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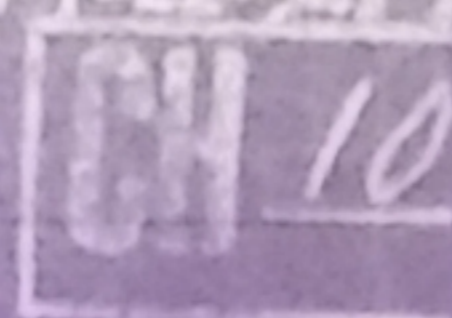
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B-S CARD #1

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD COMMERCIAL TV & C

First C.O. 7-14-54 (Started 7-22-54, per Atty.)

Date first licensed 7-22-54
(Official No. 193)



Call letters WTKI-TV
(Sta. Loc. Terre Haute, Indiana)

Name of licensee WARASH VALLEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION

0.35 miles south of Farmersburg, Near Farmersburg, Indiana (BPCT-3289 6-18-64)

X 918 Ohio Street, Terre Haute, Ind. (BPCT-1822 2-12-54)

Transmitter location 120 South 7th Street, Terre Haute, Ind.

918 Ohio Street, Terre Haute, Ind.

Main studio location 120 South 7th Street, Terre Haute, Ind.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPCT-627	10-7-53	Ch. #10, 192-198 mcs	V-316 kw A-191 kw	U	12-7-53 6-7-54
Construction permit for a new Commercial TV B/C Station.					
BPCT-1822	2-12-54	same	same	same	12-7-53
Mod. CP(BPCT-627) to chg. Trans. & antenna and other equipment chgs.					8-12-54
WIRE	7-14-54	STA GRANTED, OPER COMM. BASIS EXACT ACCORD			
BPCT-1822 PENDING FILING OF LIC. APPLI. PD. ENDING					8-12-54
BPCT-2296	7-20-54	same	same	same	12-7-53
Mod. CP(BPCT-627, as mod) to extend completion date					2-12-55
WIRE	8-5-54	EXT STA Oprl Comm basis exact accord CP			
BPCT-2296 pending filing of Lic. Appl. Per. End.					2-12-55
WIRE	1-27-55	EXT STA Opr. Comm. basis accord CP BPCT-			
2784 pending filing of Lic. Appl. Per. End.					8-12-55
BPCT-2784	1-26-55	same	same	same	12-7-53
Mod. CP(BPCT-627, as mod) to extend completion date					8-12-55
BPCT-3270	7-27-55	same	same	same	12-7-53
Mod. CP(BPCT-627, as mod.,) to extend completion dt.					2-12-56
WIRE	8-1-55	EXT STA OPER COMM BASIS ACCORD CP(BPCT-3270)			
PENDING FILING OF LIC. APPLI. AUTHOR. EXPIRES					2-12-55
BPCT-359	7-30-56	Ch. #10 192-198 mcs	Vis. 316 kw Aur. 191 kw	U	7-30-56 to 8-1-58
Lic. to cover CP(BPCT-627, as mod.) for a new Comm. TV B/C Station.					(480')
WIRE	7-30-58	ACTION ON RENEWAL APPLICATION DEFERRED			
PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION. CONTINUED OPERATION AUTHORIZED.					
BPCT-193	12-4-63	CH. #10 192-198	V-316 kw A-191 kw	U	12-4-63 8-1-64
DOCKET #12605 AH: 180ft. RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BPCT-3289	6-18-64	CH. #10 192-198	V. 316 kw A. 158 kw	U	8-18-64 MSL: 1549'
AH: 950 feet CP to change TL, Aural ERP type of antenna, sys. AH.					2-18-65

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CARD #2

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters WTHI-TV

Station location

Name of licensee WARASH VALLEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION

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.
BRCT-193	7-23-64	same	same	same	8-1-64 8-1-67
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BNPCT-6054	2-11-65	Same	same	same	8-18-64
Mod. CP (BPCT-3289, as mod) to extend compl. date					8-11-65
BNPCT-6030	3-3-65	CH.10	V.295 kw	U	8-18-64
AH: 960' MSL: 1549'		192-198	A.29.5 kw		9-3-65
Mod. of CP (BPCT-3289) to reduce Aural ERP, chg. type trans. and WIRE					
3-10-65 RE TENDERED LIC. APPL., AUTH. GRANTED					
OPERATE WITH TV ON PRG. TEST ACCORD. SECTION 73.629					
RULES AND CP BNPCT-6030.					
BPCT-3523	5-18-65	CH.10	V.316 kw	U	7-18-65
AH: 480' MSL: 1043'		192-198	A.31.6 kw	✓	1-18-66
Construction Permit to utilize presently licensed main Trans. as an AUX. TRANS. & ANTENNA.					
WIRE 1-5-66 RE TENDERED LICENSE APPL., AUTH. GRANT					
OPER. WITH TV AUX. TRANS. & ANT. ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD.					
SEC. 73.629 RULES & CP BPCT-3523.					
BLCT-1539	10-31-66	CH-10	V-316 kw	FOR ✓	10-31-66
AH: 480' MSL: 1043'		192-198	A-31.6 kw	EMERG.	8-1-67
Aux. Trans. & Antenna TEST & MAINT. ONLY					
BLCT-1464	11-10-65	CH#10	V-295kw	U	11-10-65
AH: 960' -MSL: 1549		192-198	A-29.5kw		8-1-67
MAIN TRANS. & ANT.- LIC. TO COV. CP (BPCT-3289, as mod.)					
BRCT-193	7-18-67	same	same	same	8-1-67
MAIN TRANS. & ANT. - RENEWAL OF LICENSE					8-1-70
BRCT-193	7-18-67	same	same	same	8-1-67
AUX. TRANS. & ANT. - RENEWAL OF LICENSE					8-1-70
BRCT-193	7-30-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-70 8-1-73
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRCT-193	7-31-73	CH #10	V 295kW	Un11.	8-1-78
AH: 960' MSL 1549'		192-198	A 29.5kW		8-1-76
MAIN TRANS. & ANT. RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BRCT-193	7-31-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-76
AUX. TRANS & ANT. (S)					

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters WTHI-TV

Station location TERRE HAUTE,
INDIANA

Name of licensee WABASH VALLEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Transmitter location SEE CARD NO. 1

Main studio location SEE CARD NO. 1

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To
BRCT-193 MAIN TRANS	7-14-76 AND ANT	Renewal of license (S) AUX. TRANS. AND AUX.			8-1-79
BTC-8544	1-11-78	Involuntary transfer of control			
BRCT-790330LG-7-18-79 -Renewal of license(S) 8-1-82					

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters
WTHI-TVName KANAWHA VALLEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION
(120 South 7th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
EPCT-627 Rec'd Filed	7-6-49 7-8-49 7-8-49	Construction permit for new commercial tv b/c station. Frequency: Ch. #4, 66-72 mc ERP: Vis. 15.3 kw, Aur. 7.65 kw Hours of Operation: Unlimited S & T Location: 120 South 7th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana (Vis. & Aur. RCA TT-5A) Filed by Vernon L. Wilkinson, Atty.	GRANTED	10-7-53
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	6-28-52 6-30-52 6-30-52	(PURSUANT TO SIXTH REPORT AND ORDER 4-11-52) Freq: Ch # 10 - 192-198 Mc. ERP: Vis. 316 Kw, Aur. 150 KW Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: 120 South 7th St. Terre Haute, Ind. T-L: 120 South 7th Street, Terre Haute, Ind. (Vis & Aur. RCA-TT-50AH) (484') Filed by Andrew G. Haley, Atty.		

Geo. C. David, Esq.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call Letters **WTHI-TV**Call Letters **NEW**

Name **WARASH VALLEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION**
PO South 7th. St. Terre Haute, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-627 AMENDED Recd. Filed	10-6-53 10-6-53 10-6-53	AMENDED to change Aur. ERP from 158 kw to 189.7 kw; antenna height above average terrain from 484' to 491', and changes in the antenna system.	FOR ACTION SEE CARD #1	
BPCT-1822 Recd & filed	1-27-54 1-29-54	Mod. of CP (BPCT-627 amended which auth. a new comm. TV b/c station) to change transmitter and studio location from 120 South 7th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, to 918 Ohio Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, change type of antenna and make other equipment changes. (475') Filed by Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED	2-12-54
BPCT-2296 Recd & filed	7-10-54 7-13-54	Mod. of CP (BPCT-627 as mod. which auth. a new comm TV b/c station) to extend completion date from 8-12-54 to 12-1-54 Filed by Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED	7-20-54

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call

Letters **WHX-TV**

Name **Wabash Valley Broadcasting Corporation**
Fortie Haute, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMFCT-2784 Recd & filed	1-10-55 1-14-55	Modification of CP (EPCT-627 as modified, which authorized a new commercial TV b/c station) to extend completion date from 2-12-55 to 6-30-55 Filed by Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED	1-26-55
BMFCT-3270 Recd & filed Ext. #4	7-18-55 7-18-55	Mod. of CP (EPCT-627, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 8-12-55 to 10-15-55. Filed by A G Haley, Atty.	GRANTED	7-27-55
ELCT-359 Recd. & filed	8-3-55 8-8-55	License to cover CP (EPCT-627, as mod.) which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station. Filed by Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED	7-30-56

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

Call
Letters **WVHL-TV**

Name **WARASH VALLEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION**
Terre Haute, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
WPCT-2293 Recd Filed	3-14-57	CP to make changes in existing commercial TV b/c station to change frequency from Ch # 10, 192-198 Mcs., to Ch # 2, 54-60 Mcs., change ERP from Vis. 316 kw, Aur. 191 kw to Vis. 100 kw, Aur. 50 kw , change transmitter location from 918 Ohio Street, Terre Haute, Indiana to East of US Highway No. 41, 10.3 miles South of Terre Haute, Indiana, near Pimento, Indiana , change type of transmitters and antenna and make other equipment changes. (Vis & Aur. RCA TT-10AL) (991) Filed by Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE DEC 4 1963 De. Docket # 12258	12-4-63
	3-14-57			
	3-14-57			
Amend. Recd Filed	2-13-58	Amended to chg. T-L to East of U.S. 41 and 150 and 0.34 mile South of Farmersburg, near Farmersburg, Indiana; Aural ERP to 59.24 kw.; make change in ant. sys. & equip. change & chg. ant. ht. abv. aver. terrain to 921 ft.		
	2-14-58			
	4-3-58			

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV B/C

Call
Letters WTHI-TV

Name WABASH VALLEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Terre Haute, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-193 Recd. & filed	4-18-58 4-25-58	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Filed by A.G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED IN DOCKET #12605	12-4-63 DECISION
BRCT-3289 Recd. & Filed	1-20-64 1-22-64	Construction Permit to change transmitter location from 918 Ohio Street, Terre Haute, Indiana TO East of US 41 & 150; & 0.34 miles South of Farmersburg, Near Farmersburg, Ind., change Aural ERP from 191 kw to 158 kw; change type of transmitter to RCA TT25DH; type of antenna to RCA TW-15A10-P; make changes in the antenna system and increase antenna height above average terrain to 953 feet. Andrew G. Haley, Atty. Geo. C. Davis Engr.	GRANTED	6-18-64

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Call
Letters **WTHL-TV**

Name **WARREN VALLEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION**
TIERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
WVCT-193 Recd. & Filed	4-3-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Andrew G. Haley-atty	GRANTED	7-23-64
	4-24-64			

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COMM. TV

Call
Letters **WTHI-TV**

WARASH VALLEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION

CH. 10 **TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-6030 Recd. & Filed	10-21-64 10-26-64	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3289, which authorized changes in an existing station) to reduce Aural ERP from 158 kw to 31.6 kw; change type of transmitters to Vis. GE TT-51-B (less aural amplifier); Aur. GE TT-50-B; change type of antenna to GE TY-53-A and make other equipment changes. Andrew G. Haley, Atty. (HALEY, BADER POTTS)	GRANTED	3-3-65
BPCT-6054 Recd. & Filed	1-15-65 1-19-65	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3289, as mod., which auth. changes in existing station) to extend completion date from 2-18-65 to 2-28-65. Andrew B. Haley-atty	GRANTED	2-11-65
BLP-2464 R & F	3-3-65 3-4-65	License to cover CP (BPCT-3289, as mod.) which authorized changes in existing station. Andrew B. Haley-atty	GRANTED	11-10-65

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COMM. TV

Call
Letters WTHI-TV
 Name WABASH VALLEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION
 CH. 10 TERR HAUTE, INDIANA zip 47801

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-3523 Recd. & Filed AUX. TRANS. & ANTENNA	2-8-65 2-12-65	Construction Permit to utilize presently licensed main transmitter as an Auxiliary transmitter. (Contingent on the grant of BMPCT-6030) Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED	5-18-65
BLCT-1539 R & F AUX. TRANS. & ANTENNA	12-23-65 1-4-66	License to cover CP (BPCT-3524) which authorized use of presently licensed main transmitter as Auxiliary with Aux. antenna. Haley, Bader & Potts, Atty.	GRANTED	10-31-66
BPCT-193 R & F MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA	3-31-67 5-2-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-18-67
BPCT-193 R & F AUX. TRANS. & ANTENNA	3-31-67 5-2-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-18-67

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call
Letters WTHI-TVName
CH. 18MARASH VALLEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION
TENSE HAUTE, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-193 R & F \$590282 \$180 Press P M recd Engr. data filed 6-15-70	3-31-70 5-1-70 5-1-70 MAY 23 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE MAIN TRANS. & ANT. AUX. TRANS. & ANT. Attyt William J. Petts (Maloy, Rader & Petts) Amended 7-2-70 re other business interest & programming.	GRANTED	7-30-70
BRCT-193 R & F PN RECD. PRESS	4-2-73 5-12-73 JUN 11 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE MAIN TRANS. & ANT. AUX. TRANS. & ANT. Amended 6-22-73 re programming	GRANTED	7-31-73

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Call
Letters WTHI-TVName WABASH VALLEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Ch. 10 TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-293 R & F PN Recd Press	3-15-76 4-1-76 4-1-76 22 APR 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Haley, Bader & Potts) Atty: William J. Potts, Jr. MAIN TRANS. & ANT AUX. TRANS. & ANT Annual reports filed Contour maps filed	GRANTED	7-14-76
BTC-8544 R&F PRESS (Form 3160)	12-2-77	Involuntary transfer of control of licensee corp. from Anton Hulman, Jr., individually and as Trustee of the Grace Hulman Descendants Trust to Mary Fendrich Hulman, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Anton Hulman, Jr., (deceased) and as Trustee of the Grace Hulman Descendants Trust.	GRANTED Eff: See other side for condition	1-11-78

BTC-8544 grtd. 1-11-78 - condition:

In the event that an application for assignment of license or transfer of control of stations WTHI-AM-FM-TV, Terre Haute, Indiana and WKJG-TV, Fort Wayne, Indiana, is not submitted to the Commission within one year from grant of the instant application, then an application for transfer of control (FCC Form 315) will be filed with the Commission to effectuate the transfer of control of the licensee corporation from Anton Hulman, Jr., Individually and as Trustee of the Grace Hulman Descendants Trust to Mary Fendrich Hulman, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Anton Hulman, Jr. (deceased) and as Trustee of the Grace Hulman Descendants Trust.

CARD NO. 12

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters **WTHI-TV**Name **WABASH VALLEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION**
CH. 10 **TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT 790330LG R & F PN REC'D PRESS	3-20-79 3-30-79 3-30-79 79 04 19	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: WILLIAM J. POTTS, JR. {HALEY, BADER & POTTS}	GRANTED	7-18-79

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.

