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3687

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

x W E P N (7-1-69)

(SEE CARD NO. TWO FOR NAME)

x WHRY(Ltr.12-27-63)(Eff;1-6-64)

Date first licensed 10-31-58

Call letters W E Z N

EFF. 3-27-69)

x EAST PENN BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL 3-13-69

Station location Elizabethtown,Pennsylvania

xHERSHEY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.(BAL 11-4-63 EFF 11-13-63

xWEZN, INC. (AL 8-1-61 EFF: 8-9-61

x COLONIAL BROADCASTING COMPANY (AP 11-27-57) EFF: 1-10-58

Name of licensee x WILL GROFF, tr/as COLONIAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location SE of Route 241, 1 mile N. of city limits of Elizabethtown,Pennsylvania

Main studio location SE of Route 241, 1 mile N.of city limits of Elizabethtown,Pennsylvania

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BP-9759	8-1-57	1600kc	500w DA-D	Day	10-1 4-1-58
	CP for new standard broadcast station (cond'l)				
BAP-369 EFF:	11-27-57 1-10-58	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Colonial Broadcasting Company			
BMP-8086 (1)	3-28-58	Mod. of CP(BP-9759 as mod.) for extension of completion date to 6-1-58.			
BMP-8124 (2)	5-12-58	Modification of CP(BP-9759 as mod., which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to change type transmitter to (RCA BTA-1L).			
BL-7116	10-31-58	1600kc	500w DA	Day	10-31- 8-1-60
	License to cover CP BP-9759 as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcasting station.				
	8-1-60	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-3687	11-2-60	Renewal of License			11-2 8-1-63
BAL-4267 EFF:	8-1-61 8-9-61	Voluntary assignment of license to WEZN, Inc.			
	7-24-63	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.			
BAL-4857 EFF	11-4-63 11-13-63	Voluntary assignment of license to HERSHEY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.			
BR-3687	11-4-63	1600kc	500w	DA-Day	11-4 8-1-66
BS-3687 (1)	5-6-64	Mod. of license to change operating specifications (Memo).			
BR-3687	7-29-66	1600kc	500w	DA-Day	8-1 8-1-69
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	234w		
BAL-6376 EFF.	3-13-69 3-27-69	vol. AL			
BS-3687(L)	3-6-69	Mod. of license to chg. phase monitor sample current ratio to read 0.726(Memo)			
BR-3687	7-21-69	[illegible]			8-1-72
Comtel	7-21-70	Auth. current operation thru 9-10-70			
Comtel	7-21-70	Auth. suspend oper. ext. thru 11-21-70			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W E P N

Station location .....

Name of licensee PENN BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL: 2-25-80 EFF: 3-1-80
SMITH COMMUNICATIONS, INC.(VOL. AL 9-22-70 EFF: 11-27-70

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BAL-7106	9-22-70	VOL. AL	EFF: 11-27-70		
Comlet	12-7-70	Auth. remain silent thru			1-27-71
Comtel	1-14-71	Auth. remain silent thru			2-1-71
EBSA	5-25-72				
BP-19,274	10-10-72	1600kc.	500w	Day	10-10-73
	CP to chg. to Non-DA and dismantle the No.2 tower utilizing only the No. 1 tower.				
WIRE	1-11-73	PSA	280watts	(increase power)	
BR-3687		1600khz	500w	Day	
BL-13,347(L)	1-18-73	Renewal and Modification			8-1-75
	Lic. cover CP (BP-19,274)				
BR-3687(S)	8-12-75		RENEWAL		8-1-78
LETTER	1-5-78	Notification that a new AM transmitter (McMartin BA-1K) was installed.			
BP-20,914	12-9-77	1600khz.	500w	DA-Day	12-9-78
	CP to change antenna system.				
BR-3687(S)	7-12-78		RENEWAL		8-1-81
BL-14,467(L)	8-9-78	Lic. to cover BP-20,914 for changes			8-1-81
BTC790703HD	11-19-79	VOL. TC	EFF: 1-3-80		
BAL800121EY	2-25-80	VOL. AL	EFF: 3-1-80		

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters ~~New~~ W E Z N

Name WILL GROFF tr/as COLONIAL BROADCASTING COMPANY
PO ~~651-W. Market St., York, Pa.~~
108 Elmwood Blvd., York, Pa. (12-55)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-9759 Rec'd Filed	3-15-55 3-18-55 3-18-55	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1600kc Power: 500w DA Hours of Operation: Daytime Trans. Location: SE of Route 241, 1 mi. N. of city limits, Elizabethtown, Pa. Studio Location: Same (Mutually exclusive with BP-9698) Prince, Taylor & Crampton, Attys. Frank H. McIntosh, Engr.	GRANTED Conditions: Phase Monitor: Field Measuring Equipm't Submission of non-DA proof of performance. Granted after hearing. Initial Decision and Order issued. DOCKET #11540	8-1-57
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	8-25-55 9-2-55 9-2-55	AMENDED to make changes in antenna system (decrease height).		
AMENDMENT Rec'd Filed	5-20-57 5-21-57 5-29-57	AMENDED to install directional antenna (DA-D) and make changes in ground system. Engr. - Robt. M. Silliman & Assoc.		

F.C.C. · WASHINGTON, D. C.

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AUG. 1955

COLONIAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name x WIL GROFF tr/as COLONIAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

Call Letters WEZN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAP-369 Rec'd Filed	10-28-57 11-4-57 11-4-57	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Colonial Broadcasting Company. D. F. Prince, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	11-27-57 1-10-58
BMP-8086 Rec'd Filed	3-10-58 3-17-58 3-17-58	Modification of construction permit (BP-9759 which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 4-1-58 to 6-1-58. Atty's: Prince, Taylor & Crampton	GRANTED	3-28-58
BMP-8124 Rec'd Filed	4-21-58 4-24-58 4-24-58	Modification of construction permit(BP-9759 as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type transmitter to (RCA BTA-1L). Atty's: Prince, Taylor & Crampton	GRANTED	5-12-58

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AUG. 1955 #3

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WEZN

Name X COLONIAL BROADCASTING COMPANY
WEZN, INC.
ELIZABETHTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-7116 Rec'd Filed	5-6-58 5-7-58 5-7-58	License to cover construction permit BP-9759 as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station. Atty's: Prince, Taylor & Crampton	GRANTED	10-31-58
BR-3687 Rec'd Filed	6-24-60 6-27-60 6-27-60	Renewal of license Atty: D. F. Prince	GRANTED	11-2-60
BAL-4267 Rec'D Filed	6-17-61 6-21-61 6=21-61	Voluntary assignment of license to WEZN, Inc. D. F. Prince, Atty. for Assignor Lucien Hilmer, Atty. for Assignee	GRANTED EFF:	8-1-61 8-9-61
BR-3687 R & F	4-30-63 5-3-63	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11/4/63 8-1-66

FORM BC-121 #4
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1600kc

Call Letters WHRY
XWEZN

Name HERSHEY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
XWEZN, INC.
Elizabethtown, Penna.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAL-4857 R & F	6-3-63 6-5-63	Voluntary assignment of license to HERSHEY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. Atty. - J. Greeley (Wilner & Bergson)	GRANTED EFF	11-4-63 11-13-63
BR-3687 R & F	4-26-66 5-4-66	Renewal of license Atty- Wilner & Bergson (J. Greeley)	GRANTED	7-29-66
BAL-6576 R & F FEE PD: $75 - 482974 (also see WMSH-FM)	1-13-69 1-13-69	Voluntary assignment of license to EAST PENN BROADCASTING CORPORATION Atty for assignor - Wilner, Scheiner & Greeley for assignee - McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED EFF.	3-13-69 3-27-69

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Pub. notice filed 2-4-69

Attachments to Agreement filed 1-14-69(inadver. omitted)
AMENDED 2-28-69 re Agreement (par.9,page 12) and re Exh.C(fin)(assignor)

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WPDC 1600kc; xWEPN; xWHRY

SMITH COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Name x EAST PENN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Elizabethtown, Pa.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3687 R. & F. #510955 $75 MAY 16 1969	4-29-69 5-1-69 5-1-69	Renewal of license. atty-McKenna & Wilkinson (John I. Tierney)	GRANTED	7-24-69
BAL-7106 R & F #619789 $75 PRESS: PN REC'D: ALSO SEE: WEPN-FM AUG - 6 1970 Pub. notice filed 9-11-70	7-30-70 7-30-70 7-30-70	Voluntary assignment of license to Smith Communications, Inc. REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 1.597 OF THE RULES. Attys.: Assignor-John L. Tierney (McKenna & Wilkinson) Assignee: Edward R. Wholl (Cohen and Berfield) Request for expedited action - filed 8-13-70 Certified Art. of Inc. - filed 8-21-70 AMENDED 9-9-70 - financial data (assignee) AMENDED 9-17-70 correction re no. of stockholders AMENDED 9-21-70 re programming	GRANTED EFF: Req. grant fee ~~$5,000-~~ Reduced grant fee $3,435.10 Fee paid 5-13-71. #W 504565.	9-22-70

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September 1969

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WPDC

Name SMITH COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
Elizabethtown, Pa.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3687 R & F PN PRESS MAY 1 8 1972	4-28-72 5-1-72 5-1-72	Renewal of License Atty-Cohen and Berfield AMENDED 6-15-72 re: community survey; commercial policy; equal employment program	GRANTED Issued with BL-13347	1-18-73
BP- 19,274 Rec'd Filed $50-084869 AC-060 PRESS: SEP 5 1972	6-20-72 6-23-72 6-23-72 6-23-72	Construction permit to change to non-directional antenna, and dismantle the No. 2 tower utilizing only the No.1 tower. Amended 8-14-72 Engineering statement.	GRANTED	10-10-72
BL-13,347 R & F W 129005-$50.-11-17-72-AC-067 PTA PRESS	11-17-72 11-17-72 11-30-72 DEC 2 1 1972	Lic. to cover CP(BP-19,274) for changes.	GRANTED issued with renewal	1-18-73

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

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WPDC

Name SMITH COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
ELIZABETHTOWN, PA.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3687 R& F PN Recd. PRESS	3-29-75 3-31-75 " APR 15 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 7-30-75 re: EEO	GRANTED	8-12-75
BP-20,914 R & F PRESS:	5-20-77 5-24-77	CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ~~to chg. power 0.25 KW-DAY~~ and chg. ant.system(FM supporting tower will be used for the AM radiator with a new ground system installed)	ACCEPTED AND GRANTED	12-9-77
Amended Rec'd	10-5-77	re: Sec. V-A to show nominal power of 500w		
BR-3687 R & F PRESS	3-25-78 3-29-78 APR 27 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-12-78

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

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Call Letters WPDC

Name PENN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
SMITH COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-14,467 R & F PTA PRESS MAY 4 1978	4-10-78 4-19-78 4-24-78	Lic. to cover BP-20,914 for changes	GRANTED	8-9-78
BTC 790703HD FORM 315 (ALSO SEE FM) press; JUL 19 1979 PN Filed	7/24/79	Vol TC from Charles C. Smith and Sue M. Smith to Eastern Broadcasting Corporation (over) Atty for transferee - Schwartz, Woods & Miller	GRANTED EFF:	11-19-79 1-3-80
BAL800121EY Form 316 (Also see WPDC-FM) PRESS FEB	1-18-80	Vol. AL to PENN BROADCASTING CORPORATION Atty - Louis Schwartz (Schwartz, Woods & Miller)	GRANTED EFF:	2-25-80 3-1-80

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BTC790703HD Amended 7-11-79 re: legal, financial and other B/c interest of transferees

AMENDED 10-22-79 re: programming data; stock info; B/c int of First Capital Corp. & Sec. II, Pg. 0, Items 9 - 14 concerning First Capital Corp of Boston, First National Bank of Boston and First National Boston Corporation

AMENDED 11-9-79 re: report appl. filed for AL of sta. WFMB(FM), to Springfield Advertising Co. (10-11-79)

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W P D C

Name: PENN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Station Location: Elizabethtown, Pa.

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR810401XF PRESS MAY 26 1981 PN filed		RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. Louis Schwartz	gr. 7-7-81 ISSUED

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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. 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.