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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date First Licensed April 10, 1939

Call Letters W.G.N.C.

Location: Gastonia, North Carolina

WGNC, INC(AL 11-26-80, EFF: 1-1-81

Name of Licensee: x CATHERINE T. McSWAIN (AL 7-25-51, Eff. 8-10-51)
xCITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF F.C. TODD, DECEASED (AL 7-25-51, Eff 3-21-5
x F. C. TODD

Transmitter Location: West Sycamore Street, Gastonia, North Carolina (BP 2-4-66)
X 1½ mile north of city, Gastonia, North Carolina (C.P. & MP 1-9-39) Lic.4-10-39

1700 North Broadcast Street, Gastonia, N. C. (BP 2-4-66)

MIP 28052

Main Studio Location: X ½ mile north of city, Gastonia, North Carolina (Ltr. 12-6-71)
X 168-170 West Main Street, Gastonia, North Carolina (C.P. & MP 1-9-39) L&c. 4-10-39

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	PERIOD From To
Letter B3-P-1977	9-6-38 Eff.9-16-38	1420	100w, 250w-LS	U	Subject to trans.site and antenna.
For new station at Gastonia, North Carolina					
B3-P-1977 B3-MP-732	1-9-39	1420	100w, 250w-LS	U	3-9 9-9-39
C.P. for new station; Mod.C.P. for approval of trans.site; change equip.					
B3-L-927	4-10-39	1420	100w, 250w-LS	U	4-10 1-1-40
License to cover C.P. for new station					
B3-ML-710	9-6-39	1420	250w	U	9-6 1-1-40
Mod.License to incr. night power					
B3-R-998	12-18-39	1420	250w	U	1-1 12-1-40
B3-S-998	4/20/40	1420	250w	U	5/1 8/1/40
Order	6/12/40	Extension of license			8/1 10/1/40
Order	9-10-40	Extension of license			10-1 3-29-41
B3-R-998	12-17-40	1420			
NARBA REALLOCATION B3-R-998	3-24-41	1450	250w	U	3-29 12-1-41
B3-Z-1011	7-3-41	1450	250w	U	7-3 12-1-41
Determine operating power by direct measurement					
B3-F-228	7-10-41	Installation of automatic frequency control			
B3-S-998	11-25-41	Extension of license			12-1 1-1-42
B3-S-998	12-23-41	Extension of license			1-1 2-1-42
B3-S-998	1-27-42	Extension of license			2-1 3-1-42
B3-S-998	2-24-42	Extension of license			3-1 4-1-42
B3-R-998	3-17-42	1450	250w	U	3-17- 10-1-43
B3-S-998	11-6-42	1450	250w	U	11-1 10-1-43
Mod. Lic. in accordance with Order 107					
B3-R-998	9-28-43	1450	250w	U	10-1 10-1-45
B3-S-998	9-25-45	Extension of License Order 107-A			10-1 12-1-45
B3-S-998	11-21-45	Extension of license			12-1 1-1-46
B3-S-998	1-23-46	Extension of license			2-1 4-1-46
B3-S-998	3-20-46	Extension of license			4-1 6-1-46

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters W G N C

Name of licensee F. C. TODD

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From—	To—
B3-R-998	5-10-46	1450	250w	U	5-10	2-1-48
BR-998	1-16-48	1450	250w	U	2-1	2-1-51
BP-7798	9-14-50	1450	250w	U	11-14	5-14-51
C.P. to install a new transmiter						
BL-4253	10-31-50	1450	250w	U	10-31	2-1-51
Lic. cover CP(BP-7798) which auth. installation new T						
BR-998	1-29-51	1450	250w	U	2-1	2-1-54
BAL-1173 Eff.	7-25-51 3-21-51	Invol. assignment of license to CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF F. C. TODD, DECEASED				
BAL-1188 Eff.	7-25-51 8-10-51	Vol. assignment of license to CATHERINE T. McSWAIN				
~~[illegible]~~						
Order	6-4-52	Waived Section 3.162 period ending				
	(Operate T by remote control)				12-1-52	
Lt r.	11-19-52	Ext. waiver 3.165 to permit operation by remote supervision period ending ~~[illegible]~~ 6-1-53				
Teleg. 6	1-29-54	Action on renewal deferred 1-27 and continued operation auth. until final determination on renewal.				
BR-998	2-24-54	1450	250w	U	2-24	12-1-54
BR-998	11-10-54	Renewal of license			12-1	12-1-57
BR-998	11-20-57	Renewal of License			12-1	12-1-60
BR-998	11-16-60	Renewal of License			12-1	12-1-63
BR-998	11-29-63	Renewal of license			12-1	12-1-66
BP-17037	2-4-66	1450kc	250w	U	4-4	10-4-66
CP to change antenna-trans.& studio loc. and operate by remote control from studio location.						
BL-11,376	8-17-66	1450kc	250w	U	8-17	12-1-66
Lic to cover CP(BP-17,037) which auth chg. ant-trans loc chg studio loc and operate RC from studio loc.						
BR-998	11-18-66	Renewal of License			12-1	12-1-69
BR-998(S)	1-28-70	Renewal of license & NDEA				12-1-72

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W G N C

Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BP-18,691	6-10-70	1450kc	250w	1kw, und	2-10-71
	CP to increase power from 250w U to 250 w 1kw-LS and install Collins 20V-1 transmitter for day-time use only				
BL-12,742(L)	10-19-70	Lic.(BP-18,691)		for changes.	12-1-72
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-998(S)	4-23-73	RENEWAL			12-1-75
BR-998(L)	12-24-75	RENEWAL			12-1-78
BR780726UX (S)	3-27-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-81
BAL801031EI	11-26-80	VOL AL		EFF:	1-1-81

Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters WGNC x NEW

Name F. C. Todd

P.O. % F.C.Todd Machinery Co.Airline Ave.Gastonia N.C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B3-P-1977	10-28-37	C.P. for new station to be operated on; Frequency - 1420 kc Power - 100w;250w-LS Time --unlimited P & T - to be determined, Gastonia, N.C.	Ex.Rept. GRANTED Effective Trans.site and antenna. Letter written. Issued with MP-732	I-645 Docket.4927 Min. 9-6-38 9-16-38
B3-MP-732	11-21-38	Mod. of C.P.(B3-P-1977) for approval of new transmitter, approval of antenna and of trans. site at 1½ mi. N. of Gastonia, N.C. and studio at 168-170 West Main St.,Gastonia, N.C.	Granted	1-9-39
B3-L-927	3-21-39	License to cover C.P.(B3-P-1977) for a new station.	Granted	4-10-39
B3-ML-710	7-13-39	Modification of license to increase power from 100w;250w-LS to 250w day and night.	Granted	9-6-39

Mr.Gum attorney

Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters WGNC

Name F. C. TODD

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B3-R-998	10-25-39	Renewal of license	Granted	12-18-39
B3-R-998	5/29/40	Renewal of license	Granted 1450kc,	3-24-41 250w, U
B3-Z-1011 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd	5-24-41 5-26-41 5-31-41 6-2-41	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement. Form 335 filed 6-11-41.	~~Ret'd 5-29-41; not signed.~~ Granted	7-3-41
B3-F-228 Rec'd	6-12-41 6-13-41	Authority to install automatic frequency control equipment.	Granted	7-10-41

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W G N C

Name F. C. TODD

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B3-R-998 Resub.	9-26-41 "	Renewal of license and Form 335.	~~Ret'd. 10-13-41. 11(e);15(a)&(b);16; 22(a).~~ Granted	3-17-42
B3-R-998 Rec'd Resub. rec'd	7-19-43 7-21-43 7-28-43	Renewal of license ~~(Sec. 11(d)~~	~~Ret'd~~ Granted	~~7-22-43~~ 9-28-43
B3-R-998 Rec'd	7-10-45 7-11-45	Renewal of license (Ltr. 7-14-45 re 17(b) Amend. re 17(b) filed 7-17-45	Granted	5-10-46
BR-998 Rec'd	11-25-47 11-26-47	Renewal of license	GRANTED	1-16-48

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters W G N C

Name ~~x.F. C. TODD~~ CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF F.C. TODD, DECEASED (AL 7-25-51, Eff. 3-21-51)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-7798 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	8-5-50 8-8-50 8-14-50 8-15-50 8-15-50	Construction permit to install a new transmitter (Raytheon RA-250-A).	~~RETURNED~~ ~~Sect. V-A~~ ~~Sect. I.~~ GRANTED	~~8-11-50.~~ ~~dated after~~ 9-14-50
BL-4253 Rec'd Filed	10-19-50 10-20-50 10-20-50	License to cover construction permit (BP-7798) which authorized installation of a new transmitter.	GRANTED	10-31-50
BR-998 Rec'd	12-7-50 12-8-50	Renewal of license	GRANTED	1-29-51
BAL-1173 Rec'd Filed	3-29-51 3-30-51 3-30-51	Involuntary assignment of license from F. C. Todd to Citizens National Bank, Executor of the Estate of F. C. Todd, Deceased.	GRANTED Eff.	7-25-51 3-21-51

FORM A-170 #5

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94 CATHERINE R. McSWAIN (AL 7-25-51, Eff.8-10-51)

Name x CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF F. C. TODD, DECEASED

Letters W G N C

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAL-1188 Rec'd Filed	4-30-51 5-2-51 5-2-51	Voluntary assignment of license from Citizens National Bank, Executor of the Estate of F. C. Todd, Deceased to Catherine T. McSwain. (Contingent on grant of BAL-1173)	GRANTED Eff.	7-25-51 8-10-51
BR-998 Rec'd Filed	11-11-53 11-13-53 11-13-53	Renewal of License	GRANTED	2-24-54
BR-998 Rec'd Filed	9-21-54 9-22-54 9-22-54	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-10-54
BR-998 Rec'd Filed	9-2-57 9-4-57 9-4-57	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	11-20-57
BR-998 Rec'd Filed	9-2-60 9-6-60 9-6-60	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-16-60

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W G N C

Name CATHERINE T. McSWAIN
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-998 Rec'd Filed	9-23-63 9-24-63 9-24-63	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-29-63
BP-17,037 Rec'd. Filed	10-14-65 10-15-65 11-29-65	Construction permit to change antenna-trans. location toWest Sycamore St.,Gastonia,N.C., change main studio location to 1700 North Broadcast Street,Gastonia,N.C. and operate by remote control from studio location.	GRANTED	2-4-66
BL-11,376 R & F	6/23/66 6/27/66	Lic. to cover CP (BP-17,037) which auth. chng ant-trans. location, chng. stduio location and operate RC from studio loc.	GRANTED	8-17-66
BR-998 R & F	8-30-66 8-31-66	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-18-66
BR-998 Rec'd #538887 $30 PN PRESS	8-30-69 9-4-69 548204 $45 9-4-69 OCT 1 3 1969	Renewal of license AMENDED 12-18-69 re:Programming	GRANTED	1-28-70

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

Form BC-121
September 1969

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W G N C

Name CATHERINE T. McSWAIN
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-18,691 Rec'd Filed $30-564486 $35-578098 $10-578097 PRESS: PN filed	12-18-69 12-22-69 2-16-70 12-22-69 2-16-70 2-16-70 1970	CP to increase power from 250w, Unlimited to 250w, 1kw-LS and install Collins 20V-1 transmitter for daytime use only.	GRANTED	6-10-70
BL-12,742 Rec'd #623267 $10 #624886 $20. Amended PTA PRESS OCT 13 1970	7-30-70 8-4-70 8-4-70 8-18-70 8-31-70 9-9-70	Lic.(BP-18,691) for changes. Day Trans: COLLINS, 20-V. new 302 - engr. data.	GRANTED	10-19-70

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

CONTACT: Broadus McDwain, Station Mgr.
TELE: 865-1501 AREA CODE: 704
ADDRESS: 1700 Broadcast Street Gastonia, N.C.

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W G N C

Name WGNC, INC.
CATHERINE T. McSWAIN
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-998 R & F PN Recd. PRESS SEP 27 1972	8-24-72 8-31-72 " 	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 12-12-72 re: ascert. of comm. needs; commercial & employment policy AMENDED 2-26-73 re: accert. of comm. needs & equal employ. prog.	GRANTED	4-23-73
BR-998 R & F PN Recd. PRESS AUG 19 1975	7-29-75 7-20-75 " 	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 11-28-75 re: commercial matter & EEO AMENDED 12-12-75 re: EEO	GRANTED	12-24-75
BR780726UX PRESS SEP 15 1978		RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTER.TRANS.)	GRANTED	3-27-79
BAL801031EI Form 316 PRESS NOV 24 1980		Voluntary assignment of license to WGNC, Inc.	GRANTED EFF:	11-26-80 1= 1-81

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

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. 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 – 3" by 5" filing cards – 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). 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. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

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.