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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

FM BROADCAST

WQUS 6-28-79

XVHFL

RURAL

Call letters ~~WQUS~~
LOCATION: WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

12-1-54

RICHARD F. LEWIS, JR., INCORPORATED OF WINCHESTER (BALH-186, GR. 11-22-54, EFF. /
X RICHARD FIELD LEWIS, JR.

Name of licensee

Appalachian Trail, on Mtn. Peak, 1.7 mi. SE of Winchester, Va. (LH-5-11-71)

Transmitter location

X Appalachian Trail Mt. Peak, (Fauquier County)
Virginia

Main studio location

Kerr Street, Winchester, Virginia

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Mc. No. Freq.	E.R.P. Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
EE-PH-672	1-16-46	92.5 No. 223	13.4 kw		By 10-15-46 To 6-15-47
Letter C.P. issued	6-20-46 10-18-46	Subject to Comm. approval of transmitter and antenna details.			
Telegram	10-23-46	No objection to commencing equipment tests 10-24-46. Authority granted to operate for a period of 30 days without frequency and modulation monitors. Permittee responsible for maintenance of frequency within the required tolerance.			
Letter	11-15-46	STA to operate a Raytheon Mfg Co type No. CD-1A trans with max power of 50 w on 4000 mcs with special emission, as a studio trans link from the studios of WINC-FM in Winchester, Va. to the trans located at Appalachian Trail Mt. Peak, V for period 11-15-46 to 2-12-47.			
Letter	11-18-46	STA to operate on 92.5 mcs using a FT&R Corp 192 A trans with max. output power 3 kw. and a WE 8-bay Cloverleaf ant. Type No. 54-A mounted on a steel tower at Mt. Peak, Appalachian Trail, Va. at an overall height above ground 142 ft. for period 11-18-46 to 2-15-47 for FM program			
Telegram	2-13-47	No objection commence program tests period 30 days from 2-15-47 exact accordance with EE-PH-672 & Sect. 1.316.			
Telegram	5-23-47	Program test auth. ext. end. 8-23-47.			
Better	6-12-47	Auth. granted operate without approved frequency and modulation monitor ending 7-31-47 while instrument being repaired. Requirement maintenance operating frequency and percentage of modulation within prescribed tolerance not waived. Notify Comm. when instrument returned to service.			
	6-27-47	92.5 (No. 223) Freq. assignment accord. Do. 6736			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Name of licensee RICHARD FIELD LEWIS, JR.

Transmitter location See Card #1

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BLH-59 HAAT 1390'	7-11-47	Lic. to cover G.P. (B2-Pd-672 which authorized a new FM broadcast station 92.5mc 13.4kw U (RQ) exp. 7-11-48			
B5H-54	7-6-48	Ext. of license from 7-11-48 to 9-1-48			
B5H-54	8-25-48	Ext. of license from 9-1-48 to 12-1-48			
B5H-54	11-23-48	Ext. of license			To 3-1-49
B5H-54	2-24-49	Extension of license			To 6-1-49
B5H-54	5-26-49	Ext. of license			To 9-1-49
B5H-54	8-31-49	Ext. of license			To 12-1-49
BRH-54 Letter	8-31-49 8-29-51	Renewal of license Ext auth. op. without approved & mod. end. 3-1-52 (remote control)			To 3-1-52
COMM. ACTION 2-27-52-Extension Spec. Exp. Auth. operate by remote control, period ending 9-1-52 (cond. of orig. grant)					
BRH-54	2-27-52	Renewal of license to 10-1-54			
COMM. ACTION 9-24-52 Extensions Spec. Exp. auth. operate by remote control period end. 3-1-53 - same conditions.					
Letter 2-27-53. Remote Control ext. pending Rules					
BRCH -8	4-17-53	301-A oper. remote control			
BRH-54	9-22-54	Renewal of license to 10-1-57			
BALH-186	11-22-54	Vol. assign. lic. to Richard F. Lewis, Jr., Incorporated, of Winchester			
B5H-5	8-29-56	Mod. license to change obstruction markings from Pars. 1, 2, 12, 20 to Par. 1 of Form 715			
BRH-54	9-25-57	Renewal of license			10-1 10-1-60
BTC-2657 EPF 12-30-57	11-29-57	Invol TC of lic. corp. to Marion Park Lewis, Executrix of the Estate of Richard F. Lewis, Jr., Deceased.			
BTC-2913 Eff:	10-29-58 12-15-58	Vol. transfer control from Marion Park Lewis, Executrix of the Estate of Richard F. Lewis, Jr., Deceased to Marion Park Lewis, Individually and as Trustee for John Parkfield Lewis, David Parkfield Lewis and Howard Parkfield Lewis.			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed _____

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Station location _____

Name of licensee See Card #1

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-
BPH-2706	7-13-59	CP to change type of transmitter (Gates FM-5B)	92.5 mc ERP 13.7 U HAAT: 1390		9-13-59 1-13-60
Letter	10-21-59	Authority for 90 days to Multiplex on 67kc sub-carrier frequency various ball games, etc, using a Gates M5633A/B exciter unit; programs to be relayed to participating stations. Subject to filing report on technical aspects upon expiration of authority.			
BPH-2886 HAAT: 1430'	2-12-60	CP to increase ERP & HAAT 1430 ft	92.5 mcs 22-kw Ch. 223 TPO: 5-kw	U	4-12-60 10-12-60
BSCA-260	5-23-60	Subsidiary Communications Authority on Multiplex Basis to	67kc		10-1-60
HLH-1490 HLH-1559	5-12-60	License to cover CPS 2706 & 2886 which auth. increase in ERP, HAAT & new xmtr.	92.5mc 22kw HAAT: 1430' CH. 223	U	5-12 10-1-60
BPH-3111	8-25-60	CP to install new transmitter as an auxiliary transmitter	92.5mcs. 8.6kw. Unl. TPO: 3 kw. Ch. 223 HAAT: 1,830'		10-25-60 4-25-61
	9-28-60	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BPH-54	11-30-60	Renewal of license			11-30 10-1-63
BRSCA-260	11-30-60	Renewal of SCA			11-30 10-1-63
HLH-1649 HAAT: 1334 ft.	12-30-60	Lic. to cover cp (BPH-3111) which auth. instl. of a new trans. and ant. to be used as an XEAKK6 Aux. trans. and ant. for aux. purp. only.	92.5mcs 8.6kw TOP: 2.94	Aux.	12-30 10-1-63
BRSCA-260	10-15-63	Subsidiary Communications Authorisation on multiplex basis to			10-1-66
BPH-54	10-15-63	Renewal of License Main and Aux.			10-15 10-1-66
BTC-4464 EFF: 2-4-64	1-31-64	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corp. from Marion Park Lewis, Individually and as trustee, to Mid Atlantic Network, Incorporated.			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

Name of licensee RICHARD F. LEWIS, JR., INCORPORATED OF WINCHESTER

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BLH-1649 HAAT: 1334'	12-30-60	92.5mc	ERP: 8.6kw Ch. #223 TPO: 2.94kw	Aux.	12-30-60 10-1-63
Superseding authorization to correctly show TPO as 2.94 kilowatts					
BNSCA-191	4-26-66	Modification of Subsidiary Communication Authorization to change operation on sub-carrier frequency of 67kcs from a program relay service to background music service (maintain operation on 18-22kcs).			
BNSCA-201	12-22-66	Modifications of SCA to change from operation on subcarrier frequencies of 18-22 and 67kcs. to operation on 41 and 67 kilocycles.			
BRH-54	9-1-66	Renewal of License (Main and Auxiliary)		Aux	10-1 10-1-69 <i>Cancelled 3-12-68</i>
BRSCA-260	9-1-66	Renewal of SCA			10-1 10-1-69
BPH-6319 HAAT: 1,340'	6-12-68	92.5mc	ERP: 2.9kw ch #223 TPO: 1kw	Aux.	2-12-69
BRSCA-260		CP install new Aux. trans; Main Trans. loc. to be operated on the above facilities.			
BRH-54(L)	5-14-71	Renewal of License		SCA & NDEA	10-1-72
BTC-6463	5-26-71	VOL. Relinquishment of Positive TC			
BLH-4371(L) HAAT: 1340'	6-1-71	92.5mc	TPO: 1kw ERP: 2.9kw	RC	10-1-72
Lic. cover CP (BPH-6319) for Aux. trans.					
EBSA	5-25-72				
BRH-54(S)	10-27-72	RENEWAL (Main & Aux)			10-1-75
BRSCA-260	10-27-72	Renewal of SCA			
BPH-8400	5-18-73 (Main)	CP chg. trans, ant. sys.		TPO:	
		92.5	22kwH&V	1430' H&V	RC 5-18-71
BLH-6003(L)	12-4-73	Lic. (BPH-8400) - Changes Main			10-1-75
BLH-6130(L) HAAT: 1340'	4-22-74	Lic. to use former main trans. for aux. purp. only.			10-1-75
		92.5mhz.	ERP: 14.5kw	RC	

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Station location

SEE CARD #1

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BRH-54(S)	9-12-75	Renewal of license (Main & Aux)			XXXXX 10-1-78
BRH-54(S)	9-12-75	This supersedes authorization issued same date to correct authorization			
BRH-54	9-14-78	(S) REN. OF LIC. (MAIN & AUX)			10-1-81
BRSCA-260	"	REN. OF SCA			-----
SBSA	6-18-79	chg. call			

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FM (RURAL)

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Call ~~W-F-N-C-FM~~
Letters NEWName RICHARD FIELD LEWIS, JR.
(P.O. Kerr Street, Winchester, Virginia)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-PH-672 Rec'd Filed	10-5-45 10-5-45 10-5-45	Construction permit for new FM broadcast station (Rural) Frequency: To be assigned by F.C.C. Coverage: 22,200 sq.mi. Population: 1,369,226 Studio: Kerr Street, Winchester, Virginia Transmitter: Appalachian Trail, Mt. Peak, Va. (R.C.A. Max. 3kw) Filed by Harrison T. Slaughter, Att'y Program analysis rec'd, 3-26-46. Engineering information rec'd 7-3-46 re Comm. letter of 6-20-46 changing transmitter and making changes in antenna system, and specify frequency. Engr. info. recd. 8-20-46 making changes in antenna system.	Granted station - Conditional- Type 4 ltr. mailed 1-18-46	1-16-46 for Metropolitan type Conditional- 1-18-46
			Basic Engr. approved 6-13-46	
			Program analysis approved 6-13-46	
			C.P. issued 6-15-46	

Grant R. Wrathall, Engineer

Welch, Mott & Morgan, Attorneys

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FM

CARD #2

Call
LettersW R F L
~~99-10-PM~~Name RICHARD FIELD LEWIS, JR.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-59 Rec'd Filed	2-8-47 2-10-47 2-10-47	License to cover construction permit (B2-PH-672) which authorized a new FM broad- cast station.	GRANTED	7-11-47
BHH-54 Rec'd Filed	5-10-48 5-11-48 5-11-48	Renewal of license	Designated for hearing 10-20-48 GRANTED	8-31-49
BRH-54 Rec'd Filed	11-29-51 11-30-51 11-30-51	Renewal of license Richard F. Lewis, Jr.	GRANTED	3-27-52
BRCH-3 Rec'd & Filed	4-11-53 4-15-53	301-A for remote control operation.	GRANTED	4-17-53
BHH-54 Rec'd Filed	7-4-54 7-6-54 7-6-54	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	9-22-54
		BALH-166		

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters W R F LName RICHARD F. LEWIS, JR., INCORPORATED, OF WINCHESTERName RICHARD FIELD LEWIS, JR.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BALM-186 Rec'd & Filed	10-29-54 11-1-54	Voluntary assignment of license to Richard F. Lewis, Jr., Incorporated, of Winchester. Filed	GRANTED <i>aff</i>	11-22-54 12-1-54
BRH-54 Rec'd Filed	6-14-57 6-18-57 6-18-57	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	9-25-57
BTC-2657 Rec'd Filed	11-4-57 11-8-57 11-8-57	Involuntary transfer of control of license corporation from Richard F. Lewis, Jr., to Marion Park Lewis, Executrix of the Estate of Richard F. Lewis, Jr., Deceased. Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED EFP	11-29-57 12-30-57

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W.R.F.L.Name RICHARD F. LEWIS, JR., INCORPORATED OF WINCHESTER

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-2913 Rec'd. Filed	9-12-58 9-29-58 9-29-58	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Marion Park Lewis, Executrix of the Estate of Richard F. Lewis, Jr., Deceased to Marion Park Lewis, Individually and as Trustee for John Parkfield Lewis, David Parkfield Lewis and Howard Parkfield Lewis.	GRANTED KFF:	10-29-58 12-15-58
BPH-2706 Rec'd Filed	5-23-59 6-1-59 6-1-59	Construction permit to change type transmitter (Gates FM-5B) and increase HAT from 1399' to 2200' in error per letter from ADRing 7-9-59. Howard W. Vesey, Atty.	GRANTED	7-13-59
BSCA-185 R & P	7-2-59 7-6-59	Request to establish a new SCA, Multiplex basis, to be operated on sub-carrier frequencies of 41kc and 67kc.	DISMISSED By Commission Action. Pursuant to Sec. 1.307 Request was to relay ball games, etc, not prov. for in Sec. 3.293.	10-21-59

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Letters WRFL

Name

RICHARD F. LEWIS, JR., INC. OF WINCHESTER

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-1490 R & F	12-14-59 12-15-59	License to cover C. P. (BPH-2706) to change type of transmitter	GRANTED Issued with BLH-1559	5-12-60
BPH-2586 R & F	12-14-59 12-15-59	Construction Permit to increase ERP from 18.4kw to 22.2kw, incr. HAAT from 1390' to 1425'	GRANTED HAAT: ERP:	2-12-60 1,430' 22-kw
BLH-1559 Rec'd Filed	3-23-60 3-24-60 3-24-60	License to cover construction permit (BPH-2886) which authorized increase in ERP and HAAT.	GRANTED Issued with BLH-1490	5-12-60
BSCA-260 R & F	5-12-60 5-15-60	Request authority to establish a new SCA to be operated on Sub-carrier frequencies of 18kw, 22kw & 67kw.	GRANTED	6-23-60

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters

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Name

RICHARD F. LEWIS, JR., INCORPORATED, OF WINCHESTER
WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-3111 R & F	7-26-60 7-27-60	Construction Permit to install a new transmitter (Federal-192-A) & antenna (RCA-BF-12A) to be used as an auxiliary transmitter & antenna at 50 ft. W of present location of main transmitter-Appalachian Trail, on Mountain Peak, 17 miles SE of Winchester, Virginia, to be operated on 92.5mc. with power of 8.6kw with remote control operation of transmitter from studios, for auxiliary purposes only.	GRANTED ERP: 8.6 kilowatts.	8-25-60
BLH-164 ⁹ Rec'd Filed	7-7-60 7-27-60 7-27-60	License to cover C.P. (BPH-3111) which auth. installation of a new transmitter and antenna to be used as an auxiliary transmitter and antenna for auxiliary purposes only.	GRANTED	12-30-60

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Letters W.R.V.L. (FM)

Name RICHARD F. LEWIS, JR., INCORPORATED, OF WINCHESTER
Winchester, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-54 Rec'd Filed	6-16-60 6-22-60 6-22-60	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-30-60
BRSCA-260 Rec'd Filed	9-27-60 9-28-60 9-28-60	Renewal of Subsidiary Communications Authority	GRANTED	11-30-60
BRH-54 BRSCA-260 R. & F.	6-26-63 7-2-63	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX) (SCA)	GRANTED	10-15-63 ✓
BTC-4464 R & F	12-31-63 12-31-63	Voluntary transfer of control of license corporation from Marion Park Lewis, Individually and as Trustee, to Mid Atlantic Network, Incorporated.	GRANTED EFF:	1-31-64 ✓ 2-4-64
Atty. - Lovett & Lovett				

Name RICHARD F. LEWIS, JR., INCORPORATED OF WINCHESTER
WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMSCA-191 R & F	3-25-66 3-28-66	Modification of Subsidiary Communications Authorization to change operation on sub-carrier frequency of 67kcs from a program relay service to a background music service (maintain operation on 18-22kcs).	GRANTED	4-26-66
BRH-54 BRSCA-260 R&F	6-24-66 6-24-66 6-27-66	Renewal of license (main & aux) Renewal of license <i>Aux. Cancelled</i> Atty: Lee G. Lovett (FY 3-12-68)	GRANTED	9-1-66
BMSCA-201 R & F	12-2-66 12-5-66	Modification of Subsidiary Communications Authorization to change from operation on subcarrier frequencies of 18-22 and 67 kilocycles to operation on 41 and 67 kilocycles.	GRANTED	12-22-66

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Call
Letters M.R.F.L.Name RICHARD F. LEWIS, JR., INCORPORATED OF WINCHESTER
WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-6319 Rec'd Resubmitted #426780 \$30 Filed	5-28-68 5-8-68 5-29-68 5-8-68 5-29-68	Application for aux. trans. (GATED FM) 4 CP to install new/Auxiliary Ant (RCA-BF-12A, 2 sections); at Main Trans., loc. to be operated on 92.5mc. ch#223, TPO: 1kw; ERP 2.9kw; and HAAT1339' for Auxiliary Purposes Only. (RC)	Returned (Sec. 4.1 not signed - not dated)	5-27-68 6-12-68
BLH-4371 Rec'd #488126 \$30 PT RESUB:R&F Filed	2/4/69 2/6/69 2/6/69 2/17/69 3/17/69 3/17/69	License (BPH-6319) install aux. trans. for aux. purposes only.	RETURNED for orig. signature GRANTED	9/10/69 6-1-71

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Name RICHARD F. LEWIS, JR., INCORPORATED OF WINCHESTER
Winchester, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-54	6-27-69	Renewal of license	GRANTED	5-24-71
BRSCA-260	6-27-69	Renewal of SCA		
R & F	6-30-69	amended 7-21-70 re: commercial policy		
#525582 \$135.6-30-69	6-30-69	AMENDED 5-5-71 re: commercial policy		
\$30. for Aux. returned P.N. filed 6-30-69 PRESS				
BTC 3465	12-17-70	Voluntary relinquishment of positive control	GRANTED	5-26-71
R & F	12-18-70	of Mid-Atlantic Network, Inc. (parent corp) by		
FEE FD: \$1000 #650978		Marion P. Lewis thru transfer of stock to John		
COEE 049		P. Lewis, David P. Lewis, and Howard P. Lewis		
ALSO SEE AM WINC		REQUEST WAIVER SECTION 73.35 and 73.240 of RULES	grant subject to a later determination of grant fee, if any.	
Pub. Notice filed 1-5-71		Atty - Pittman, Lovett etc		
		AMENDED 5-5-71 - statement re comm. practices		

PHASE 1 REFUND ACTION

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Richard Lewis J. Dir. of Winchester.

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Letters W R F LName RICHARD F. LEWIS, JR., INCORPORATED OF WINCHESTER
Winchester, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-54 R & F P.N. PRESS AUG 9 BRSCA-260 R & F	6-26-72 7-3-72 7-3-72 1972 6-26-72 7-3-72	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Atty.: John N. Papaiohn Renewal of SCA	GRANTED	10-27-72
BPH-8400 R & F #177830 \$50 Code 061 Press MAY 15 1973	4-11-73 4-24-73 4-24-73 1973	CP to install new trans. (Gates FM-10H3); install new ant. (Gates FMC-5B, 5 sects. (H&V); add dual polarization ERP: 22KW(H&V) and HAAT: 1430' (H&V). (Main Only) Atty: John N. Papaiohn	GRANTED	5-18-73
BLH-6003 Rec'd W 246865-\$50 PTA Amended & F PRESS NOV 21 1973	10-26-73 10-29-73 10-29-73-AC-057 11-9-73 11-14-73 1973	Lic.(BPH-8400)-Changes - Main transmitter. Pending amend. in 15 days Antenna: GATES, FMC-5B-5 sects.	GRANTED	12-4-73

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xWRFLName RICHARD F. LEWIS, JR., INCORPORATED OF WINCHESTER
Winchester, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-6130 R & F W 177829-\$50. AC-068 PTA PRESS	4-12-73 4-24-73 4-24-73 2-28-74 MAR 22 1974	Lic. to use former Main transmitter for Auxiliary purposes only - trans: GATES, FM- 5B - ERP: 14.5kw. Atty: Pittman, Lovett, Ford and Hennessey (John N. Papajohn)	GRANTED	4-22-74
BRH-54 R & F P. N. Rec'd BRSCA-260 Press	5-20-75 5-23-75 5-23-75 5-20-75 JUN 9 1975	Renewal of License. (Main & Auxiliary) AMENDED 5-29-75 re: commercial matter & EEO Renewal of SCA.	GRANTED	9-12-75
BRH-54 BRSCA-260 R & F PRESS	5-17-78 " 5-18-78 MAY 25 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) RENEWAL OF SCA	GRANTED	9-14-78

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WQUS

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Name: RICHARD F. LEWIS, JR., INCORPORATED OF WINCHESTER

Station Location: WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRH-810526VB BRSCA-810526VB PRESS: AUG 0 4 1981		Renewal of License Renewal of SCA Atty: John F. Lewis, Jr.	<i>grd.</i> OCT. 22, 1981 ISSUED

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.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) 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 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). Prior to that move, 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.

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.

