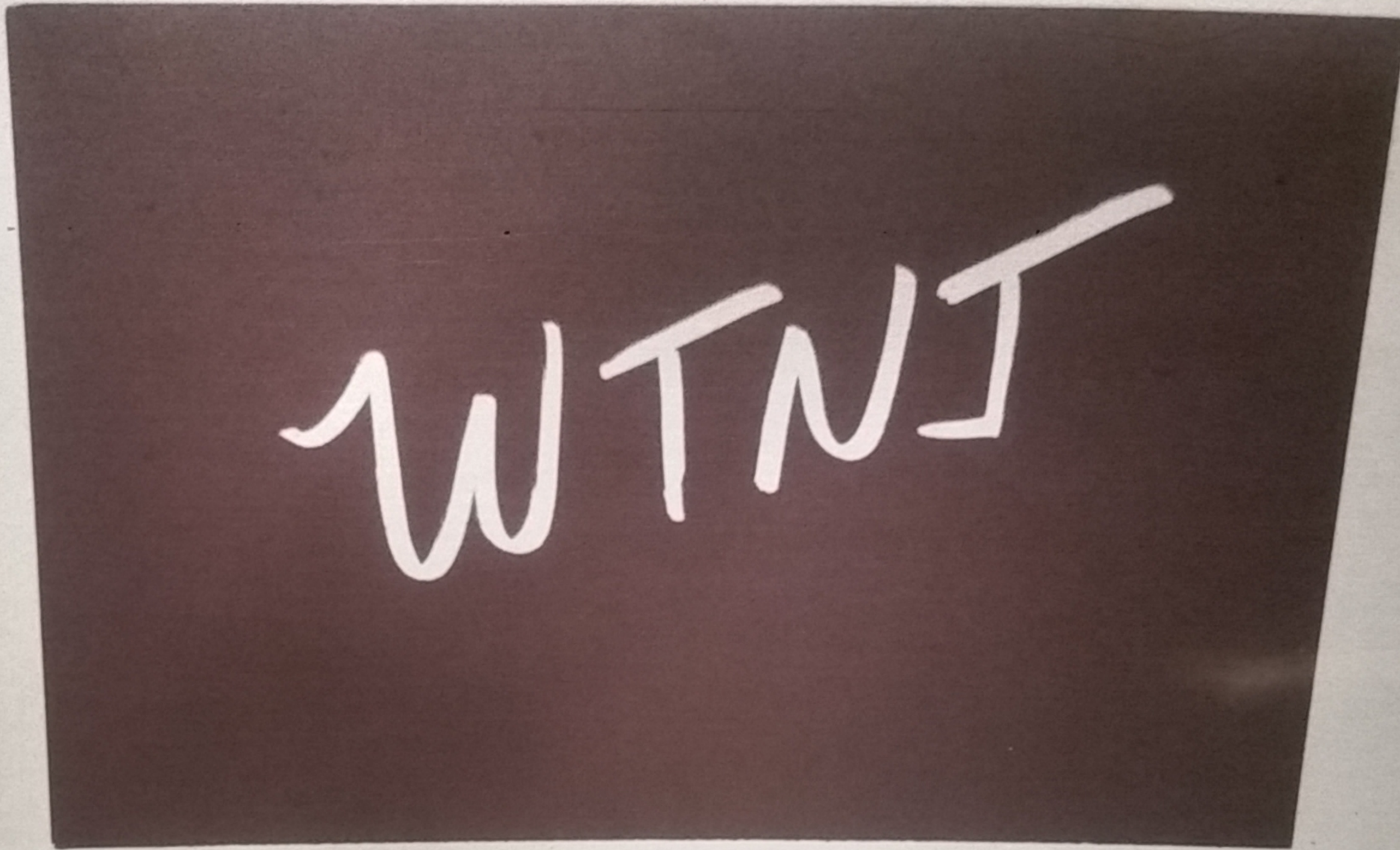

6-9-80 Auth. gr. for on the air I.D. as MT. HOPE-BECKLEY-OAK HILL, WEST VIRGINI FM

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed 6-26-80

Call Letters W T N J

Station Location MOUNT HOPE, WEST VIRGINIA

Name WEST VIRGINIA BROADCASTING, INC.

Transmitter Location 1.58 mi. W. of Mount Hope from inter. of Main & Maryland Ave, Mount Hope, WV

Main studio location 609 Main Street, Mount Hope, West Virginia (BL-6-26-80)
To be determined, Mount Hope, WV.

Form BC-126
December 1978

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPH-9686 CP FOR A NEW FM	10-2-79 STATION.	105.9MHz. ERP: 50kW HAAT: 500'	10-2-80
BPH-9686 (1)	1/7/80	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED	6 EBSA ISS.
BLH-800610AF HAAT: 500' (H&V) (L)	6-26-80	105.9MHz ERP:50KW Lic. to cover(BPH-9686) for a new station	10-1-81

Form BC-126 (Back)
December 1978

Form BC-321
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WTNJ NEW-FM

WEST VIRGINIA BROADCASTING, INC.

Name XXNick Joe Rahall, II (P.O. Box 1127, Beckley, WV 25801)
Mount. Hope, West Virginia XPO 504 Carriage Drive, Beckley, West Virginia 25801)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-9686 R & F #496126 $400 Code 001 Press P. N. Rec'd	11-7-75 11-10-75 11-11-75 JAN 23 1976 11-26-75	CP for New FM on: 105.9mhz #290 ERP: 50KW(H&V) HAAT: 500' (H&V) Trans: Gates FM-20H3; Ant: Gates FMS-6 Dual-Cycloid, 6 sects. (H&V) TL: 1.58 miles West of Mount Hope, from intersection of Main and Maryland Ave., Mount Hope, West Virginia SL-RC: To-Be-Determined, Mount Hope, West Virginia 37° 53' 12" - 81° 11' 40" (MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE WITH BPH-9515) Atty: Peter Tannewald Engr: Charles H. Smith	Gr.	10-2-79 (See memeo 14717)
Amended AMENDED	1-14-77 3-9-77	Sect II, Sect III{c} 1 & 2, Sect IV & IV{a} Section II, Table 1.		(OVER)

BPH-9686 AMENDED 12-19-77 re

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters NEW FM

Name WEST VIRGINIA BROADCASTING, INC.
Mount Hope, West Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-9686 continued from card #1				
AMENDED R&F PRESS: JAN 27 1978	12-19-77 12-19-77	Change name of permittee to: West Virginia Broadcasting, Inc. Atty: Peter Tannenwald		
AMENDED	1-9-78	copy of Articles of Incorporated		
AMENDED	1-10-78	additional info on Nick Joe Rahall, III		
AMENDED	6-20-78	Nick Joe Rahall,II other business interest		
AMENDED	10-4-78			

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

105.9MHz.

Call Letters: W T N J

Name: WEST VIRGINIA BROADCASTING, INC.

Station Location: MOUNT HOPE, WEST VIRGINIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
LETTER DATED PRESS (0)	4-17-80 JUN 2 1980	Filed by Peter Tannenwald Request for Dual City Identification As: MT. HOPE-BECKLEY-OAK HILL, WEST VIRGINIA.	GRANTED 6-9-80
BLH-800610AF PTA PRESS	JUN 23 1980	License to cover (BPH-9686) for a new station. Atty: Peter Tannenwald	GRANTED 6-26-80
BRH810601B8 PRESS	AUG 5 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. Peter Tannenwald	Gold 10-22-81 Issued

302 6/10/82

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 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.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) 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 radio station history.