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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed October 5, 1967

Call letters W T H U

Station location Thurmont, Maryland

Catoctin Broadcasting Corporation (AL 8-10-71, Consummated 8-25-71).

x LEISNER BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AP 6-9-67 EFF: 6-21-67)

Name of licensee xVICTOR A. LEISNER

450' West of Radio Lane, Thurmont, Maryland (CP gr. 1-24-79)

x 100 Radio Lane
Transmitter location Carroll Street, Thurmont, Maryland (BP 12-2-66)

100 W. Radio Lane, Thurmont, Maryland 21788.

Main studio location Same as transmitter

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BP-16943	12-2-66	1450kc	100w	U	2-2 8-2-67
CP for a new standard broadcast station.					
BP-16943 (1)	3-20-67	Mod. of	CP(BP-16943) to assign call letters.		
BAP-745 EFF:	6-9-67 6-21-67	Voluntary assignment of CP(BP-16943 which auth. a new Standard Broadcast Station to Leisner Broadcasting Corporation			
BL-11,701	10-5-67	1450kc	100w	U	10-5 10-1-69
		Lic. to cover CP(BP-16,943)			
BR-4636(S)	10-9-69	Renewal			10-1-72
BP-17,968	7-8-70	1450kc	100w, 500w-LS	U	7-8-71
	CP to increase power to 500w LS and install new transmitter. GATES BC-500T. (Cond' 1				
BP-17,968	7-8-70	Superseded authorization issued to add condition, change night power to 100w and add hours of operation.			
Ltr.	8-28-70	New Trans. (GATES BC-500G)			
BL-12,738(L)	10-12-70	Lic.(BP-17,968) for changes.			10-1-72
BAL-7342	8-10-71	8-10-71	VOL. AL		
BL-13,061(L) (MAIN & AUX.)	11-4-71	Lic. to use former main trans. for aux. purposes only			10-1-72
		1450kc	100w, 500w-LS	U	
			100w	Aux.	
BTC-6826	4-28-72	Vol. TC	EFF: 5-18-72		
EBSA	5-22-72				
BR-4636(L) BZ-8136	5-22-72	RENEWAL MAIN & AUX. & Direct Meas.			10-1-75
BZ-8314(1)	4-30-73	Direct Measurement(Main & Aux.)			
BTC-7576	Vol. TC.	11-12-74	EFF: 12-8-74		
BR-4636(L)	9-12-75	Renewal of Main & Aux.			10-1-78
BR-4636	9-26-78	(S) REN. OF LIC. (MAIN & AUX)			10-1-81
BR-21,002	1-24-77	1450KHZ	100w 500w	U	1-24-80
(L) CP to chg. IL					

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

#2

First licensed

Call Letters WTHU

Station Location THURMONT, MARYLAND

Name

Transmitter Location

Main studio location

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BTC810122HY	2-26-81	VOL TC EFF:	4-23-81

Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters NEW W T H UName VICTOR A. LEISNER
THURMONT, MARYLAND (PO #3 Victor Drive, Thurmont, Maryland 21788)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-16,943 R.&F.	10-1-65	Construction permit for a new standard b/c station to be operated on: Frequency: 1450kc Power: 100w Hours: Unlimited Trans: COLLINS 300J-2 Trans Loc: Emmitsburg Road, Thurmont, Maryland Studio Loc: To be determined, Thurmont, Maryland Atty-Lauren A. Colby Engr-Comm.RadioEquip.Co.(Thomas J.English)	GRANTED	12-2-66
	10-1-65			
AMENDMENT R & F	8-22-66 8-25-66	AMENDED to change ant-trans location to Carroll St., Thurmont, Md. and specify studio location as Carroll St., Thurmont, Md.		
BAF-745 R & F (Form 316)	5-15-67 5-18-67	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to LEISNER BROADCASTING CORPORATION Atty - Lauren Colby	GRANTED EFF:	6-9-67 6-21-67

FORM BC-121#2
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1450kc

Call
Letters W T H U

Name LEISNER BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Thurmont, Maryland 21788

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-11,701 R & F PTA-6/12/67	6/2/67 6/2/67	Lic. to cover CP (BP-16,943) which auth. a new standard broadcast station, specify type trans. GE-BT-20A. Atty: L. A. Colby Engr: A. A. Snowberger, Hagerstown, Md.	GRANTED	10-5-67
AMENDMENT R & F SEP 14 1967	7-27-67 7-28-67	AMENDED to change applicant's name to Leisner Broadcasting Corporation.		
BP-17,968	11-24-67	CP to increase daytime power from 100w Unlimited, to 250w, 500w-LS and install new transmitter. (Gates BC-500T). atty-Lauren A. Colby engr-Comm. Radio Equip. Co.	DESIGNATED FOR HEARING 1-8-70 Docket #18780	
Rec'd Filed	11-28-67 11-28-67		GRANTED	7-8-70

F. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

RE BP-17,968 PET. TO DENY filed by McKENNA & WILKINSON
on behalf of Hudson Broadcasting Corp(WCMB,Harrisburg,
Pa.) 6-18-68

OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed 7-1-68 by Colby.

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed 7-9-68 by
McKenna & Wilkinson.

RESPONSE TO "REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY" file
7-16-68 by Colby.

MOTION TO ACCEPT RESPONSIVE PLEADING filed 7-16-68 by
Colby .

SUPPLEMENT TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed
8-6-68 by Colby.

REPLY TO SUPPLEMENT TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY
filed 9-16-68 by McKenna & Wilkinson (Stevens) on behalf
of Hudson Broadcasting Corp.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1450kc

Call

Letters W T H U

CATOCTIN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Name ☒ LEISNER BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Thurmont, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4636 R & F #525036 \$75 PN Press JUL 16 1969	6-26-69 6-27-69 6-27-69	Renewal of license Atty- Lauren A. Colby AMENDED 8-6-69 re: Business interests	GRANTED	10-9-69
BL-12,738 R & F #626984 \$50. AC-067 PTA Amended PRESS OCT 5 - 1970	8-8-70 8-28-70 8-28-70 9-8-70 9-10-70 10-1-70	Lic.(BP-17,968) for changes. Trans: GATES, BC-500-G. (incr. day pr) Re: certif. date Sect. I. Annual license fee paid \$16.00 #633967	GRANTED	10-12-70
BAL-7342 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 JUN 28 1971 Pub. notice filed 6-30-71	6-10-71 6-14-71 #011544	Voluntary assignment of license to CATOCTIN BROADCASTING CORPORATION Atty - Colby & Tarrant (SEE OVER)	GRANTED	8-10-71 Req. grant fee \$2,900.00 Consummated: 8-25-71. Fee Paid, 8-30-71. W027394

RE: BAL-7342 - ATT ~~WAS CALLED 6-25-71~~ - discrepancy re
stock, Par. 11, Sec.II & Exh. 6 CORRECTION FILED 6-25-71
AMENDED 8-3-71 - statement re financing; comm. needs(pro)

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1450kc

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W T H UName CATOCTIN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Thurmont, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-13,061	9-4-71	License to use former Main Transmitter	GRANTED	11-4-71
R & F	9-7-71	(GE, BT-20-A) for Auxiliary Purposes Only 100w		
W 029158-\$50.	9-7-71	Atty: <u>Colby</u> and Tarrant		
AC-067				
PTA	9-13-71			
PRESS	OCT 28 1971			
BTC-5826	3-23-72	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from	GRANTED	4-28-72
R & F	3-24-72	Lauren A. Colby and Benjamin Friedland (50% each)		
FEE PD: \$250 #054691		to Lauren A. Colby (100%)		
CODE 053 (Form 316)				
MAR 30 1972		Atty - Colby & Tarrant		
		AMENDED 4-25-72 - statement from transferee re		
		bank loan		

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name CATOCTIN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
THURMONT, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4636 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JUN 23 1972	6-11-72 6-15-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) Lauren A. Colby, Atty. AMENDED 8-28-72 re: engineering statement	GRANTED Issued with BZ-8136	10-27-72
BZ-8136 R & F DM Amended PRESS Amended AUG 28 1972	8-4-72 8-4-72 8-15-72 *8-17-72 8-28-72	Direct Measurement - Main & Aux. Atty: Lauren A. Colby *engr. data - Aux. Tower Height	GRANTED	11-3-72
BZ-8314 R & F DM PRESS APR 25 1973	3-20-73 3-20-73 3-29-73	Direct Measurement - Main & Aux.	GRANTED	4-30-73

FORM BC-121 #6
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name CATOCTIN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Thurmont, Md.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-7576 R & F FEE PD: \$250 # 359754 CODE 047(FORM 316) NOV 8 1974	10-29-74 10-30-74	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Lauren A. Colby, Individually, to Lauren A. Colby, individually, and Lauren A. Colby and Petrina B. Colby, Joint Tenants (44.4%) (31.1%) Atty - Mullin, Connor & Rhynes	GRANTED EFF:	11-12-74 12-8-74
BR-4636 R & F EN Recd. PRESS JUL 15 1975	5-25-75 5-29-75 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) L.A. Colby, Atty.	GRANTED	9-12-75
BP-21,002 R&F PRESS: NOV 30 1977	10-17-77 10-27-77	Construction permit to chg. TL: approx 450' West of Radio Lane, Thurmont, Maryland 39° 37' 37" 77° 24' 16" Atty: Lauren Colby	GRANTED	1-24-79

May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call
Letters W T H UName CATOCTIN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
THURMONT, MD.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4636 R & F PRESS	5-26-78 5-31-78 JUN 9 1978	Renewal of License (Main & Aux.) Atty.: Lauren, A. Colby	GRANTED	9-26-78
BYC810122HY Form 31 Press FEB 27 1981		Vol Transfer of control of lic corp from Lauren A. Colby and Petrina B. Colby, Joint tenants to Petrina Colby	GRANTED EFF: 4-23-81	2-26-81
BR810602UJ PRESS AUG 03 1981		Renewal of License AMENDED 9-8-81 re: EEO	GRANTED	11-4-81

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.

