(b) and 3.60)	10-3-46
	6-7-46			
Amended	7-18-46	Amended to change frequency from 1170 to 1220 kc and to specify studio location as 208 Weybosset St., Crown Hotel, Providence, R. I. (Filed by Paul A. de Mars, Engr.)		
Rec'd	7-20-46			
Filed	7-20-46			

Raytheon RA-250 transmitter

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name R. I. BROADCASTING CO.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-2479	1-21-47	Mod. of C.P. (Bl-P-5046, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to increase power from 250w day to 1kw day, install new transmitter (W.E. 443 A-1), make changes in vertical antenna and change transmitter location from Watchemoket Cove, East Providence, R. I. to 100 Ft. from East Shore of the Seekonk River, between Washington Bridge and Red Bridge, East Providence, Rhode Island.		
Rec'd	1-22-47			
Filed	1-22-47			
			Docket 8298	
			GRANTED	8-17-50 after hearing.
			DECISION & ORDER ISSUED	
			CP ISSUED	
			Issued as a C.P.	
AMENDED	11-14-49	(Filed by Paul A. deMars, Engr.)		
Recd.	11-17-49	AMENDED to change transmitter location (geog. coords. only)		
Filed	11-25-49			

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W R I BName R. I. BROADCASTING CO.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-2721	4-26-47	Mod. of C.P. (B1-P-5046, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to make changes in vertical antenna and transmitting equipment, to change transmitter location from Watchemoket Cove, East Providence, R.I. <u>TO</u> End of Water Street, East Providence, R.I. and studio location from 208 Weybosset St., Crown Hotel, Providence, R.I. <u>TO</u> Narragansett Hotel, 97 Dorrance Street, Providence, R.I., and for extension of completion date from 6-3-47 to 7-3-47. (Paul A. de Mars, Engr.)	GRANTED	5-23-47
Rec'd	5-2-47		Conditional re waivers	
Filed	5-2-47		3.55(b) and 3.60.	

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W R I EName R. I. BROADCASTING CO.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-2531	6-11-47	License to cover C.P. (B1-P-5046, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED re waiver 3.60	9-19-47 3.55(b) and 3.60
Rec'd	6-12-47			
Filed	6-12-47			
BZ-2341	6-11-47	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.		
Rec'd	6-12-47			
Filed	6-12-47			

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Letters W R I B

Name R. I. BROADCASTING CO.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1584 Rec'd	2-28-48 3-1-48	Renewal of license	Granted	4-28-48
BMP-5311 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	8-28-50 8-30-50 9-2-50 9-6-50 9-6-50	Modification of construction permit (BMP-2479) which authorized an increase in power and the installation of a new transmitter] to change type of transmitter (General Electric XT-1-A).	Returned 8-31-50 Signed by Mr. ... no Sect. III & F not approved. GRANTED	9-12-50
BL-4225 Rec'd Filed	10-3-50 10-4-50 10-4-50	License to cover construction permit (BMP-2479 as modified) which authorized increase in power and installation of a new transmitter.	GRANTED	10-24-50
BL-4226 Rec'd Filed	10-3-50 10-4-50 10-4-50	License to use old main transmitter (Raytheon RA-250) at (present location of main transmitter for auxiliary purposes with power of 250 watts.	GRANTED	10-24-50
BR-1584 " Rec'd Aux. resub.	2-28-51 " 3-5-51 4-23-51	Renewal of license (Main) " " " (Aux.) (Not notarized)	Aux. Ret'd 3-27-51 GRANTED	9-10-52

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Letters W R I B

Name R. I. BROADCASTING CO.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1584 Rec'd Filed	12-30-53 1-4-54 1-4-54	Renewal of License, Main & Auxiliary	Granted	3-17-54
BR-1584 Rec'd Filed	12-24-56 12-31-56 12-31-56	Renewal of license Main and Auxiliary	GRANTED	3-20-57
BTC-3314 Rec'd Filed	11-27-59 12-2-59 12-2-59	Voluntary acquisition of negative control of licensee corporation by (1) Irma Pace 50% and (2) Frank Rao and John Rao 50% thru sale of 20 shares of stock by Harold C. Arcaro and Ines C. Arcaro to Irma Pace and R. I. Broadcasting Co.	GRANTED EFF:	12-15-59 3-8-60
BR-1584 Rec'd & Filed	12-28-59 1-6-60	Benedict P. Cottone, Atty. Renewal of license.	GRANTED	9-7-60

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name R. I. BROADCASTING CO.
PROVIDENCE, R. I.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-3591	11-7-60	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Frank Rao, John Rao and Irma Pace to Springfield Broadcasting Co.	GRANTED	2-23-61
Rec'd	11-15-60		EFF:	2-28-61
Filed	11-15-60			
BR-1584	12-31-62	Renewal of license (Main & Aux)	RETURNED	2-7-63
Rec'd	1-2-63		Incomplete	
Resubmitted 2/13/63			GRANTED	4-18-63
Rec'd & Filed 2/14/63				
BTC-4285	4-1-63	Involuntary transfer of control of Springfield Broadcast Co., (Parent corporation of licensee corporation) from Paul J. Perreault to Frances P. Perreault, Executrix of the Estate of Paul J. Perreault, Deceased.	RETURNED	4-17-63
Rec'd	4-2-63		dated	
RESUB	4-30-63		not signed by trans-	
Rec'd	5-2-63		feree; was to be filed in trip.	
			GRANTED	6-7-63
			EFF:	

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Letters W R I BName R. I. Broadcasting Co.
Providence, Rhode Island

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-5151 Rec'd Filed	9-9-63 9-18-63 10-21-63	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Main)	GRANTED	1-27-65
BZ-5486 Rec'd Filed	4-17-64 9-10-64 1-21-65	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Auxiliary Transmitter)	GRANTED	4-21-65
BR-1584 R & F	12-31-65 1-4-66	Renewal of license (Main & Aux.)	GRANTED	3-21-66
1-24-68. Notice of Apparent Liability \$2,000.00 (Foreign Program logging and Brokerage) The Commission by Memo. Opinion & Order of 4-24-68 ordered WRIB, Providence, R.I., to pay forfeiture of \$2,000. Commission denies request for mitigation of \$2,000 penalty for time brokerage and logging violations by Memo. Opinion; and Order adopted 7-3-68.				

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WRIB

WRIB, INC.

Name WRIB, INC. BROADCASTING CO.
Providence, Rhode Island

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1584	12-27-68	Renewal of license	RETURNED Sec. 1 not signed	2-5-69 re: 10-22-69
Rec'd	1-2-69	(Main & Auxiliary)		
#481026 \$75.	1-2-69	AMENDED 3-10-69 re: Ownership Report &	GRANTED	10-22-69
Resubmitted	2-7-69	Financial Report		
FILED	2-10-69	(Main)		
#490656 \$30	2-17-69	AMENDED 4-11-69 re: Programming		
Filed	2-17-69	Auxiliary	GRANTED	4-28-72
		AMENDED 5-19-69 re: Programming		
BR-1584	12-29-71	Renewal of License(Main & Auxiliary)		
R & F	1-3-72	AMENDED 3-2-72 re: ascertainment of community		
PN	1-3-72	needs; employment policy	GRANTED	11-29-72
PRESS		AMENDED 4-3-72 re: community survey		
JAN 20 1972				
BAL-7637	6-15-72	Voluntary assignment of license to		
R & F	6-26-72	WRIB, INC. (SEE OVER)	GRANTED	11-29-72
FEE PD: \$1000 #086072				
CODE 04:7	JUL 14 1972			

RE: BAL-7637 - NOTED: Table I fails to show officers;
Table II incomplete re Arthur Tacker; depreciation schedule
not sub., Page 2, Sec.III missing;
AMENDED 11-22-72 re comm. survey

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Letters WRIB

Name WRIB, INC.
Providence, Rhode Island

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1584 R & F PN Press	11-20-74 12-2-74 12-2-74 JAN 28 1975	Renewal of license (Main & Auxiliary) Atty: Michael H. Bader	GRANTED	3-31-75
BR-1 584 R&F PN. Recd PRESS	11-16-77 11-18-77 11-18-77 JAN 9 1977	Renewal of License (Main & Aux.) Atty-Richard M. Riehl	GRANTED	3-21-78
BZ-790423AD R & F DM PRESS JUL 25 1979	4-23-79 6-6-79	Direct Measurement	GRANTED	8-8-79

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WRIB

Name: WRIB, INC.

Station Location: PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR-801201YG PRESS	FEB 6 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. Richard M. Riehl	GRANTED 3-30-81

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.

