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Form BC 126 PTA 11-19-69  
June 1954 Started 11-19-69

**BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD**

Date first licensed 3-12-71 (OFF, #718)

Call letters WENY-TV

Station location ELMIRA, NEW YORK

Name of licensee WENY, INC.

NEW 8-20-69  
HAWLEY HILL, APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES WNW OF ELMIRA, NEW YORK (EMFCT-7044 /  
Transmitter location COMFORT HILL, 4 MILES SOUTH OF ELMIRA, NEW YORK

596 Ithaca Rd., Horseheads, N. Y. (ML 6-6-73)  
XGRAY and MAIN STREETS, ELMIRA, NEW YORK (EMFCT-7044 8-20-69)  
Main studio location (To Be Determined), Elmira, New York



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From: To
DOCKET NO. 17926		CH.36	V-186 kw	U	9-5-68
BPCT-3918	7-5-68	602-608	A-37.1 kw		3-5-69
AH: 590' MSL: 1991' CP for a new Comm.TV B/C Station.					
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ISSUED WITHOUT CALL LETTERS.					
BPCT-3918	8-8-68	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED			3-5-69 ✓
BPCT-6982					
BPCT-7044	8-20-69	CH.36	V-427 kw	U	
AH: 1050' MSL: 2549' 602-608 A-85.4 kw					2-20-70
MP (BPCT-3918) to chg. ERP, TL; specify SL; type trans. ant. AH					
WIRE	11-19-69	RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR.			
OPER. ON PTA CP BMPCT-7044. ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COM-					
MENCES UNDER THIS AUTH.					
WIRE	11-19-69	AUTH. GR. TO OPER. REMOTE CONTROL			
BLCT-1934	3-12-71	Lic. LBPCT-3918 as mod)			6-1-72
for a new station					
EBSA	5-15-72				
WIRE	7-21-72	PENDING	TRANS. REPAIRS	AUTH. GRANTED	
OPERATE TEMP. PERIOD ENDING 8-21-72 MULTIPLEXED AND AT					
REDUCED POWER AS NECESSARY.					
BRCT-718	8-22-72	RENEWAL	OF LICENSE (S)		6-1-75
BRCTV-86	8-29-72	OPERATE REMOTE CONTROL			
Wire	10-2-72	Reurlet	9-28-72.	Pending recovery	
from effects of "Agnes" auth. gtd. oper. temp. per. end.					
12-31-72 without equip. nec. to comply with provisions of					
73.676(f)					
Wire	12-27-72	re. pend.	recovery from eff. of tropical		
storm ext. auth. gtd oper. station temp. per. ending 3-28-					
73 without equip necessary to comply with prov. sect. 73.676					
(f) of rules.					
Wire	3-22-73	Above	auth. extended to	6-28-73	
BMLCT-761	6-6-73	Remote	control authority		
(2)		chg. SL			
Wire	7-10-73	pend.	recovery from eff. of tropical		
storm ext. auth. gtd. oper. station temp. per.					
ending 9-28-73 without equip. nec. to comply with					
prov. sect. 73.675(f) of rules.					



Form BC 126 #2

June 1954

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WENY-TV

Station location ELMIRA, NEW YORK

Name of licensee WENY, 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
WIRE	Pending recovery from effects of tropical storm "Agnes", ext. auth. grtd. oper. WENY-TV temp. per. ending 6-28-74, without equip. necessary to comply with provis. of Sect. 73.676(F) of rules.				
WIRE	7-1-74	Pend. recovery from effects of trop. storm "Agnes"; ext. auth. grtd. oper. WENY-TV temp. per. end. 9-28-74, without equipment nec. to comply with provisions of Section 73.676(F) of Rules.			
WIRE	12-27-74	Above auth. ext to 3-28-75.			
BRCT-718	5-28-75	Ch. 36	427 kW	U	6-1-75
AH: 1050'	MSL: 2549'	602-608	85.4 kW		6-1-78
Renewal of license					
BTC-8437	9-26-77	Vol. acc. of neg. control			
BRCT-718	5-31-78	RENEWAL OF LICENCE (S)			6-1-81



Form BC-121  
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV

Call  
Letters NEW - WENY-TV

Name WENY, INC.  
PO: c/o Howard L. Green, Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira, New York 14901

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-3918	2-6-67	Construction permit for a new Commercial Television Broadcast station: Ch. 36, 602-608 Mcs ERP: Vis. 186 kw (Horz) Aur. 37.2 kw (Horz) Unlimited Hours T-L: Comfort Hill, 4 miles South of Elmira, New York S-L: To be determined, Elmira, N. Y. (Townsend TA15-AT) AH: 589 ft. STATION LOCATION: ELMIRA, NEW YORK Atty: John B. Jacob (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) Engr: Lohnes & Culver		
Rec. & filed	2-7-67			D-17926
			GRANTED	
			JUL 5 1968	
			INITIAL DECISION CONDITION - See back	
BPCT-6982	2-4-69	MP (BPCT-3918) to extend completion date to September 5, 1969. John B. Jacob, Atty. (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) AMENDED 7-1-69 to update information.		
R & F	2-5-69			
\$30. #488114	2-5-69			
PRESS				
	FEB 13 1969		GRANTED	8-20-69
			Issued with	
			BPCT-7044	



c/o Howard L. Green  
Mark Twain Hotel  
Elmira, New York  
area code 607 Local No. 734-3333

**CONDITION:** The transmitter specified herein has not been type accepted. Accordingly, prior to licensing, acceptable data shall be submitted for type acceptance in accordance with the requirements of Section 73.640 of the Rules.



FORM BC-121 CARD #2  
Aug. 1955

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters **WENY-TV**

Name **WENY, INC.**  
CH.#36 **ELMIRA, NEW YORK**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-7044 R & F #527456 \$150 PRESS: PN REC'D:	7-2-69 7-8-69 7-8-69 JUL 15 1969 7-30-69	MP(BPCT-3918), chg. ERP to Visg427kw(h), Aur.-85.4kw(h); TL to Hawley Hill, approx. 3 mi. WNW of Elmira, N. Y. (42-06-20, 76-52-17); specify SL as Mark Twain Hotel, Gray & Main Sts., Elmira, N. Y.; type trans. to RCA TTU-30A; type ant. to RCA TFU-20J; and HAAT to 1051'.  Atty.: <u>Cordon and Jacob</u> AMENDED 8-19-69 re financial data.	GRANTED	8-20-69
BLCT-1934 R & F \$30 #558028 PRESS Engr.data filed 6-30-70	11-19-69 11-19-69 " NOV 25 1969	LICENSE (BPCT-3918, as mod) for a new station. John B. Jacob, Atty. (Cordon & Jacob)	GRANTED	3-12-71



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call  
Letters WENY-TV

Name WENY, INC.  
CH-36 ELMIRA, NEW YORK

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-718 R & F PN REC PRESS	3-2-72 3-3-72 MAR 28 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE John B. Jacob (Cordon & Jacob) Amended 8-10-72 re programming.	GRANTED	8-22-72
BRCTV-86 R & F NO FEE PAID. PRESS:	4-29-72 5-1-72 MAY 10 1972	Req. auth. to oper. trans. by RC from Mark Twain Hotel, Gray and Main Streets, Elmira, New York. Atty.: Cordon and <u>Jacob</u>	Granted	8-29-72
BRCT-761 R & F #188374 \$50 AC: 062 PRESS:	5-17-73 5-18-73 5-18-73 JUN 4 1973	Mod. of license to chg. studio loc. and remote control point to 596 Ithaca Road, Horseheads, New York. Atty: John B. Jacob (Cordon & Jacob)	GRANTED	6-6-73



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Call  
Letters WENY-TV

Name WENY, INC.

CH-36 Elmira, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-718 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	1-21-75 1-27-75 1-27-75 <b>MAR 21 1975</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Annual Report Filed Atty: John B. Jacob (Cordon & Jacob) Amended 4-1-75 re problems and needs.	GRANTED	<sup>I</sup> 5-28-75
BTC-8437 R&F PRESS (Form 316)	8-22-77 8-25-77 <b>SEP 1 1977</b>	Voluntary acquisition of negative control of lic. corp. by Each, Howard L. Green and Donald M. Simmons thru redemption of stock (and retirement thereof) by the licensee corp. from John T. Stethers. Atty.: <u>Cordon &amp; Jacob</u>	GRANTED Eff:	9-26-77 10-1-77
BRCT-718 R&F PN RECD PRESS	1-24-88 1-24-78 1-24-78 <b>FEB 23 1978</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: John B. Jacob	GRANTED	5-31-78



CARD NO. 5

APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING  
COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters: WENY-TV

Name: WENY, INC.  
CH-36

Station Location: ELMIRA, NEW YORK

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRET-810127KH R & F PN REC'D	1-26-81 1-27-81 1-27-81	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: JOHN B. JACOB (CORDON AND JACOB)	95-29-81 GRANTED MAY 29, 1981



## 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 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 television station history.

