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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed November 6, 1941

W S T C (2-27-46)

Call letters x W S R R

LOCATION: STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

Name of licensee THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 12-19-45, EFF: Midnight  
 x STEPHEN R. RINTOUL 12-31-45

Transmitter location 320 Strawberry Hill Avenue, Stamford, Conn. (CP-11-4-47) (Lic. 7-13-48)  
 x Lindstrom Road, Stamford, Conn. (CP 7-3-41) Lic. 11-6-41

6904  
 Main studio location 117 Prospect St., Stamford, Conn. (Ltr. 6-30-71)  
 x 270 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut (Affidavit 10-7-41) Lic. 11-6-41

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

APPL. No.	DATE ISSUED	FREQ.	POWER	TIME Div.	PERIOD	
					From—	To—
B1-P-2789	3-12-41	1370	250w	U		
Letter	4-7-41	1400 (NARBA)				
	Granted C.P. subject to selection of T site and antenna for approval of Commission.					
B1-MP-1306	7-3-41	1400	250w	U	9-3	3-3-42
B1-P-2789	Mod.C.P.2789 for approval of T site and antenna					
B1-L-1520)	11-6-41	1400	250w	U	11-6	8-1-43
B1-2-1246)	License to cover CP 2789 as mod., for a new station; also determine operating power by direct method					
B1-S-1150	11-6-42	1400	250w	U	12-1	8-1-43
	Mod. Lic. accordance Order 107					
B1-R-1150	7-27-43	1400	250w	U	8-1	8-1-45
B1-S-1150	7-24-45	Extension of license			8-1	10-1-45
B1-R-1150	8-21-45	1400	250w	U	8-21	8-1-47
B1-S-1150	8-21-45	1400	250w	U	10-1	8-1-47
	Mod. Lic. Order 107-A					
B1-AL-474	12-19-45	Voluntary assignment of license to The Western Connecticut Broadcasting Company				
	EFF: Midnight 12-31-45					
BR-1150	7-17-47	1400	250w	U	8-1	8-1-50
CP-6396	11-4-47	1400	250w	U	1-4	7-4-47
	CP to install new antenna and mount FM antenna on AM tower, change T site.					
BL-3103	7-13-48	1400	250w	U	7-13	8-1-50
	Lic. to cover CP (6396) to install new vertical antenna and mount FM antenna on AM tower, and change T site.					
BR-1150	7-21-50	1400	250w	U	8-1	8-1-53
BR-1150	7-15-53	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-53	4-1-54
BR-1150	3-17-54	Renewal of License			4-1	4-1-57
BRC-419	4-9-54	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 270 Atlantic Street Stamford, Connecticut				
(1)						

Form BC-126

June 1954

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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W.S.T.C.

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
Telegram	3-29-57	Action on renewal deferred 3-27-57 and continued operation authorized until final determination on renewal applic.			
BR-1150	4-24-57	1400	250	U	4/24 - 4/1/60
	3-30-60	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-1150	6/29/60	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			6/29 4/1/63
BP-12709	3-22-61	1400kc	250w-1kw	LS U	5-22 11-22-61
	CP to increase daytime power and install a new transmitter. (COND'L)				
BL-8931	3-27-62	1400kc	250w-1kw	LS U	3-27 4-1-63
	Lic. to cov. CP (BP-12-709 as mod.) to inc. in daytime power from 250w to 1kw and install new transmitter. (MAIN)				
BL-8932	3-27-62	1400kc	250w	U	3-27-62, 4-1-63
	Lic. to use old main trans. (RCA-250K) as an aux. trans. daytime & alt. main nighttime at main trans. loc. to be operated on 1400kc, 250 w with remote control operation from studio.				
BR-1150	3-11-63	Renewal of license (Main)			4-1 4-1-66
	Aux and Alt Main			to	4-1-66
BP-16550	5-19-65	1400kc	250w-1kw	LS U	7-19 1-19-66
	CP to make changes in antenna system (reduce height).				
	5-11-66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct test. of antenna power. (Aux.-Alt.-Main)			
BL-11,218 (1)	3-3-66	Lic to cover CP (BP-16,550) which auth chg. in ant-system, Main			
BR-1150	3-21-66	1400kc	250w-1kw	Unl.	4-1 4-1-69
		1400	250w	AUX. Day	
				Alt.-Night	4-1-69
BR-1150(3)	3-20-69	renewal of Licenses & NDEA			4-1 4-1-72
		(Main & Aux-Day & Alt.-Night)			
	5-25-72				

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Call W S R R

Letters ~~W S R R~~Name STEPHEN R. RINTOUL

File No.	Dated	P.O. Box 94, Application for Riverside, Conn.	Action	
			Nature	Date
B1-P-2789	2-29-40	C.P. for a new station to be operated on Frequency: 1370 kc Power: 250 watts Hours: Unlimited Studio & Trans.: Site to be determined, Stamford, Connecticut.	Granted for 1370 kc subject to change to 1400 kc after 3-29-41 and subject to selection of T site and antenna. Letter written 4-7-41 Issued with MP-1306	3-12-41
B1-MP-1306 Rec'd	5-3-41 5-8-41	Mod. of C.P. (B1-P-2789) for a new station, requesting approval of transmitter site at <del>Barrett St., Stamford, Conn.</del> , and approval of antenna.  (Filed by Chas. Wayland)	Granted	7-3-41
Amended Rec'd	5-8-41 5-26-41	RE: to change requested location of trans. from Barrett St., Stamford, Conn. to Lindstrom Road, Stamford, Conn. Form 335 filed 6-6-41		

Ben S. Fisher, Attorney

Newspaper affiliations - None

RCA 250-K

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Letters

~~EFF: Midnight 12-31-45~~

THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 12-19-45,

Name x STEPHEN R. RINTOUL

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
Bl-L-1520 & Bl-Z-1246 received	9-15-41  9-17-41	License to cover C.P.(Bl-P-2789, as modif. for a new station) and approval of studio site at 270 Atlantic St., Stamford, Conn., and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. Form 335 filed. (Filed by Chas.V.Wayland-Atty.)	Granted	11-6-41
Bl-R-1150 Rec'd	5-29-43 5-31-43	Renewal of license Filed by Charles V. Wayland atty.	Granted	7-27-43
Bl-AL-474 Rec'd Filed	2-13-45 2-14-45 2-14-45	Voluntary Assignment of License to THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT BROADCASTING COMPANY. (Filed by Frank D. Scott. Atty.)	Docket No. 6777 Granted after a hearing Min. 12-19-45 EFF: Midnight 12-31-45 DECISION & ORDER ISSUED	



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call W S T C  
Letters x W S R RName The Western Connecticut Broadcasting Company  
STEPHEN R. RINTOUL

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
Bl-R-1150 Rec'd	5-26-45 5-29-45	Renewal of license Filed by Philip G. Loucks atty. <del>Atty. will file amend. -17(b)- &amp; photos-</del> Amend. filed 6-12-45	Granted	8-21-45
BR-1150 Rec'd	5-15-47 5-27-47	Renewal of license Filed by Paul O'Brien atty.	Granted	7-17-47
BP-6396 Rec'd Filed	10-8-47 10-16-47 10-16-47	Construction Permit to install new vertical antenna and mount FM antenna on AM Tower, and change transmitter location from Lindstrom Road, Stamford, Conn. <u>TO</u> 320 Strawberry Hill Ave., Stamford, Conn.  (Filed by Dwight E. Rorer, Atty.; George C. Davis, Engr.)	GRANTED	11-4-47

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-3103 Rec'd Filed	4-12-48 4-14-48 4-14-48	License to cover C.P. (BP-6396) which authorized to install new vertical antenna and mount FM antenna on AM tower, and change transmitter location.	GRANTED	7-13-48
BR-1150 Rec'd	5-25-50 5-26-50	Renewal of license	Granted	7-21-50
BR-1150 Rec'd Filed	4-16-53 4-21-53 4-21-53	Renewal of License	GRANTED	7-15-53
BR-1150 Rec'd Filed	12-31-53 1-4-54 1-4-54	Renewal of License	Granted	3-17-54

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Stamford, Connecticut

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRC-419 Rec'd Filed	6-3-54 6-7-54 6-7-54	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 370 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut	GRANTED	6-9-54
BR-1150 Recd Filed	12-19-56 12-26-56 12-26-56	Renewal of license	GRANTED	4-24-57
BP-12,709 Rec'd Filed	12-11-58 12-22-58 12-22-58	Construction permit to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw and install new transmitter (RCA-BTA-1R)  Atty. - Dow, Lohnes and Albertson Engr. - George C. Davis	GRANTED	3-22-61 Cond'l re accept interf. imposed by existing Class IV stations if auth. incr. power to 1kw

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W S T CName THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT BROADCASTING COMPANY  
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1150 Rec'd Filed	12-22-59 12-28-59 12-28-59	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	6/29/60
B1-8931 R. & P.	10-30-61 11-3-61	Lic. to cover CP (EP-12, 700 as Mod.) to with. incr. in daytime power from 250 to 1kw and install new trans.	GRANTED	3-27-62
B1-8932 R. & F.	10-30-61 11-3-61	Lic. to use old main trans (RCA 250K) as an auxiliary trans. / at main transmitter location to be operated on 1400kc, 250w, with remote control operation from studios, <del>for auxiliary purpose only.</del>	GRANTED	3-27-62
BR-1150 R & F	12-27-62 12-28-62	Renewal of License (Main) (Alt. main -- Aux.)	GRANTED	3-11-63
<del>BR-1150 R &amp; F</del>	<del>12-27-62 12-28-62</del>	<del>Renewal of License (Main) (Alt. main -- Aux.)</del>		

FORM BC-121 #7  
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W.S.T.C.

Name THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Stamford, Connecticut

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-16,550 R&F	4-19-65 4-21-65	Construction Permit to make changes in the antenna system (reduce height)	GRANTED	5-19-65
BL-11,218 R & F	12/8/65 12/10/65	Lic. to cover CP (BP-16550) which auth. chngs. in ant-system. (Main)	GRANTED	3-3-66
BZ- 5878 R & F	12/8/65 12/10/65	Authority to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. (Aux. & Alt-Main)	GRANTED	2-14-66
BR-1150 R & F	1-3-66 1-3-66	Renewal of License (Main & Aux-Alt. Main)	GRANTED	3-21-66
BR-1150 R & F	12-23-68 12-30-68	Renewal of license(Main & Aux-Alt. Main)	GRANTED	3-26-69
#480440 \$30. #480439 \$75. PRESS	12-30-68 12-30-68	By Order adopted 10-7-70 ordered station WSTC to show cause why its license should not be revoked for allegedly censoring political broadcasts, rule violations; alternative of forfeiture up to \$10,000 ordered.		
JAN 17 1969	#19093	F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.	see over	

Petition for reconsideration and request for oral argument in Stamford, revocation proceeding denied by Commission by Memo. Opinion and Order adopted 6-9-71. #19043

10-17-73. By Decision, Commission ORDERED WSTC & WSTC-FM to forfeit \$10,000.00  
for censoring Political Programs in the 1969 Stamford mayoral election.  
Docket #19043.

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters W S T CName THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Stamford, Connecticut

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1150 R & F P.N. PRESS JAN 21 1972	12-28-71 1-3-72 1-3-72 9234	Renewal of License (Main & Aux.-Alt. Main)  Suzanne Meyer, Atty: AMENDED 2-29-72 re: community survey	Designated for Hearing Min. NOV 14 1973 / 9872 GRANTED	3-8-82
The Commission by Decision of 10-17-73 ordered station to forfeit \$10,000 for censoring political broadcasts.				
BZ-9528 R & F DM PRESS NOV 2	8-29-77 9-6-77 10-6-77 1977	Direct Measurement  Atty: Kevin F, Reed	GRANTED (Issued with renewal)	12-14-77  (in lic corp)
TAX CERTIFICATE ISSUED 10-22-79 for transaction whereby stock (48%) was sold by The Gillespie Brothers, Inc. to separate B/C stations from newspapers.				

## APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W S T C 1400khz

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Name: THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT BROADCASTING COMPANY

Station Location: Stamford, Connecticut

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BZ-801231AI R & F PRESS JAN 16 1981	12-31-80	DIRECT MEASUREMENT Atty: John R. Feore(Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED 1-19-81 (Issued with renewal)
BAL810625FY Form 314 PRESS JUN 7 1981 PN filed 7-23-81		Vol AL to Radio Stamford, Inc. Atty for assignor John P. Feore, Jr. Atty for assignee Harold K. McCombs, Jr.	



RECORD OF APPLICATIONS REQUESTING FACILITIES OF BROADCASTING STATION W S T C

Licensee THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT BROADCASTING COMPANY  
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

File No.	Date	Call Letters	Name and Location of Applicant	Remarks	Disposition
BP-19,162	3-1-72	NEW	Radio Stamford, Inc. Stamford, Conn.	Request facilities of WSTC's renewal. Designated for Hearing Min. NOV 14 1973 1987.3	

Renewal Requested	Date Received	Designated for Hearing	Reason	Remarks
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Renewal Requested

Date Received

Designated for Hearing

Reason

Remarks

## 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.

