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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed 7-30-48

MEL WHEELER, INC. (APLH gr 10/5/76 EFFCATION: Rosnoke, Ve. XBASS BROTHERS TELECASTERS, INC. (ALMS-21,72 FILE ASCA 10-13-69 XXXI H. PARK BROADCASTING OF INCANORE, INC. (ALM & ASCA 10-13-69 XXII X SHENANDOAH LIFE STATIONS, INCORPORATED

Name of licensee & ROANOKE BROANCASTA IG CON CHARGO

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1002 Newman Drive, Salem, Virginia (RMLH 1-16-62)

X Third St. and Church Ave/, J.W., Ronnoke 7, Virginia (10-5-55)(L 9-19-57)

Main studio location X301 First Street, S.W. - Ronnoke, Virginia

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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		transmi	ter site		
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2-PH-477	6-16-47	99.1	4.7 km.	UE	y 8-16-47
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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

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Name of licensee

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location \_\_\_\_\_\_

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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#### BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

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Call letters

Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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#### BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

CARD # 4

Name .... SEE CARD # 1

Main studio location

#### Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BRH159 BRSCA698 (L)	4-30-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE " " SCA	10-1-81

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## APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

PERMANDOAR LIFE STATIONS. INCORPORATED

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FILE WA	DATED	Areineacton ron-	MATURE	DATE
B2-PH-477 Rec'd Filed  manual mac'd Filed	3-9-45 4-10-45 4-10-45 7-19-40 7-20-46	Construction permit for new high frequency FM broadcast station Frequency: 47,100 kcs., Coverage: 34,350Sq. Population: 1,969,900 Studio: 301 First St., S.W., Roanoke, Va. Transmitter: West side of U.S. Route #221, Near Airpoint, Virginia (R.G.A. FM-10-A Max. 10kw) Filed by Geo. O. Sutton, Att'y Amendment re Comm.letter of 9-7-45 recd. 10-15-45. Current balance sheet and Program plans submitted. (Metropolitan) U.M.DED to change officers, directors and stockholders Program analysis rec'd. 8-16-46 See card #2	Class "B" : 15tter mail	station. ed 10-3-46 ns approved approved -12-47.
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George C. Davis, Engineer

Card #2

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#### Name EROANOKE BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No. B2-PH-477	Dated	Application for Engr. info. recd. 2-20-47 re Comm. letter of 2-13-47 changing type of transmitter; ER & make changes in antenna system.	Natur	Action Date
BMPH-1363 Rec'd Filed	1-16-48	Mod. of G. P. (B2-PH-477 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 2-17-48 to 4-16-48. Filed by William Thompson. Attorney	GRANTEI	1-23-43
BLH-178 Rec'd. Filed	4-6-48	License to cover construction permit (BPH-477 as modified) which authorized a new FM broad-cast station. Filed by Villiam Thomson, Attorney.	GRANTED	7-30-48
ERH-159 Recd & Filed	12-30-49	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	2-21-50
BRH-159 Reed & Filed	12-30-50	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	2-21-51
Recd A Filed	10-28-57		RANTED	11-13-52

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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters

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Name I ROANCED BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BPH-1800 Recd & Fil	10-28-52 at 10-30-52	to change type of antenna, ERP, and correct coordinates.	GRANTED	11-26-52
BNPE_4836 RecdAFiled	7-23-53	Nod. C.P. (BPH-1800 which authorized change in licensed station) for extension of com- pletion date from 7-26-53 to 8-25-53	GRAFTE	7-27-53
BLH-917 Recd. & Filed	8-3-53	License to cover (BFH-1800 which authorized changes in licensed station).	GRANTED	9-17-53
BRH-159 R cd. & f1	12-23-53 ed 12-2453	Renewal of license Eliot C. Lovett. atty	GRANTED	5-19-54
BRH-159 Rec'd Filed	6-29-54 7-8-54 7-8-54	Renewal of license. (Informal request) Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED	9-22-54
		F.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C.	1	

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#### APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters ..... WSLS-FM

Name SHENANDOAR LIFE STATIONS, INCOR PORATED

File No.  ERH-159 Rec'd Filed	Dated 7-1-57 7-3-57 7-3-57	Application for Renewal of license. Eliot C. Lovett, Attorney	Nature GRANTEI	
BFH-2257 Recd Filed	8-29-57 9-3-57 9-3-57	CP to increase ERP to 21.1 kw; reduce antenna height above average terrain to 1894' and make changes in antenna system. Eliot C. Lovett, Atty	GRANTED	9-20-57
SPH-2440 Rec'd Filed	5-22-58 5-26-58 5-26-58	Construction permit to replace expired construction permit EPH-2267 which authorized increase ERP from 10.6kw to 21.1kw, decrease HAAT to 1894 and make changes in antenna system.  Atty! Eliot C. Lovett	GRANTED HAAT: ERP:	6-9-58 1890' 21 km
		F.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C.	1	

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#### APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters ... W.S.L.S.FM.

Name SHENINDOWN LIFE STITIONS, INCORTORITED ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	tion Date
BLH-1260 Recd Filed	7-2-58 7-9-58 7-9-58	License to cover C.P. (BPH-2440) which authorized increase in ERP, change HAAT and entenna.	GRAHTED	8-27-58
BRH-159 Rec'd Filed	6-20-60 6-30-60 6-30-60	Renewal of license Atty: Eliot C. Lovett	GRANTED	9-28-60
HPH-3261 Rdc'd	1-19-51	Construction permit to install a new RCA BFA-104, 10 Sections antenna and a new RCA BF-20C transmitter and increase EIF from 21.2 to 02kw. Eliot Lovett, Atty. George C. Davis Engr.	Condl re	10-3-61 PPO 20kw RP 200kw HAAT 1890' type accetp.
BMLH-158 R&F	12-8-61	Mod of lic to chg main studio loc from Third S and Church Ave. S.W. Roanoke, Va to 1002 Newman Drive, Salem Va. (AM trans site).  Atty: Eliot C. Lovett	RANTED S.	-16-62

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#### APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters ... I.S. I.S. FM

Name SHENANDOAH LIFE STATIONS, INCOMPCRATED

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN 1
BLH-2136 R & F	5-1-62 5-2-62	Lie to cover CP (BPH-3261, as modified) which auth install of a new ant, a new trans and an iner in ERP and specify an RCA BTF-20D type transmitter.  Atty: Eliet C. Lovett	GRANTED	11-21-62
HIN-SIST	12-4-62	Lie. to use old main trees (Cn-ET-J-A) as AUXILIARY trans to operate on: 99.1mc,Ch 250 EEP:30.6ke, EAAT:13921, TPC:3kw.	GRANTED	1-23-63
BR-159 R & F	6-26-63 7-2-63	Renewal of License. (main & auxiliary).  Atty: Eliot C. Lovett	GRANTED	9-24-63
BSCA-698 R & F	3-7-66 4-1-66	Request for Subsidiary Communications Author- ization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67kcs.	GRANTED	4-26-66
		Booth & Lovett, Attys.(L.G.Lovett)		

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SHENANDOAH LIFE STATIONS. INCORPORATED Name Roanoke, Virginia Action Nature Date Application for Dated File No. Renewal of license (main & aux) 5-31-66 3RH-159 9-1-66 GRANTED 5-31-66 BRSCA-699 Renewal of license (SCA) Atty: Booth & Lovett 7-1-66 RNF Vol. transfer of control of lic. corp. from Bro-5935 1=26-69 Shenandoah Life Insurance Company to Roy H. GRANTED 4-28-69 Park Broadcasting of Roanoke, Inc. FEE PD: \$75 -#510036 (ALSO SEE: WSIE(AM & TV) REQUEST WIVER RE DOCKET 18110 Pub notice filed 5-23-69 Atty for transferor - Pittman, Lovett & Hennessey for transferee - John H. Midlen Ranewal of license (Main) 7-2-69 BRH-159 GRANTED 9-25-69 7-3-69 AMENDED 8-19-69 re: engineer signature R&F 7-3-69 Renewal of SCA BRSCA-698 Atty-Pittman, Lovett & Hennessey(J. N. 7-7-69 R&F Papajohn) #526983 \$105 7-3-69 P.N. filed 7-3-69 P.C.C. - WASHINSTON B.C. (aux. next Card)

Re: BRH-159-Aux. appln not rec'd-Station does not intend to file, per atty., 8-25-69. Section II, para. 10(b), date of last equip. perf. meas.-ltr of amend. filed, per atty., 8-25-59.

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Call Letters WSLS-F2

BASS BROTHERS TELECASTERS, INC.

Name \_\_\_\_SHENANDOAH\_LIFE\_STATIONS...INCORPORATED.

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BRH-159 R & F 36596 \$30	7-2-69 8-19-69	Renewal of license (Auxiliary) Atty- John N. Papajohn	GRANTED	9-25-69
ATH-1263 ASCA-369 & F EE PD= \$30 (Form 316) a (SLSam & TV)	lso see	Vol. assignment of lic. and SCA to ROY H. PARK BROADCASTING OF ROANOKE, INC. Atty - Midlen & Reddy		10-13-69
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BAIH-1588 BASCA -470	10-16-71	Voluntary assignment of license and SCA TO BASS BROTHERS TELECASTERS, INC.	GRANTED 6- Req. grantef	
R & F	10-20-71		(ALSO INCLUD	
FEE PD: \$100		Atty for assignor - Midlen & Reddy	EFF: 7-3	
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ub. notice	iled 11-16-	F.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C.		

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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name Rosnoke. Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Natur	otion Date
BTC-6700 R & F FEE FD: \$25 CODE 054	10-22-71 10-22-71 0 016365 (ALSO SEE:	Voluntary transfer of control of lie corp from Roy H. Park to Park Breadcasting, Inc. (SEE AM FOR AMENDMENTS)  Atty - McKenna & Wilkinson	BEFF:	
BRH-159 R & F P.N. PRESS OUL J	6-23-72 6-30-72 6-30-72	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Atty: Edward B. Reddy	Granted	1-18-73
BRSCA-698 R & F	6-23-72 6-30-72	Renewal of SCA AMENDED 8-7-72 to change name of applicant to "Bass Brothers Telecasters, Inc."		
BRCH-1,158 R & F #180724 \$50 Code 068 PRESS: MA	4-2-73 5-1-73 5-1-73 17 1973	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from the transmitter site:  On Poor Mountain, West Side of U. S. Route 22 Roanoke, Virginia. (Main Transmitter)  Atty: John P. Bankson, Jr.	GRANTED 1,	5-23-73

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#### APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters HSLQ

Name Bass Brothers Telecasters, Inc.
Roanoke, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Natur	e Date
BPH-9396 R & F #399129\$100 Code 057 PRESS	2-28-75 3-8-75 3-10-75 APR 4-	CP to chg. TL to W. side of Va. Hwy. 916, 9.5 mi. W-SW of Roanoke City Limits on Poor Mountain, near Roanoke, Va.; install new trans. (RCA BTF-40E1); install new antenna (RCA BFC-12B, 12 sections(H&V); make changes in antenna system (decr. hght.); change TPO; change ERP: 140kw(H&V) (Max. 200kw(H&V); change HAAT: 1914 ft. (H&V)	1	5-23-75
BRH-159 BRSCA-698 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	5-23-75 " 5-29-75 JUL 1 5 1975	AMENDED 12-29-75 re: engineering	GRANTED	1-12-76

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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters .M.S.L.Q

Bass Brothers Telecasters, Inc.

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	
BNPH-14,642 R & F #481667\$100 Code 001	9-29-75	MP(BPH-9396) to change TL to: About 1200 ft. SW of Present CP site; chg. ERP: 140kw(H&V) 200kw(H&V) Max.; change HAAT: 1985 ft.(H&V) 37° 11' 41" 80° 09' 22"	GRANTE	11-6-75
Rec'd FILED #558505 \$	1-13-76 4-19-76 5-10-76 0 4-21-76 0 5-10-76	Atty: Arthur H. Schroeder Engr: Edward F. Lorentz & Associates MP(BPH-9396, as mod.) ext. time to 9-1-76 Atty - Arthur H. Schroeder	GRANTED	6-10-76
		F. C. C WASHINSTON, D. C.	1	

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters H S L 9

MEL WHEELER, INC. Name \*XRASS BROTHERS TELECASTERS, INC.

R & F	File No.	noke, Virgi	Application for	Natur	o Date
R & F	SEE AN WELA	7-27-76	CP(BPH-9396, as mod., for chige in site; EPP HAAT etc) to NEL WHEELER, INC.  Atty for assignor - Miller & Schroeder	FEE RE	0-18-76 Q: pd 10/27/76
R & F 9-16-76 ERP: 140kw(H) PTA 9-24-76 HAAT: 1,990 ft. (H&V)	R & F 604908\$100 CODE 001	8-19-76	10330-76 {For Changes} Atty. Arthur H. Schroeder		D 9-28-76 10-30-76
	R & F PTA	9-16-76	ERP: 140kw(H)	GRANTED	4-20-77

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters - W S L (

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Name MEL WHEELER, INC. ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

File No.  BRH-159 BRSCA-698 R & F PRESS	Dated 5-25-78 "6-1-78 JUN 2 1 1978	Application for RENEWAL OF LICENSE CEALECTACE RENEWAL OF SCA John E.Fiorini III, Atty.	Nature GRANTED	
BPH810408AT PRESS (0)	1961 1 S N	CP to install New Aux. Ant. (COLLINS G5CPS-2, 2 sects. H&V) on Main Tower, To be operated on ERP: 36.82kw (H&V); HAAT: 1935' (H&V) & chg. TPO (FOR AUX. PURPOSES ONLY).  RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
BRH810601B3 PRESS		RENEWAL OF LICENSE		

#### **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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

