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(PROG. TEST AUTH. 11-15-57) COM. TV B/C
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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed 4-28-58 (Off. No. 424)

Call letters X WBLK-TV WBOY-TV EFF: 7-15-57

(Sta. Loc. Clarksburg, West Va.)

WBOY-TV, INC. (AL 11-5-76; Eff: 12-16-76

NDEA

X NORTHERN WEST VIRGINIA TELEVISION BROADCASTING COMPANY (BALCT-204 Doc.15221 3-11-64 EFF: 7-10-64)

X RUST CRAFT BROADCASTING, COMPANY (BMLCT-122, 8-27-62)

X WSTV, INC. (BAPCT-237 7-23-57 EFF: 8-8-57

Name of licensee X OHIO VALLEY BROADCAST INC CORPORATION

Transmitter location Pinnickinnick ~~Avenue~~ Mountain, Clarksburg, West Virginia

Main studio location 912 West Pike Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia (Lic. 4-28-58)
X Pinnickinnick Avenue, Clarksburg, West Virginia

FCC-65

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPCT-849	2-17-54	Ch.# 12 204-210	V4.36kw A2.19kw	U	4-17-54 10-17-54
CP for a new Comm. TV B/C Station.					
Memo. Opinion & Order 4-15-54, postponing effectiveness of above action & designating for hearing(11004)Doc.					
BPCT-849	6-30-54	Ch.# 12 204-210	V 4.36kw A 2.19kw	U	8-30-54 2-28-55
Postponement of effectiveness of grant 2-17-54 terminated Decision 6-30-54 and action 2-17-54 sustained.					
BMPCT-2856	2-15-55	same	same	same (CONTD.)	4-17-54 8-28-55
Mod. CP (BPCT-849,) to extend completion date.					
7-6-55	Order STAYING Grant of 2-17-54(BPCT-849) and Action --Decision 6-30-54 sustaining grant of 2-17-54. (Doc. 11004)				
BPCT-849 AH 740'	4-5-57	CH #12 204-210	V-4.36 kw A-2.19 kw	U	6-5-57 12-5-57
CP is reaffirmed; postponement of cp terminated (DEC.& ORDER)					
BTC-2048	4-5-57	Transfer of control of permittee corporation from News Publishing Company to WSTV,INC.			
ERP: 5-10-57					
BMPCT-4759 AH:740'	8-1-57	same	V-4.36 kw A-2.19 kw	U	10-1-57 4-1-58
Mod.CP(BPCT-849,as mod)to chg. Ant. Sys.,ERP,type of transmitters & equipment.					
BAPCT-237	7-23-57	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to WSTV,INC. EFF: 8-8-57			
BMPCT-4818 AH 860'	10-16-57	CH# 12 204-210	V-120 kw A-66.1 kw	U	10-1-57 4-1-58
Mod. CP(BPCT-849, as mod.) change ERP,type trans, antenna system, change antenna height, other equipm (CONDITION)					
WIRE	11-15-57	RE LIC BLCT-753 PROGRAM TEST AUTH.ACCORD MPCT-4818. ADVISE WHEN OPER. COMMENCES.			
*BPCT-2491 BLCT-753	4-28-58	CH#12 AH:860' 204-210	V-120 kw DA A-66.1 kw DA	U	4-24-58 10-1-60
*CP to chg. SL. issued with lic. License to cover CP(BPCT-849,as mod).					

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June 1954

CARD #2

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters .....WBOX-TV.....

Name of licensee .....WSTV, INC.....

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-
BPCT-424	9-28-60	same	same	same	10-1-60 10-1-63
	RENEWAL OF LICENSE				
BTC-3831	11-8-61	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Jack N. Berkman, et al (All Stockholders) to United Printers and Publishers (Incorporated). EFF: 2-8-62			
BMLCT-122	8-27-62	Ch. #12	V. 120-DA	U	8-27-62
AH: 860'		204-210	A. 66.1 -DA		10-1-63
MOD. of Lic. to change name to RUST CRAFT BROADCASTING, CO.					
BALCT-204	3-11-64	Voluntary assignment of license to (Northern West Virginia Television Broadcasting Company. Docket #15221. EFF: 7-10-64			
BRCT-424	3-13-64	same	same	same	3-13-64
	RENEWAL OF LICENSE				10-1-66
BMLCT-410	1-26-66	CH. #12	V-120 kw	DA U	1-26-66
AH: 860' MSL:..		204-210	A- 24 kw	DA	10- 1-66
Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP, chg. Aural trans.					
BRCT-424	9-1-66	same	same	same	10-1-66
	RENEWAL OF LICENSE				10-1-69
BRCT-424	9-25-69	RENEWAL OF LICENSE & NDEA			10-1-72
BTC-6109	12-16-69	VOL. T/C			
BPCT-4375	8-24--70	Ch. 12	V.129 kw	U	10-24-70
AH:860' MSL:2045'		204-210	A.24.0 kw		2-24-72
CP chg. ERP & ant. sys.					
WIRE	9-3-70	PENDING COMPLETION EQUIP. MOD. :AUTH. GR. OPER. TEMP. PER. END. 9-24-70 ACCORD. YOUR REQUEST. POWER INPUT TO NORTH-SOUTH RADIATORS MAY NOT EXCEED THAT SUPPLIED UNDER PRESENT AUTHORIZATION.			
WIRE	9-21-70	ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO			10-9-70
WIRE	9-30-70	PENDING FIL. LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER. TEMP. PER. END. 10-31-80 ACCORD. BPCT-4375.			
WIRE	10-27--70	ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO			11-30-70
WIRE	12-11-70	RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER. ON PTA CP BPCT-4375.			
BLCT-2043	1-5-71	(BPCT-4375) for chgs.			10-1-72
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRCT-424	10-27-72	Renewal of License (S)			10-1-75

BC-126
February 1974

CARD NO. 3

COMM TV B/C

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WBOY-TV

Station location CLARKSBURG, W. VA.

Name of licensee NORTHERN WEST VIRGINIA TELEVISION BROADCASTING COMPANY

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-424	9-12-75	Renewal of license (S)			10-1-79
BALCT-590	11-5-76	Voluntary assignment of license			
WIRE	7-6-77	Auth. grtd. oper. WBOY-TV at reduced power pend. repair to x-mitter temp. per. end. 8-1-77. Advise when normal operation resumes.			
BRCT-424	9-14-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			10-1-81

DARD # 1 COMM. TV

FORM A-170
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters ~~NEW~~ WBLK-TV

Name OHIO VALLEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION
(211½ Fifth Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-849 Recd & Filed	2-12-52 2-14-52	Construction permit for new Comm TV B/c Station. FREQ: Ch. # 12, 204-210 MCS ERP: Vis. 50.6 KW. A ur. 25.3 KW Hours operation: Unlimited; S-L: Atop Pinnickinnick Mountain, 1 mile from center of Clarksburg, W. Va. T-L: Atop Pinnickinnick Mountain, 1 mile from center of clarksburg, W. Va. (741') (Vis. & Aur. RCA TT-10AH) Filed by Leonard H. Marks, Atty. Vilah G. Brooks, Chief Engr.	GRANTED Memo. Opinion & Order 4-15-54 postponing effectiveness of above action & des. for hearing(Doc. 11004) Postponement of effectiveness of grant 2-17-54 terminated/Decision 6-30-54 & action 2-17-54 sustained. (Docket No. 11004) 7-6-55-Order STAYING grant of 2-17-54 and Action of 6-30-54(Decision sustaining grant of 2-17-54. (Doc. 11004)	2-17-54

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

SEE CARD # 2 ACTION 4-5-57

CARD # 2
FORM A-170
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV B/C

Call Letters ~~[illegible]~~ WBLK-TV

Name OHIO VALLEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION
(211½ Fifth Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-849			~~See action Card # 1~~	
AMENDED	7-8-52	(PURSUANT TO SIXTH REPORT & ORDER-4-11-52)		
Rec'd	7-8-52	FREQ: Ch. #12, 204-210 mcs.	DECISION & ORDER 4-5-57	
Filed	7-8-52	ERP: Vis. ~~50.6~~-kw; Aur. ~~25.3~~-kw	IN DOCKET 11004 -	
		Hours of operation: Unlimited	GRANT REAFFIRMED: Postpone	
		S-L: ~~Robinson Grand Theatre Bldg., Pike St., Clarksburg, W. Va.~~	ment of Effective Date	
		T-L: Atop Pinnickinnick Mtn., 1 mi. north of Clarksburg, W. Va.	Terminated. Grant made	
		(Vis. & Aur. RCA ~~TT~~-10AH) ~~(741')~~	Effective immediately	
		Filed by Leonard H. Marks, Atty.	ISSUED WITH BTC-2048	
AMENDED	8-17-53	Amended to change ERP from Vis 50.6 kw, Aur.		
Recd.	9-15-53	25.3 kw TO ~~Vis. 53 kw, Aur. 26.5 kw~~; antenna		
Filed	9-15-53	height above average terrain from 741' to		
		740'; type of transmitters from RCA TT-10AH		
		TO ~~RCA TT-10AH~~ both Vis. & Aur.		
		Leonard H. Marks- Atty		

Vilah G. Brooks, Chief Engr.

FORM A-170 CARD #3 APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING COMM. TV

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call Letters ~~NEW~~ ~~WELK-TV~~ WBOY-TV

Name OHIO VALLEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION
(P.O. 211½ Fifth Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-849			See action Card # 1.	
AMENDED	2-2-54	Amended to change ERP from Vis. 53 kw, Aur.		
Rec'd	2-4-54	26.5 kw to Vis. ~~56.02~~ kw, Aur. ~~33.61 kw~~; type		
Filed	2-4-54	antenna; type trans. (RCA ~~TT-10AH)~~; studio location from Robinson Grand Theatre Bldg., Pike St., Clarksburg, W. Va. to Pinnickinnick Ave., Clarksburg, W. Va.; and other equipment and descrip. of T site to Pinnickinnick Ave., Clarksburg, West Virginia.		
AMENDED	2-2-54	Amended Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws;		
Recd.	2-8-54 &	Change Stockholders and Directors.		
Filed	2-8-54	Leonard H. Marks-Atty		
AMENDED	2-11-54	Amended to change ERP TO Vis. 4.364 kw, Aur.		
Recd.	2-12-54	2.185 kw; change transmitters Vis. & Aur. TO		
Filed	2-12-54	RCA TT-2 AH and changes in antenna system. Cohn & Marks- Atty		
BMPCT-2856	1-15-55	Mod. of CP (BPCT-849, which authorized a new	GRANTED	2-15-55
Recd.&Filed	1-17-55	Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 2-28-55 to 9-1-55. Filed by Leonard H. Marks, atty.		

CARD # 4
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV
Call Letters WBOY-TV ~~WBLK-TV~~

Name WSTV, INC.
X OHIO VALLEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Clarksburg, West Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-2048 Recd & Filed	8-12-55 8-18-55	Transfer of control of permittee corporation from News Publishing Company to WSTV, Inc. Filed by Leonard H. Marks, Atty.	GRANTED EFF: DOCKET ISSUED	4-5-57 5-10-57 11691 WITH BPCT-849
BMPCT-4759 Recd & Filed Cont'd on card # 5	6-24-57 6-28-57	Mod. of CP (BPCT-849, as mod., which auth. a new Comm. TV b/c station) to change ~~ERP from Vis. 4.36 kw., Aur. 2.19 kw. to Vis. 131.04 kw. [illegible], Aur. 65.52 kw. [illegible] chg in antenna system~~; change type of transmitters ~~to RCA TT-25BH and make other equipment changes.~~ (740 ft.) Filed by Leonard H. Marks, Atty.	GRANTED	8-1-57
BAPCT-237 Recd. & filed	6-27-57 7-3-57	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to WSTV, INC. Filed by Leonard H. Marks, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	7-23-57 8-8-57

Card # 5

Comm TV B/C

FORM BC-121

FORMERLY FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

WSTV, Inc. gr. 7-23-57 Eff: 8-8-57

Call Letters WBOY-TV

Name OHIO VALLEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Clarksburg, West Virginia (P.O. 428 Market St., Steubenville, Ohio)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-4759 Recd & filed Cont'd from	7-18-57 7-19-57 Card # 4	Amended to change type of transmitters to RCA-TT-10AH and delete request for change in ERP, installation of directional antenna system and other equipment changes.		
BMPCT-4818 Recd & filed	8-1-57 8-2-57	Mod. of CP (BPCT-849 as mod., which auth. a new Comm TV b/c station) to change ERP from Vis. 4.36 kw, Aur. 2.19 kw to Vis. 131.04 kw Aur. 65.52 kw, change type of transmitters to RCA-TT-25BH, change antenna system from non-directional to directional antenna, make other equipment changes and change antenna height above average terrain to 860' Filed by Paul Dobin, Atty	GRANTED	10-16-57
BLCT-753 Recd & Filed	11-13-57 11-14-57	Lic. to cover CP (BPCT-849, as mod.) which auth. a new Comm. TV b/c station. Leonard H. Marks, Atty.	GRANTED	4-28-58

CARD #6

FORM BC-121

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NORTHERN WEST VIRGINIA TELEVISION BROADCASTING COMPANY

X RUST CRAFT BROADCASTING COMPANY(8-27-62)

Call Letters WBOY-TV

Name X W S T V, INC.

Clarksburg, West Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-2491 Recd & Filed	3-31-58 4-7-58	CP to make change in existing station, to change S-L from Pinnickinnick Mt., Clarksburg, W. Va. to 912 W. Pike St., Clarksburg, W. Va. Filed direct.	GRANTED ISSUED WITH BLCT-753 AS MODIFICATION OF LICENSE.	4-28-58
BLCT-424 Recd.&Filed	6-29-60 6-30-60	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Filed by Benedict P. Cottone, Atty.	GRANTED	9-28-60
BTC-3831 Recd.&Filed	8-17-61 8-18-61	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Jack N. Berkman, et al (All Stockholders) to United Printers and Publishers (Incorporated). (Contigent on Grand of BTC-3830, WPIT, INC.)	GRANTED EFF: 2-8-62	11-8-61
BMLCT-122 R & F	8-2-62 8-3-62	Modification of license to change name to Rust Craft Broadcasting Company Percy H. Russell-atty	GRANTED	8-27-62
BALCT-204 Rec.& filed	3-13-63 3-21-63	Voluntary assignment of license to Northern West Virginia Television Broadcasting Company. Assignor: Arnold, Fortas & Porter, atty. Assignee: Smith & Pepper, atty.	GRANTED OPINION & ORDER IN DOCKET# 15221	3-11-64 MEMO

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Condition back of card EFF: 7-10-64 wire sent to Dalkey 7-13-64

SEE DOC.15221 for PROTESTS ETC.

FURTHER ACTION ON CARD #7

Docket No. 15221
BALCT-204
WBOY-TV

CONDITION

Subject to the condition that the Fortnightly Corporation shall protect WBOY-TV, Clarksburg, and WJPB-TV, Weston, from simultaneous duplication by the signals of other stations carried over Fortnightly's community antenna systems at Clarksburg and Fairmont, West Virginia.

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WBOY-TV

NORTHERN WEST VIRGINIA TELEVISION BROADCASTING COMPANY
X RUST CRAFT BROADCASTING COMPANY
Name

Clarksburg, West Virginia Zip 26301

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BALCT-204	SEE DOCKET 15221 PROTESTS OF GRANT. GRANT REMAINS IN EFFECT but Court of Appeals remanded proceedings to Commission for further consideration on 5-7-65 (per release 10-27-65) ON 10-27-65 MEMO OPINION & ORDER ADOPTED in DOCKET 15221 BALCT-204, BALTI-49, BALTS-117 GRANT REAFFIRMED AND proceeding terminated.			
BRCT-424 R & F	6-24-63 7-1-63	Renewal of license Reed Miller, atty 10-1-66	~~GRANTED 10-15-63 BUT NOT ISSUED GRANT RESCINDED 10-21-63~~ GRANTED 3-13-64.	
BMLCT-413 R & F	12-30-65 1-3-66	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 66.1 kw (DA) to 23.98 kw (DA); and change aural transmitter to RCA TT10AH. Smith & Pepper, Atty.	GRANTED	1-26-66
BRCT-424 R & F	6-27-66 6-29-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Smith & Pepper, Atty.	GRANTED	9-1-66
BRCT-424 R & F $150 #526857 PN Recd. PRESS	6-30-69 7-3-69 " "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 7-30--69 re programming.	GRANTED	9-25-69

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Name NORTHERN WEST VIRGINIA TELEVISION BROADCASTING COMPANY
Ch. 12 Clarksburg, West Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-6109 R & F #556900 $30 PRESS: PN REC'D:	11-14-69 11-14-69 11-14-69 DEC 3 1969	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Fortnightly Corporation to Marion R. Ascoli, Max Ascoli et al. Atty.: Arthur V. Weinberg (Smith, Pepper, Shack & L'Heureux) AMENDED 12-4-69 re legal	GRANTED EFF:	12-16-69 12-29-69
Engr.data filed 6-26-70				
BPCT-4375 R & F #618022 $30 PRESS:	7-20-70 7-23-70 7-23-70 JUL 31 1970	CP, chg. ERP to Vis. 129kw, Aur. 24.14kw and make chgs. in ant. sys. Atty.: A. V. Weinberg (Smith, Pepper, Shack & L'Heureux)	GRANTED	8-24-70
BLCT-2043 R & F #646864 $50 AC: 069 PRESS:	11-25-70 12-2-70 12-2-70 DEC 17 1970	Lic. to cover (BPCT-4375) for chgs. Atty.: Weinberg (Smith, Pepper)	GRANTED	1-5-71

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters WBOY-TV

Name NORTHERN WEST VIRGINIA TELEVISION BROADCASTING COMPANY
CH-12 CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCT-424 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D:	6-25-72 7-3-72 JUL 20 1972 7-3-72	Renewal of License Atty.: Arthur V. Weinberg (Smith & Pepper) Amended 9-6-72 re Sec. VI.	GRANTED	10-27-72
BRCT-424 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	5-20-75 5-27-75 5-27-75 17 JUN 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Annual Report Filed Atty: James L. Oyster, (Smith & Pepper)	GRANTED	9-12-75

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September 1965

CARD#10

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters WBOY-TV

WBOY-TV, INC.
Name X NORTHERN WEST VIRGINIA TELEVISION BROADCASTING COMPANY
CH-12 CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BALCT-590 Rec. & Filed #20669 $200 AC: 047 PRESS: (Form 314)	5-6-76 5-12-76 6-3-76 20 MAY 1976	Voluntary assignment of license to WBOY-TV, Inc. Attys.: Assignor-James L. Oyster (Smith & Pepper) Assignee-Eric L. Bernthal (Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn) Amended 6-6-76 re additional info. Amended 11-4-76 re legal	GRANTED See over EFF:	11-5-76 for condition. 12-16-76
LETTER REC'D. PRESS:	9-19-77	Request Waiver of Section 73.1201(b) of the Rules to identify Station as Clarksburg-Fairmont, West Virginia. Atty.: Eric L. Bernthal (Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn)		
BRCT-424 R&F PN RECD PRESS	5-22-78 5-25-78 5-25-78 JUN 13 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Eric L. Bernthal Contours filed: 6-1-78	GRANTED	9-14-78

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BALCT-590 grtd. 11-5-76 - condition: Grant of the application is made subject to and without prejudice to whatever action the Commission may deem appropriate as a result of the final Commission determination with respect to the pending petition to deny the license renewal applications of stations WELO-AM-FM, Tupelo, Mississippi, filed by Lee County Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P., the Pollution and Consumers Protection Foundation and Mr. Jack Benney.

#11

APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WBOY-TV

Name: WBOY-TV, INC.

CH-12

Station Location: Clarksburg, West Virginia

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMLCT-810226KI R&F	2-26-81	Modification of License to reduce the aural power to 12.9kw ERIC L. BERNTHAL, ATTY.	
BRCT-810601KK R&F PN REC'D	5-7-81 6-01-81 6-01-81	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: DANIEL F. VAN HORN ARENT, FOX, KINTNER, PLOTKIN AND KAHN}	GRANTED 10-22-81

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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 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.