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B.S. First C.O. 9-22-54 **BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD**

Card # 1

First C.O. 9-22-54 (Started 9-26-54) per Atty.

COMM. TV B/C

WOAX-TV (Let. 6-14-55)

W-M-F-F

Date first licensed 9-21-56 EFF.# 203

Call letters BURLINGTON VERMONT

(Station Loc: Montpelier, Vermont)

(Report & Order

5-11-55)

NDEA

MT. MANSFIELD TELEVISION, INC. (BMPCT-2655 12-15-54)

Name of licensee X W C A X BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Transmitter location Mt. Mansfield, near Underhill, Vermont

100 Market Square, South Burlington, Vermont (BMLCT-55 6-5-58)

X 50 Barrett St., Burlington, Vermont (Mod. of C.F. BMPCT-2655 & BMPCT-3046 granted 5-11-55)

Main studio location X Main St. near School St., Montpelier, Vermont

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
* BPCT-1327	5-12-54	Ch. # 3 60-66mc	V 5 kw A 2.69kw	U	5-12-54 11-12-54
CP for a new Comm. TV B/C Station.					

Wire 9-22-54 STA Opr. Comm. basis accord CP BPCT-1327 except studios to be located at WCAX in Burlington. Authorization expires 11-12-54.					
BMPCT-2555	10-21-54	same	same	same	5-12-54
Mod. CP (BPCT-1327) to extend completion date. 5-12-55					
Wire 10-22-54 EXT STA Opr. Comm. basis accord. CP BMPCT-2555 except studios to be located at WCAX in Burlington, Vt. *Period Ending 5-12-55					
BMPCT-2655	12-15-54	same	same	same	5-12-54
Mod. CP (BPCT-1327, as mod) to chg. corporate name 5-12-55					
* BPCT-1327	3-12-54	Ch. # 3 60-66 mc	V-18.2 kw A-9.77 kw	U same	5-12-54 11-12-54
Superseding authorization to correct ERP & trans. output power (Letter 1-24-55)					
** BMPCT-2655	12-15-54	same	V-18.2 kw A-9.77 kw	same	5-12-54 5-12-55
Superseding authorization to correct ERP & trans. output power (Letter-1-24-55)					
BMPCT-3046	4-20-55	same	same	same	5-12-54
Mod. of CP (BPCT-1327, as mod.) to ext. comp. date. 11-12-55					
Report & Order 5-11-55 to modify C.P. to show station loc. and studio location at Burlington, Vermont in lieu of Montpelier (Doc. 11312) (Mod. of C.P. issued) (5-12-54 11-12-55)					
WIRE 5-3-55 EXT STA Opr. Comm. basis accord. CP BMPCT-3046 except studios located at Station WCAX in Burlington, Vermont. Auth. expires 11-12-55.					
BLCT-381	9-21-56	CH. # 3 60-66mc	V-18.2kw A-9.55kw	U	9-21-56 4-1-57
License to cover CP (BPCT-1327, as mod.)					
BRCT-203	3-20-57	same	same	same	4-1-57 4-1-60
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BMLCT-55	6-5-58	CH. # 3 60-66	V-18.2 kw A-9.55kw	U	6-5-58 4-1-60
Mod. of License change 5-4 and granted waiver sec 2.613 Rule 2730					
BRCT-203	3-30-60	Same	Same	Same	4-1-60 4-1-63
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					

June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters WCAX-TV

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

Name of licensee MT. MANSFIELD TELEVISION, INC.

Transmitter location SEE CARD #1

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	ERP Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BRCT-203 AH: 2730	3-26-63	CH#3 60-66	V-18.2 kw A-9.55 kw	U	4-1-63 4-1-66
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BPCT-3396 AH: 2740	8-14-64	CH.#3 MSL: 4192' 60-66	V-17kw A-9.1kw	U	10-14-64 4-14-65
CP to chg ERP & Replace antenna; chg. antenna system					
WIRE 11-19-64 TENDERED LICENSE APPLICATION, AUTH. GRANTED OPERATE WCAX-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORDANCE RULE 73.629 and BPCT-3396					
BPCT-3188 AH: 2740	11-20-64	CH.#3 60-66	V. 37.6 kw A. 18.8 kw	U	1-20-65 MSL: 4192' 7-20-65
CP to change ERP, type of transm. antenna, AH.					
BLCT-1432 AH: 2740	2-17-65	CH. 3 MSL: 4192' 60-66Mc	V-17kw A-9.1kw	U	2-17-65 4-1-66
License to cover CP (BPCT-3396)					
BMPCT-6135	7-27-65	same	same	same	1-20-65
Mod. of CP (BPCT-3188) to ext. completion date, 1-27-66					
WIRE 8-19-65 RE TENDERED LICENSE APPL., AUTH. GRANTED OPERATE WCAX-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SECTION 73.629 RULES AND CP BMPCT-6135, EXCEPT WITH AURAL POWER REDUCED TO 20 PERCENT PEAK VISUAL OR 7.41 KW ERP.					
WIRE 9-28-65 REURTEL 24. EXT. AUTH. GRANTED WCAX-TV TO TRANSMIT NETWORK PROGRAMS IN COLOR TEMP. PERIOD ENDING 11-15-65 PENDING RECEIPT AND INSTALLATION OF PROPER TRANSMITTER CORRECTIVE FILTERS. ADVISE WHEN COMPLETE FILTERS INSTALLED.					
WIRE 1-13-66 RE TENDERED LICENSE APPL., AUTH. GRANT. OPER. WCAX-TV GE-TT-10A TRANS. PREVIOUSLY AUTH. IN BLCT-1432 AS AUX. TRANS. ON PROGRAM TEST PENDING ACTION ON NEW LICENSE APPL.					
BRCT-203	3-24-66	same	same	same	4-1-66 4-1-69
RENEWAL OF LIC.					
BLCT-1491	8-1-66	Ch. 3 60-66 Mc	V-37.6 A-7.4	U	8-1-66 4-1-69
MAIN TRANS. & ANT. Lic. to cov. CP (BPCT-3188)					

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June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location BURLINGTON, VERMONT

Name of licensee MT. MANSFIELD TELEVISION, INC.

Transmitter location SEE CARD # 1

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BLCT-1548	7-29-66	CH. 3	FOR EMERGENCY, TEST, AND MAINTENANCE PURPOSES ONLY.		7-29-66 4-1-69
<u>Lic. to utilize previously auth. for trans.</u>					
BRCT-203	3-26-69	(S) RENEWAL OF LICENSES & NDEA MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA & AUX. TRANS.			4-1-72
BTC-6101	12-22-69	VOL. T/C			
BRCT-203	3-30-72	RENEWAL OF LICENSE & NDEA(S) MAIN TRANS. & ANT. & AUX. TRANS.			4-1-75
EBSA	5-15-72				
BPCT-4601	4-23-73	CP to mod. frequency control system.			6-23-73 10-23-74
Wire oper. Main Trans. & Ant.	7-13-73	Re tendered lic. appl., auth. grtd. PTA accord. 73,629 & BPCT-4601.			
BLCT-2229	7-31-73	Ch. 3	V. 37.6kv	U	4-1-75
Alt: 2740' MSL: 4192'		60-66	A. 7.4 kw		
Lic. (BPCT-4601) for chgs.					
BRCT-203	3-31-75	Renewal of license (S) Main Trans. & Ant. Aux. Trans.			4-1-78
BRCT-203	3-13-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			4-1-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORM A-170

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters N-B-W MTTName WCAK Broadcasting Corporation
135 Main Street, Burlington, Vermont

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-1327 Recd. Filed	9-10-52 9-11-52 9-11-52	Construction permit for a new commercial television broadcast station FREQ: Channel #3, 60-66 mcs. ERP: Vis.-17.34-Kw.-.-Aur.-8.67-Kw Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: Main Street, near School Street, Montpelier, Vermont T-L: On Mt. Mansfield, Near Underhill, Vt. (Vis. & Aur. Dates--BT-5A) (2713') Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED Decision	3-12-54 Docket No. 10642
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	8-4-53 8-4-53 8-4-53	Amended to change ERP from Vis., 17.34 kw, Aur. 8.67 kw to Vis. 18.3 kw, Aur. 9.65 kw; antenna height above average terrain from 2713' to 2729'; type antenna; type trans. (GE TT-10A); correct geographical coordinates; and other equipment changes		

George E. Gaitney, Engr.

Washington, D. C.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

MT. MANSFIELD TELEVISION, INC.

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LettersWCAV-TV
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Name

X WCAV BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Montpelier, Vermont

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-2555 Recd & filed	10-8-54 10-12-54	Modification of CP (BPCT-1327 which authorized a new commercial TV broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 11-12-54 to 9-1-55 Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED	10-21-54
BMPCT-2655 Recd. & Filed	12-3-54 12-7-54	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1327, as mod.) which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to change corporate name to Mt. Mansfield Television, Inc. Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED	12-15-54
BMPCT-3046 Recd & filed Ext # 2	4-4-55 4-6-55	Modification of CP (BPCT-1327 as mod., which authorized a new commercial TV b/c station) for extension of completion date from 5-12-55 to 11-12-55 Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED	4-20-55
BLCT-381 Recd. & Filed	9-29-55 10-3-55	License to cover CP (BPCT-1327, as mod.) which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station. Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, atty.	GRANTED	9-21-56

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
 Letters WCAAX-TV

Name MT. MANSFIELD TELEVISION, INC.
Burlington, Vermont

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-203 Recd Resubmitted Recd & Filed	12-26-56 12-31-56 2-27-57 3-1-57	Renewal of license. Elliott C. Lovett, Atty.	Ret. to atty. Engr. certification Sec. II dated subsequent to applicant's certificate in Sec. I	3-20-57
		GRANTED 3-20-57		
BMLCT-55 Recd Filed	5-12-58 5-15-58 5-22-58	Mod. of License to chg. Studio location from Burlington, Vt. to South Burlington, Vt. from 50 Barrett Street, Burlington, Vt. to 100 Market Square, South Burlington, Vt. And request waiver of Sec. 3.613 of the Commission's Rules. Filed by Eliot Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED	6-5-58
BRCT-203 R & F	12-23-59 1-4-60	Renewal of license Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty	GRANTED	3-30-60
BRCT-203 Recd. & Filed	12-26-62 1-3-63	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED	3-26-63

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV

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Letters WCAAX-TV

Name MT. MANSFIELD TELEVISION, INC.
Burlington, Vermont

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-3188 Recd. & Filed	5-9-63 5-10-63	Construction Permit to change ERP from Vis. 18.2 kw, Aur. 9.55 kw TO Vis. 37.6 kw, Aur. 18.8 kw; change type of transmitter to G.E. TT-32A2; type of antenna to G.E. 4TY49B1; make changes in antenna structure and antenna height above average terrain to 2736 feet. Eliot C. Lovett, Atty. Gautney & Jones, Engrs.	GRANTED	11-20-64
BPCT-3396 Recd. & Filed	7-29-64 7-29-64	Construction Permit to change ERP from Vis. 18.2 KW, Aur. 9.55 KW TO Vis. 17.1 KW, Aur. 9.12 KW; replace present antenna with a G. E. 4TY 49B1; and make other equipment changes. Booth & Lovett-atty	GRANTED	8-14-64

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV

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Letters WCAX-TV

CH. 3 Name MT. MANSFIELD TELEVISION, INC.
BURLINGTON, VERMONT zip 05403

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-1432 Recd. & Filed	11-12-64 11-17-64	License to cover CP (BPCT-3396) which authorized changes in existing station. Lee G. Lovett, Atty -- (BOOTH & LOVETT)	GRANTED	2-17-65
BMPCT-6135 R & F	7-16-65 7-20-65	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3188, which authorized changes in existing station) to extend completion date from 7-20-65 to 10-20-65. Booth & Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED	7-27-65
BLCT-1491 R & F MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA	8-2-65 8-9-65	License to cover CP (BPCT-3188, as mod., which authorized changes in existing station) and to specify aural ERP as 7.97 kw. John N. Papajohn, Atty. (BOOTH & LOVETT)	GRANTED	8-1-66
BRCT-203 Recd. & Filed	12-27-65 1-6-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Booth & Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED	3-24-66
BLCT-1548 R & F AUXILIARY TRANSMITTER	12-27-65 1-6-66	License to utilize previously authorized G. E. TT-10A transmitter (specified in BLCT-1432) as an Auxiliary.	GRANTED	7-29-66

FORM BC-121

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

Call
Letters WCAX-TVName MT. MANSFIELD TELEVISION, INC.
CH. 3 BURLINGTON, VERMONT

File No.	Dated	Application for atty.	Action	
			Nature	Date
LETTER dated 5-29-67		J. Roger Wollenberg / (WILMER, CUTLER & PICKERING) Firm. now acting as broadcast counsel.		
BRCT-203	12-20-68	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-26-69
R & F	12-31-68	J. Roger Wollenberg, Atty. (Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering)		
\$180. #480953	12-31-68			
PRESS	JAN 16 1969			
1. MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA				
2. AUX. TRANS.				
PN Recd.				
BTC-6101	11-5-69	Voluntary acquisition of positive control		
R & F	11-14-69	of licensee corporation by S. T. Martin	GRANTED	12-22-69
#556896 \$30	11-14-69	and relinquishment of control by C.P.	EFF:	12-23-69
PRESS:	NOV 20 1968	Hasbrook, thru corporate recapitalization.		
PN REC'D:		Atty.: David R. Anderson (Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering)		
BEAM TILT	ENGR. DATA	filed 4-24-70		

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Letters WCAX-TV

Name MT. MANSFIELD TELEVISION, INC.
CH-3 BURLINGTON, VERMONT

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-203 R & F PN REC PRESS	12-28-71 1-3-72 1-7-72 JAN 19 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE MAIN TRANS. & ANT. AUX. TRANSMITTER David R. Anderson (Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering)	GRANTED	3-30-72
BPCT-4601 R & F #166510 \$50 AC: 062 PRESS:	3-12-73 3-23-73 3-23-73 APR 19 1973	CP to modify frequency control system. Atty: David R. Anderson (Wilmer, Cutler, & Pickering)	GRANTED	4-23-73 <i>Lin</i>
BLCT-2229 R & F #517292 \$50. AC: 058 PRESS: ✓	7-3-73 7-5-73 JUL 23 1973	License to cover (BPCT-4601) for changes. Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, J.R. Wollenberg, atty. MAIN TRANS. & ANT.	GRANTED	7-31-73

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Form BC-121
September 1969

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Call
Letters WCAX-TVName MT. MANSFIELD TELEVISION, INC.
CH-3 Burlington, Vermont

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-203 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	12-2-74 12-2-74 12-2-74 JAN 7 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN TRANS. & ANT.)(AUX. & TRANS.) Annual Report Filed Atty: David R. Anderson (Wilmer, Cutler) Amended 2-20-75 re programming. Ltr. 4-2-75 re additional materials.	GRANTED	3-31-75
BRCT-203 R&F PN RECD PRESS	11-25-77 12-1-77 12-1-77 DEC 13 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Main Trans. & Ant.)(Aux. Trans.) Atty.: David Anderson (Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering)	GRANTED	3-13-78
BRCT- 801201KH R & F PN REC'D	11-22-80 12-01-80 12-01-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: DAVID R. ANDERSON {WILMER AND PICKERING}	GRANTED	3-30-81

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 radio 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.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. 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 television station history.

