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June 1954

Card # 1

COMM. TV B/C

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD
PROGRAM TESTS AUTHORIZED 9-24-57

Date first licensed 11-7-57 (Official No. 385)

21 Call letters WPTA

Station Location: Roanoke, Indiana

Station ID: Roanoke-Fort Wayne, Ind.
by ltr. 2-27-68

WPTA TV, INC. (AL 4-4-73; Eff: 4-29-73)

Name of licensee X SARKES TARZIAN, INC.

3401 Butler Rd., nr. Ft. Wayne, IN (Redesc. BP 6-8-79)

X3333 Butler Road, Near Fort Wayne, Indiana (Lic. 11-7-57)

Transmitter location X On Butler St., 0.44 mi. E. of intersection with Hillegas Rd., near Fort
Wayne, Indiana

3401 Butler Rd., nr. Ft. Wayne, IN (Redesc. BP 6-8-79)

X3333 Butler Road, Near Fort Wayne, Indiana (Lic. 11-7-57)

Main studio location X On Butler St., 0.44 mi. E. of intersection with Hillegas Rd., near
Fort Wayne, Indiana

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

WPTA

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BPCT-1988	9-5-56	CH #21	V-251 kw	U	11-5-56
AH 760 ft.		512-518	A-129 kw		5-5-57
CP for a new Comm.		TV B/C Station			
BPCT-4644	4-19-57	same	same	same	5-5-57
Mod. of C.P. (BPCT-1988) to					extend completion date 9-15-57
BPCT-4813	8-21-57	same	same	same	11-5-56
Mod. CP (BPCT-1988, as mod) to					extend completion dt. 11-1-57
BPCT-4800	8-27-57	same	V-110 kw	U	11-5-56
AH: 760'			A-55 kw		2-23-58
Mod. CP (BPCT-1988, as mod) to					chg. ERP, ant. sys. equip. chgs.
WIRE	9-24-57	PROGRAM TESTS AUTHORIZED			MPCT-4800
		ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COMMENCES			
BLCT-717	11-7-57	CH #21	V-110 kw	U	11-7-57
AH 760'		512-518	A-55 kw		8-1-58
license to cover CP (BPCT-1988, as modified)					
BRCT-385	7-23-58	same	same	same	8-1-58 8-1-61
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
WIRE	9-10-59	PENDING	FILTERPLEXER REPAIR, AUTHORIZA-		
		TION GRANTED OPERATE WPTA	REDUCED POWER TEMP. PER. END.		
10-10-59. ADVISE					
BRCT-385	8-17-61	CH 21	V-110kw	U	8-17-61
AH: 760'		512-518	A-55kw		8-1-64
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BPCT-3236	11-13-63	CH. #21	V-110 kw	U	1-13-64
AH: 760'		512-518	A-18.2 kw		7-13-64
Construction Permit to change Aural ERP.					
WIRE-	3-16-64	RE TENDERED LIC. APPL. AUTH. GR. OPERATE			
WPTA ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SEC. 73.629 RULES & CP BPCT-					
3236. EXCEPT WITH AURAL ERP OF 22 KW.					
BRCT-385	7-23-64	same	same	same	8-1-64
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BLCT-1353	9-30-64	CH. #21	V-110kw	U	9-30-64
AH: 760'		512-518	A-22kw		8-1-67
License to cover CP (BPCT-3236)					
BRCT-385	7-18-67	same	same	same	8-1-67
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BRCT-385	7-31-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (s)			8-1-73

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5-15-72

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June 1954 CARD#2

COMMERCIAL TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters WPTA

Station location ROANOKE, INDIANA

Name of licensee WPTA TV, INC.

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BAICT-493	4-4-73	Vol. AL			
BRCT-385	7-31-73	RENEWAL	OF LICENSE (L)		8-1-73 8-1-76
BPCT-4638	9-14-73	Ch. 21	V. 110 kw	U	11-14-73
AH: 760' MSL: ---		512-518	A. 22 kw		3-14-75
CP to chg. trans.					
Wire	10-9-73	Pending filing lic. applic. auth. gtd. oper. temp. per. ending 11-9-73 accord construction permit BPCT-4638 except without vestigial sideband filter subject causing no interference to other authorized services.			
Wire	11-16-73	Above auth. extended 2-9-74			
WIRE	2-5-74	Pending filing license application, extension authority granted operate WPTA-TV temporarily period ending April 11, 1974 accordance construction permit BPCT-4633 except without vestigial sideband filter subject causing no interference to other authorized services.			
Wire	4-16-74	Pending filing lic.appl.,extn.auth. grtd.oper.temp.per.end.5-11-74 accord BPCT-4633			
Wire	4-26-74	Re tendered lic.appl.,auth.grtd.oper. PTA accord.73.629 & BPCT-4633.			
BLCT-2297	8-16-74	Lic(BPCT-4638)	for chgs		8-1-76
BRCT-385	7-14-76	RENEWAL	OF LICENSE (S)		8-1-79
BPCT-790312LC	6-8-79	Ch-21,	512-518MHz	Unl.	8-8-79
AH:740' MSL:1582' ERP:		V-490kW,A-49.0kW			12-8-80
CP to chg. ERP, type ant., & HAAT; redesc. TL & SL.					
BRCT-790402LL	7-18-79	RENEWAL	OF LICENSE (S)		8-1-82
BTC-780912KH	6-7-79	Vol TC			

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters WPTAName **SARKIS TARZIAN, INC.**(P.O. ~~522 South Walnut Street~~, Bloomington, Ind.) - East Hillside Drive)Sta Location, ~~Bloomington~~, Ind. (Ch # 21 assigned to Huntington, Ind.)

File No.

Dated

Application ~~to~~ Fort Wayne, Indiana

Action

Nature

Date

BPCT-1988

5-24-55

OP for a new Comm TV B/C station

GRANTED

9-5-56

Recd & filed 5-31-55

Freq: Ch # 21, 512-518 Mcs. (Fort Wayne
ERP: Vis. 251 kw, Aur. 125 kw assignment)

Hours of operation: Unl.

T-L: 3.3 mi. Due E of Arcola, Ind. near
Fort Wayne, IndianaS-L: 3.3 mi. Due E of Arcola, Ind. near
Fort Wayne, Indiana

(Vis & Aur. RCA-TTU-12A) (763)

Filed by A. L. Stein, Atty.

AMENDED

1-23-56

Amended to substitute portions of Sections
III & IV and Sections V-C & V-D to propose
change in S-L and T-L from 3.3 miles due
E of Arcola, Indiana, near Fort Wayne, Ind-
iana to On Butler Street, 0.44 mile east of
intersection with Millegas Road, Nr. Fort
Wayne, Indiana and to make antenna changes
(760 ft.)

Filed by A. L. Stein, Atty.

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

Recd & Filed 1-25-56

Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM TV B/C

Call

Letters WPTA

Name SARKIS TARZIAN, INC.

~~225 North Main Street, Indianapolis, Indiana~~

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-4644 Recd. & filed Ext. # 1	3-27-57 4-5-57	Mod. of CP (BBCT-1988, which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 5-5-57 to 9-15-57. Filed by A. L. Stein, Atty.	GRANTED	4-19-57
BMPCT-4800 Recd & Filed Cont'd on card # 5	7-8-57 7-19-57	Mod. of CP (1988, as mod., which auth. a new Comm. TV b/c station) to change ERP from Vis. 251 kw., Aur. 129 kw. to Vis. 165 kw., Aur. 84 kw.; change antenna system and make other equipment changes. (757 ft.) Filed by A. L. Stein, Atty.	GRANTED	8-27-57
BMPCT-4813 Recd. & filed Ext. # 2	8-1-57 8-5-57	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1988, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 9-15-57 to 11-1-57. Filed by A. L. Stein, Atty.	GRANTED	8-21-57

Card # 3

COMM TV B/C

FORM BC-121

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FORM A-170

Call
Letters WPTAName SARKIS TARZIAN, INC.
Roanoke, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-4800 Amended Recd & Filed	Contd card # 2 8-9-57 8-12-57	Amended to change ERP from Vis. 168 kw. Aur. 84 kw to Vis. 109 kw. Aur. 54.5 kw, and make other equipment changes. Filed by A. L. Stein, Attorney		
BICT-717 Recd & Filed	9-18-57 9-19-57	License to cover CP (BPCT-1958, as mod.) which auth. a new COMM TV Broadcast Station, and change description of studio and transmitter locations to 3333 Butler Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana (not a move). A. L. Stein, Attorney	GRANTED	11-7-57
BRCT-385 Recd & Filed	5-1-58 5-12-58	Renewal of license which expires 8-1-58. A. L. Stein, Attorney	GRANTED	7-23-58
BRCT-385 Recd. & Filed Ltr.	4-28-61 6-21-61 8-23-61	RENEWAL OF LICENSE A. L. Stein, Atty. Cohn and Marks now attorneys for station WPTA	GRANTED	8-17-61

Form BC-121

Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WPTAName SARKIS TARTAN, INC.
Evansville, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-3236 Recd. & filed	9-9-63 9-11-63	Construction permit to change Aural ERP from 55 kw to 18.2 kw. Paul Dobin, Atty.	GRANTED	11-13-63
BLCT-1353 Recd. & Filed	3-10-64 3-13-64	License to cover CP (BPCT-3236) which authorized a change in existing station Roy F. Perkins, Jr. Atty.	GRANTED	9-30-64
BRCT-385 Recd. & Filed	4-30-64 6-5-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Roy F. Perkins, Jr. Atty. (COHN & MARKS)	GRANTED	7-23-64
BRCT-385 R & F	5-1-67 5-3-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Marcus Cohn, Atty.	GRANTED	7-18-67

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm. TV

Call
Letters

W P T A

WPTA TV, INC.

Name **ISARKES TARZIAN, INC.**

Ch. 21 Roanoke, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
ltr. (3 copies) FEB 2 1968	1-30-68	REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF Sec. 73.652(a) of Commission's rules to permit W P T A to identify itself as "Roanoke-Fort Wayne"	GRANTED by ltr.	2-27-68
BRCT-385	4-22-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-31-70
R & F # 598641 \$1500 PRESS: PN REC'D: Engr.data filed 6-25-70	5-4-70 MAY 21 1970	Allan J. Arlow (Cohn And Marks) AMENDED 5-11-70 re financial data.		
BAICT-493	10-30-72	Voluntary assignment of license to WPTA TV, Inc.	GRANTED	4-4-73
R & F #124635 \$1000 AC: 051 PRESS: PN REC'D: GRANT FEE: GRANT FEE PAID: 5-1-73 AC: 052	11-3-72 11-3-72 NOV 20 1972	Attys.: Paul Dobin (Cohn & Marks)(Assignor) William S. Green (Pierson, Ball & Dowd)(Assignee) Amended 11-30-72 by Assignee re legal and financial Amended 12-18-72 re legal Amended 1-29-73 re legal Amended 2-6-73 re financial		Eff: 4-29-73

PHASE 1 REFUND ACTION

BALCT-493

124635

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WPTAName WPTA TV, INC.
CH 21 ROANOKE, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-385 R & F Pd recd Press:	4-30-73 5-2-73 5-2-73 MAY 25 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Pierson, Ball & Dowd Atty: W.S.Green	GRANTED	7-31-73
Amended R & F PRESS:	6-26-73 6-26-73 JUL 3 1973	To change name to WPTA, TV, INC.; equal partnerships financial & other business interests		
BPCT-4638 R & F #208599 \$50 AC: 062 PRESS:	6-26-73 6-27-73 6-27-73 JUL 10 1973	CP to chg. type transmitter G. E. 4TT57B1. Atty: James J. Freeman (Pierson, Ball & Dowd)	GRANTED	9-14-73

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WPTA

Name WPTA TV, INC.
CH-21 Roanoke, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-2297 R & F #302062 \$50. AC: 058 PRESS:	4-4-74 4-10-74 4-10-74 JUN 18 1974	License to cover construction permit (BPCT-4638) for changes. Atty: Harrison T. Slaughter (Pierson, Ball)	GRANTED	8-16-74
BRCT-385 R. & F PN recd Press	3-26-76 4-1-76 4-1-76 29 APR 1976	Renewal of license Pierson, Ball & Dowd Peter D. O'Connell Atty. Annual report filed Contour maps filed Amended 5-7-76 re Equal employment	GRANTED	7-14-76 7-14-76
BTC-780912KM R&F:	9-12-78 SEP 29 1978	Voluntary transfer of control of Combined Communications Corporation, (parent corp. of licensee) from John J. Louis, Jr., Karl Eller, et al., stockholders of Combined Communications Corporation to Gannett Co., Inc.	GRANTED	6-7-79

CARD NO. 8

Form BC-121

May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Call
Letters WPTAName WPTA TV, INC.
CH. 21 ROANOKE, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT 790402LL R & F PN REC'D PRESS	3-21-79 4-02-79 4-02-79 02 MAY 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE atty. Leon J. Schacter Pierson, Ball & Dowd}	GRANTED	7-18-79
BPCT-790312LC R & F PRESS:	3-12-79 3-12-79 79 0530 sent 5/25/79	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 557kW(M) 494kW(H), Aur. 49.4kW(H); type ant. to RCA TPU-24J (BT), and HAAT 742 ft. Redetermined Geographical Coordinates: 41-06-08 85-11-04 Atty.: Harrison T. Slaughter (Pierson, Ball & Dowd)	GRANTED	6-8-79

340, Grey, 54, Wayne 46808

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WPTA

Name: WPTA TV, INC.

CH-21

Station Location: ROANOKE, IN

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
EMCT-80091KE R & F PN REC'D	8-30-80 9-17-80 10-30-80	Mod. of Lic. to chg. Station Location from Roanoke, IN, to Fort Wayne, IN. Atty.: John J. Duffy (Pierson, Ball & Dowd)	2-17-80
		ACCEPTED OCT 24 '80 CUT OFF DEC 8 '80	
BLCT-790807KE R&F BLCT790807	8-7-79	LIC to cover CP(BPCT-790312LC) for chgs. in ERP, TYPE ANT. & HAAT HARRISON T. SLAUGHTER, ATTY. License to cover	6-11-81 gr. 6-11-81 Form BC-121 March 1979

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.

