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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

W T O N (9-18-45)

Date first licensed 5-1-46

Call letters x W S T N
LOCATION: STAUNTON, VIRGINIA

AUGUSTA COUNTY BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL-8-2-73 EFF: 9-5-73)

Name of licensee x CHARLES P. BLACKLEY

(Redescribed Lic. 5-8-56)

South side of Old New Hope Road, (Route 714), 1.25 mi. east of Staunton, Va.

Transmitter location x South side of Old New Hope Road, 1 mile North of U.S Highway 250,
Staunton, Virginia (C.P. 8-27-45) (Lic. 5-1-46)Morrison Building, 306 West Beverley Street, Staunton, Va. (Redescribed
Lic. 5-8-56)Main studio location x Morrison Building, Cor. of West Beverly and Church Sts.,
Staunton, Virginia (C.P. 8-27-45) (Lic. 5-1-46)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
Letter B2-P-3285	12-19-44	1400	250w	U	Subj. compliance of Commission's policy of 1-26-44 For a new station at Staunton, Virginia
B2-P-3285	8-27-45	1400	250w	U	10-27 4-27-46
B2-MP-1811	C.P. for new station				(Conditional Clause)
B2-L-1932	5-1-46	1400	250w	U	5-1 8-1-47
B2-2-1759	Lic. cover C.P. (P-3285 as mod.) for new station & determine operating power by direct method.				(Conditional Clause)
BS-1240	10-21-46	1400	250w	U	10-21 8-1-47
	Mod. Lic. to delete waiver 3.55(b) from Cond. Clause				(Conditional Clause)
BS-1240	1-8-47	1400	250w	U	1-8 8-1-47
	Mod. Lic. to delete waiver 3.60				
BR-1240	7-24-47	1400	250w	U	8-1 8-1-50
BR-1240	7-26-50	1400	250w	U	8-1 8-1-53
BL-4691	3-27-52	1400	250w	U	3-27 8-1-53
	Lic. cover CP(8299) for new transmitter				
BRC-99 (1)	6-26-53	Mod. of lic. to operate trans. by R.C. from Morrison Building, Staunton, Virginia			
Bk-1240	7-15-53	1400	250w	U	8-1-53 10-1-54
BR-1240	9-8-54	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			10-1 10-1-57
BP-9594	5-11-55	1240kc	250w	Un	7-11-55 1-11-56
	CP to change freq. (C. CLAUSE)				
BMP-7056 (1)	1-19-56	Mod. of CP(9594) for extension of completion date to April 11, 1956			
BL-6130	5-8-56	1240kc	250w	Unl.	5-8-56 10-1-57
	Lic. to cover CP(BP-9594, as mod.) to change frequency				
TELEGRAM	9-30-57	Action on renewal deferred, continued operation authorized until final determination on application for renewal of license.			

Form BC-126

June 1954

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Station location _____

Name of licensee CHARLES P. BLACKLEY

Transmitter location _____

Main studio location _____

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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BR-1240	12-5-57	Renewal of license			10-1 10-1-60
BP-12696	4-13-60	1240	250w, 1kw-LS	U	6-13 12-13-60
		CP to increase daytime power to 1kw and install new transmitter (RCA BTA-1R) (Cond'1)			
BL-7975	7-29-60	1240kc	250w-1kw/5	U	7-29 10-1-60
		Lic. to cover CP (BP-12,696) which auth. incr. in daytime power from 250w to 1kw and instl. of new trans. (RCA-BTA-1R)/			
BR-1240	9-28-60	Renewal of License			10-1 10-1-63
BL-8087	11-9-60	1240kc	250 w	Aux. ^(RC)	11-9 10-1-63
		Lic. to use old main trans. as an aux. trans. to be operated on 1240kc, 250watts.			
BL-8804	12-13-61	1240kc	250w	Aux. Alt. M.	12-13 10-1-63
		Lic. to use pres. lic. aux. trans. (WE 451-A1) as an alt. M. night and aux. daytime, power 250w. (RE)			
BR-1240	10-15-63	Renewal of license			10-15 10-1-66
		Main & Aux. - Alt. Main ^{day} night			
BR-1240	9-30-66	Renewal of License			10-1 10-1-69
		(Main & Aux. - Alt. Main)			
BR-1240(S)	9-25-69	Renewal of Main & Aux.			10-1-72
		Alt. Main & NDEA			
BS-1240(L)	12-28-70	ML chg. marking			(Main & Aux-Alt) 10-1-72
EBSA	5-22-72				
BR-1240(S)	10-27-72	RENEWAL MAIN & AUX.			10-1-75
		ALT.			
BAL-7878	8-3-73	VOL. AL & Remotes			EFF: 8-5-73
BTC-7989	4/12/76	Vol acquisition of pos con EFF: 4/20/76			
BR-1240(L)	4-13-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			(Main trans.) 10-1-78
BR-1240(L)	4-13-76	Renewal of Lic.			(Aux.-Alt. main trans.)
BR-1240	9-14-78	REN. OF LIC. (MAIN & AUX.			& ALT. MAIN) 10-1-81

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Name CHARLES P. BLACKLEY

P.O. - 338 S. Liberty St., Harrisonburg,
42 Port Republic Action Va.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
B2-P-3285	8-15-41	C.P. for new station to be operated on: Frequency 1240 kc	Docket No. - 6215	
Received	8-16-41	Power - 250 watts Time - Unlimited	Dismissed without prejudice accordance	
Filed	8-16-41	Studio - Hotel Stonewall Jackson, Greenville Avenue Entrance, Staunton, Va.	Memo opinion	
Petition to reinstate application filed	11-19-43	Trans - South side of Old New Hope Road, 1 Mile North of U.S. Highway # 250, Staunton, Va. Filed 335 form. Application filed by Mr. Wilson.	Petition to reinstate & leave to amend GRANTED	11-23-43
Amended	11-19-43		(1 copy of petition re-	
Rec'd	11-19-43	RE: To change type of transmitter and antenna and change studio location from Hotel Stonewall Jackson, Greenville Avenue Entrance, Staunton, Virginia, to To be determined, Staunton, Va. (Francis S. Miller, atty., Harrisonburg, Va.)	turned for signature	12-2-43
Resubmitted	12-13-43		Docket #6215 ORDER of Grant for 1400, 250w, U. Subj. compliance procedural requirements of Com. policy of 1-28-44	
Rec'd & Filed	12-15-43		Letter written 12-19-43 Grant accepted per letter of 12-26-44	
		*Commission deleted Condition re the procedural requirements of 1-26-44 on 8-14-45. Issued with MP 8-27-45		

Francis G. Miller, Harrisonburg, Va.

Attorney - ~~Mr. Lohnes office~~

Newspaper - none

Application filed, Mr Wilson

Engineers: Page & Davis

COMPOSITE

W.E. 451-A1. DCC MAX 250w.

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-MP-1811	6-27-45	Mod. of C.P. (B2-P-3285, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for changes in transmitting equipment and antenna, and approval of studio location at Morrison Bldg., Cor. of West Beverly and Church Sts., Staunton, Va. (Filed by H. T. Slaughter, Atty.)	GRANTED	8-27-45
Rec'd	6-29-45			Sections
Filed	6-29-45			3.55(b) and 3.60 on conditions (a) that a cathode ray oscilloscope be used continuously to monitor percentage modulation (b) that upon commencement of operation, frequency checks by an external standard will be submitted to the Commission daily until satisfactory operation is indicated, and weekly thereafter until a frequency monitor is installed which meets the approval of the Commission's Chief. Engr. and (c) that approved frequency and modulation monitors will be installed as soon as such equipment becomes available.

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FILE No.	DATED	APPLICATION FOR—	ACTION	
			NATURE	DATE
B2-L-1932 Rec'd Filed	3-7-46 3-7-46 3-7-46	License to cover C. P. (B2-P-3285) ^{as mod.} which authorized a new standard broadcast station and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (335's Filed) (Filed by Harrison T. Slaughter, Atty.: George C. Davis, Engr.)	GRANTED (Conditional Clause re waiver 3.55(b) & 3.60)	5-1-46
B2-Z-1759 Rec'd Filed	3-6-46 3-7-46 3-7-46			

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1240 Rec'd	5-26-47 5-27-47	Renewal of license	Granted	7-24-47
BR-1240 Rec'd	5-27-50 5-29-50	Renewal of license	Granted	7-26-50
BP-8299 Rec'd	10-19-51 10-22-51 10-31-51	Construction permit to install a new transmitter (WE 451A-1).	RESUBMITTED	10/30
Resub. Filed	11-1-51 11-1-51		For correction in trans. type. - at applicant's request.	
			GRANTED	11-26-51
BI-4091 Rec'd Filed	3-11-52 3-12-52 3-12-52	License to cover construction permit (BP-8299) which authorized installation of a new transmitter.	GRANTED	3-27-52

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1240 Rec'd Filed	4-24-53 4-27-53 4-27-53	Renewal of License	GRANTED	7-15-53
BRC-99 Rec'd Filed	6-22-53 6-23-53 6-23-53	Modification of license to operate transmitter by Remote Control from Morrison Bldg., Corner of West Beverly and Church Sts., Staunton, Virginia.	GRANTED	6-26-53
BR-1240 Rec'd Filed	7-1-54 7-2-54 7-2-54	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-8-54
EP-9594 Rec'd Filed	12-8-54 12-10-54 12-10-54	Construction permit to change frequency from 1400kc to 1240kc. (Contingent on grant of WCHV chg. to 1260kc) George C. Davis, Engr.	GRANTED Cond'l re prog. tests not be auth. until WCHV has begun tests on another freq. and license will not be licensed until WCHV is lic. on other freq.	5-11-55

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-7056 Rec'd Filed	12-8-55 12-9-55 12-9-55	Modification of construction permit (BP-9594 which auth. change in frequency) for an extension of completion date from 1-11-56 to 4-11-56.	GRANTED	1-19-56
BL-6130 Rec'd Filed	4-10-56 4-11-56 4-11-56	License to cover construction permit (BP-9594, as mod.) which authorized changing frequency from 1400kc to 1240kc.	GRANTED	5-8-56
BR-1240 Rec'd Filed	6-28-57 7-1-57 7-1-57	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	12-5-57
BP-12,696 Rec'd Filed AMENDMENT R & F	12-16-58 12-18-58 12-18-58 5-4-59 5-5-59	Construction permit to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw and install new transmitter (RCA-BTA-1R) Engr. - George C. Davis AMENDED to request waiver of Section 3.28(c) of Rules.	GRANTED	4-13-60 Cond'l re: Permittee shall be responsible for reducing the radiation of spurious and harmonic signal to a value that adverse effect will not result to the oper., e

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STAUNTON, VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-7975 R & F	5-20-60 5-23-60	License to cover C.P. (BP 12,696 as modified) which authorized increase in daytime power from 250w to 1kw and installation of new transmitter (RCA-BTA-1R).	GRANTED	7-29-60
BR-1240 Rec'd Filed	6-27-60 6-28-60 6-28-60	Renewal of license	GRANTED	9-28-60

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-8087 Rec'd Filed	7-6-60 7-7-60 7-7-60	License to use old main transmitter as an auxiliary transmitter to be operated on 1240kc 250 watts.	GRANTED	11-9-60
BL-8804 R & F	9-14-61 9-15-61	License to use present licensed auxiliary transmitter (W.B. 451-A-1) as an alternate main night and auxiliary daytime using 250w power.	GRANTED	12-13-61
BR-1240 R & F	6-25-63 6-28-63	Renewal of license (Main & Aux.-Alt. Main)	GRANTED	10-15-63
BR-1240 R & F	6-29-66 6-30-66	Renewal of license (Main & Aux.-Alt. Main)	GRANTED	9-30-66
BR-1240 R & F #525591 \$105 P.N. filed PRESS	6-28-69 6-30-69 6-30-69 6-30-69 JUL 1 1969	Renewal of license (Main & Aux.-Alt. Main) AMENDED 7-29-69 re: Programming	GRANTED	9-25-69

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
3-15-71	Annual filing fee	\$24.00 paid 10-26-60. #639016.		
BR-1240 R & F P.N. PRESS JUL 12 1972	6-28-72 6-29-72 6-29-72	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary-Alt. Main) AMENDED 7-5-72 re: Exhibit 4 AMENDED 9-11-72 re: ascertainment of community needs	GRANTED	10-27-72
BAL -7878 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 #176782 CODE 047 Pub notice filed 5-16-73 MAY 1 1973	4-19-73 4-20-73	Voluntary assignment of license to AUGUSTA COUNTY BROADCASTING CORPORATION Atty - Stambler & Shrinsky (SEE OVER)	GRANTED EFF: Req. grant fee \$8,310 pd 048 9-12-73 231724	8-3-73 9-5-73
BR-1240 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAY 29 1975	5-10-75 5-20-75	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. -ALTER.MAIN) B.Jay Baraff, Atty. (Stambler & Shrinsky) AMENDED 9-22-75 re: EEO	GRANTED	4-13-76

RE: BAL-7878 - Last Page of Exh.3A (re sale ⁴⁻²³⁻⁷³ of stock) filed

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BTC-7989 R & F Fee Pd-\$100 Code 047 (FORM 316) APR 1 1976	3/19/76 3/26/76 W 547247	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of lic corp by Albert C. Schmick thru purchase of stock from William A. Diehl Atty - Stambler & Shrinsky (B. Jay Baraff)	GRANTED EFF: NO FEE:	4/12/76 4/20/76
tr.	10-15-76	Baraff, Koerner & Olender now attys.		
BR-1240 R & F PRESS	5-10-78 5-26-78 JUN 9 1978	Renewal of License (Main & Aux.-Alt. Main) B. Jay Baraff, Atty.		9-14-78
BR-810527UO Press: AUG	5 1981	Renewal of License Attorney: B. Jay Baraff	GRANTED	10-22-81

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.

