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Form BC 126 #4826
June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 11-17-70

Call letters WTBP

Station location Parsons, Tenn.

Name of licensee TOWNSEND BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Transmitter location Bob Hayes Road 1.5 miles W. of Center of Parsons, Tenn. (CP 3-26-70)

39363

Main studio location 103 East 2nd Street, Parsons, Tenn. (CP 3-26-70)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BP-18,328	3-26-70	1550kc	500w	Day	5-26 to 11-26-70
	CP for a new standard broadcast station.				
BP-18,328	5-18-70	Call letters assigned.			
BL-12,773	11-17-70	Lic. (BP-18,328) for new Standard B/c Station.			8-1-73
PSA	11-18-70		142w	Protect CBE	
EBSA	6-12-72				
BR-4826	7-31-73	(S) RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-76
BR-4826	(S) 7-12-76	Renewal of License			8-1-79
BTC-8697	6-12-78	Invol. TC (RETURNED 9-14-78)			
BTC790521ED	7-27-79	VOL. TC		EFF:	
BR790321(s)	7-26-79	renewal of license			8-1-82
BP-790611AH (L)	4-23-81	1550khz	1.0kw	DAYTIME	4-23-82
		CP to incre. power to 1kw			
BL-810526AH(L)	6-16-81	Lic. to cover (BP790611AH) for changes			8-1-82

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters ~~NEW~~ W.T.B.P

Name TOWNSEND BROADCASTING CORPORATION 201 West Fourth St.
PARSONS, TENNESSEE (PO % HOBART L.TOWNSEND,JR.,~~BOX 248~~, Parsons,Tenn. 38363)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-18,328 R.&F. #445425 $75 PN filed NOV 1 2 1968	7-18-68 7-19-68 7-19-68 8-15-68	CP for a new AM on: 1550kc, 500w, Day (COLLINS 20V-3) TL: Bob Hayes Rd.,1.5 mi.W.of ctr.of Parsons, Tennessee SL: (RC): 103 E. 2nd St., Parsons,Tenn. Atty-Mallyck & Bernton Engr-Willis C. Beecher,	GRANTED	3-26-70
Amended 3-19-70 re: Programming				
BL-12,773 R & F #631866$75 AC-067 AMENDED PTA PRESS NOV 4 - 1970	9-18-70 9-22-70 9-22-70 9-29-70 10-1-70	Lic. (BP-18,328) for NEW AM B/C Station $25.00 Returned Sect.II, page 2 & Delete affiliation with ABC NETWORK	GRANTED	11-17-70

CONTACT: H. L. TOWNSEND, JR.
PHONE: CODE 901; 847-3861
ADDRESS: 201 WEST FOURTH ST., PARSONS, TENN. 38363

#2

1550 kc

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W T B P

Name TOWNSEND BROADCASTING CORPORATION
PARSONS, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-4826 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JUN	4-23-73 5-2-73 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Mallyck & Bernton, Atty	GRANTED	7-31-73
BR-4826 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-9-76 3-26-76 " MAY 11 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Mallyck & Bernton, Atty.	GRANTED	7-12-76
BTC-8697 R & F FORM 316 Also see WMTL(AM)	5/3/78 5/9/78 MAY 19 1978	Involuntary acquisition of positive control of lic corp by H.L. Townsend, Jr., Individually and as Administrator of the Estate of Ruth D. Townsend, Deceased Atty - Smith & Pepper(E. Theodore Mallyck)	GRANTED EFF: COND'L	6-12-78

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

#3

1550khz

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W T B P

Name TOWNSEND BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Parsons, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
780803EB Form 316(Also see W M F L) PRESS	7-21-78	Vol. TC from H. L. Townsend, Jr., Individually and as Administrator of the Estate of Ruth D. Townsend to H. L. TOWNSEND, JR. Atty - Smith & Pepper	RETURNED REQUEST OF ATTORNEY	9-14-78
BTC 790521ED Form 315 PRESS: JUN 1979		Vol TC from H.L. Townsend, Jr., Individually and as Administrator of the Estate of Ruth D. Townsend to H.L. Townsend, Jr. Atty - Smith & Pepper(E.T.Mallyck)	GRANTED EFF:	7-27-79
BR790321UJ PRESS JUN	1 2 1979	Renewal of License Atty. E. Theodore Mallyck	GRANTED	7-26-79

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

#4

APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WTBP

Name: TOWNSEND BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Station Location: PARSONS, TENNESSEE

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BP-790611AH ACCEPTED CUT OFF DATE ACCEPTED DEC 28 '79	3-19-81 CUT OFF FEB 14 '80	Construction permit to incr power to 1kw Atty: Theodore Mallyck Public Notice	GRANTED 4-23-81 Con'd

Form BC-121
March 1979

#5

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

1550 kHz
Call Letters: . W T B P

Name: TOWNSEND BROADCASTING CORP.

Station Location: PARSONS, TENNESSEE

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BL-810526AK R & F DM PRESS JUN 08 1981	5-26-81	Lic. to cover (BP-790611AH as mod.) for chgs. Atty: ---	GRANTED 6-16-81

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 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.