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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 7-23-70 (Off. #679)

Call letters WHAG-TV

Station location HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

GREAT TRAILS BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL GR. 7-30-81)
X HENSON AVIATION, INC. (ML 12-22-77)
X H & M CORPORATION (AL 12-28-76; Eff: 12-31-76)
WHAG, T.V., INC. (BAPCT-454 gr. 11-6-69 EFF: 11-6-69)

Name of licensee X REGIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location FAIRVIEW MOUNTAIN, 1.8 MILES WEST OF CLEAR SPRING, MARYLAND

Main studio location HAGERSTOWN MOTOR INN, CENTER SQUARE, HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To-
BPCT-4007	7-2-68	CH.25	V-324 kw	U	9-2-68
AH:1240' MSL:1917'		536-542	A-32.4 kw		3-2-69
CP FOR A NEW COMM.TV B7C STATION.					
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ISSUED WITHOUT CALL LETTERS.					
BPCT-4007	8-9-68	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED			3-2-69 ✓
BMPCT-6986	10-15-69	Ch-25	V-513kw	Unl.	9-2-68
&BMPCT-7071		536-542mcs	A-93.3kw		4-15-70
AH:1230' MSL:1888' MP(BPCT-4007) for ext.; & chg. ERP, type trans., ant., ant. structure and HAAT.					
BAPCT-454	11-6-69	VOL. A/CP			
WIRE	11-26--69	PENDING COMPLETION CONSTRUCTION AND FILING LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER. TEMP. PER. END. 2-26-70 ACCORD BMPCT-6986 and BMPCT-7071 EXCEPT WITH AMPEX TYPE BR-4, FOUR-BAY ANTENNA AND AT REDUCED POWER. ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COMMENCES UNDER THIS AUTHORITY. 12-22-69			
WIRE	1-14-70	RETENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER ON PTA CP BMPCT-7071.			
WIRE	7-1-70	Auth. to oper. remote control			
BLCT-1953	7-23-70	Lic.(BPCT-4007) as mod. for a new station.			10-1-72
WIRE	3-16-71	PENDING DIPLEXER REPAIR, AUTH. GR. OPER TEMP. PER. END. 4-16-71 ACCORD. YOUR REQ. SUBJECT TO CAUSING NO INTERFERENCE TO ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED SERVICES.			
WIRE	4-19-71	AUTH. GR. OPER. WITH VISUAL TO AURAL ERP RATIO OF TEN TO ONE AS REQ. TEMP. PER. END. 6-18-71			
WIRE	6-14-71	ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO 8-18-71			
BMLCT-719	7-14-71	ML to reduce Aur. ERP to 51.3kw.			
(1)					
EBSA	5-15-72				
BTC-6889	9-18-72	Vol. TC.			
BRCT-679	10-27-72	Ch-25	V-513kw	Unl.	10-27-72
AH:1230' MSL:1888'		536-542	A-51.3kw		10-1-75
Renewal of License					
BPCT-4626	8-29-73	CH 25	V. 436 kw	U	10-29-73
AH: 1230' MSL: 1893.5'		536-542	A. 79.4 kw		2-28-75
CP to chg ERP, transmitting equipment, ant & HAAT					

Form BC 126 #2
June 1954

COMM. TV.

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WHAG-TV

Station location .....

Name of licensee WHAG, T. V., INC.

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
Wire	8-27-73	Pending comm. action on BPCT-4626, extend. auth. gtd sidemount temp. dipole ant. on existing tower and oper. at reduced power temp. per. ending 9-23-73 auth. also gtd. install ant. proposed in BPCT-4626 during this per.			
Wire	8-30-73	Pending filing lic. applic. auth. gtd oper. temp. per. ending 10-30-73 accord. construction permit BPCT-4626.			
BMPCT-7504 (1)	11-21-73	MP(BPCT-4626) to chg. ERP Aurl.			
WIRE	11-23-73	Pending Filing License application, extension authority granted operate WHAG-TV temporarily period ending January 30, 1974 accordance construction permits BMPCT-7504.			
WIRE	3-18-74	Re Tendered License application, authority granted operate WHAG-TV on Prgoram Test accordance section 73.629 rules and construction permits BPCT-4626 and BMPCT-7504.			
BLCT-2280	4-30-74	Lic(BPCT-4626 as mod) for changes.			10-1-75
BTC-7518	9-11-74	Voluntary TC		Not consumated	
BSCT-679 (1)	7-1-74	Mod. of Lic. to show pmarkings as 1, 3, 12 & 21.			
BRCTV-263 (2)	7-14-75	Remote control authority			
BALCT-612	12-28-76	Voluntary assignment of license			
BRCT-585	8-13-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			10-1-78
EMLCT-825	12-22-77	Ch-25	V-436kW	Unl.	12-22-77
AH:1230' MSL:1893.5'		536-542	A-43.6kW	RC	10-1-78
Mod. of Lic. to chg. name					
BRCT 679	4-27-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			10-1-81

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV.

Call Letters ~~NEW~~ - WHAG-TV

Name REGIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY
(c/o Arthur A. Snowberger P. O. Box 481 Hagerstown, Maryland 21740)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-4007 R & F	7-10-67 7-11-67	Construction Permit for a New Commercial TV B/C Station: CH # 25, 536-542 Mcs. ERP: Vis. ~~17.25 kw (Horz)~~ ~~Aur. 2.12 kw (Horz)~~ Unlimited Hours TL: ~~S. E. Corner of Center Square, Hagerstown, Maryland~~ SL: Center Square, Hagerstown, Maryland (~~GE TT-20A~~) AH. ~~291.19 feet~~ STATION LOCATION: HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND Fletcher, Heald, Act., Atty. (James P. Riley) Arthur A. Snowberger, Engr.	GRANTED Condition: Subject to Compliance with SECTION 73.640 of Rules	722-68

SEE PETITIONS ON OTHER SIDE

See Amendment on Card # 2

c/o Mr. Arthur A Snowberger
1250 Downsville Pike
Hagerstown , Maryland 21740
area code 301 Local No. Re 9-8016

BPCT-4007

PETITION TO DENY filed 8-30-67 by Norman E. JOrgensen for The Greater Washington Educational Television Assoc, Inc.

STATEMENT OF ASSO. OF MAXIMUM SERVICE TELECASTERS, INC. filed 8-30-67 by Edgar F. Czarra, Jr. for AMST

FURTHER STATEMENT OF ASSOCIATION OF MAXIMUM SERVICE TELECASTERS, INC. filed 6-5-68 by Edgar F. Czarra, Jr. for ASSOCIATION OF MAXIMUM SERVICE TELECASTERS, INC.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV.

Call Letters NEW- WHAG-TV

Name REGIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

CH-25 Hagerstown, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-4007 AMENDED R & F Press	Cont'd 3-28-68 3-29-68 APR 11 1968	AMENDED to change ERP to Visual 350 kw (Horz), Aural 35 kw (Horz); trans. loc. to 1.8 miles West of Clear Spring on Fairview Mountain, Md.; type trans. to TOWNSEND TA-10-BT; type antenna JAMPRO-JZZ-5-OB; antenna structure and increase antenna height above average terrain to ~~1241.35 feet~~.	GRANTED	7-2-68
AMENDED R & F Press	6-4-68 6-4-68	AMENDED to make changes in the antenna structure and decrease antenna height above average terrain to 1224.35 feet. (financial & programming) Ltr. from Atty. 6-6-68 submitting additional information re 6-4-68 financial amendment. AMENDED 6-12-68 re financial. Letter from Atty. 6-11-68 submitting FAA Ltr.		
BMPCT-6986 R & F $30.0490635 PRESS	2-12-69 2-14-69 " FEB 24 1969	MP (BPCT-4007) to extend completion date to 9-2-69. Richard Hildreth, atty. (Fletch, Heald, Rowell)	GRANTED 10-15-69 Issued with BMPCT-7071	
AMEND. R & F	7-18-69	Re update information in application. SEE OVER		

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BMPCT-0986 AMENDED 10-3-69 to update information

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WHAG-TV

Name WHAG, T.V., Inc.
REGIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY
HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

CH-25

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAPCT-454 Received #541114 $30 Resubmitted R & F PRESS: K PN REC'D:	9-9-69 9-9-69 9-17-69 9-17-69 SEP 23 1969	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to WHAG, T.V., Inc. Atty.: Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenehan & Hildreth	~~RETURNED~~ ~~Not dated.~~ GRANTED EFF:	~~9-11-69~~ 11-6-69 11-6--69
BMPCT-7071 R & F #541929 $30 PRESS:	9-10-69 9-11-69 9-11-69 SEP 18 1969	MP(BPCT-4007), chg. ERP to Vis. 611kw(H), Aur. 122kw(H); type trans. to Ampex TA-30BT; type ant. to Ampex BR30; make chgs. in ant. structure and chg. HAAT to 1226 ft. Atty.: Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenehan & Hildreth	GRANTED Issued with BMPCT-6986	10-15-69

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WHAG-TV

Name WHAG,T.V., INC.
CH.25 HAGERSTOWN,MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLCT-1953 R & F $30 #569204 PRESS	12-19-69 1-9-70 " JAN 20 1970	LICENSE (BPCT-4007,as mod.)for a new station. Richard Hildreth,Atty. (Fletcher, Heald, Rowell) Ltr. 2-20-70 from atty. to submit a more current balance sheet.	GRANTED	7-23-70
ENGR. DATA FILED 5-7-70 Ltr. 6-11-70 req. remote control				
BMLCT-719 R & F #012592 $50 AC: 062 PRESS:	6-10-71 6-21-71 6-21-71 JUN 30 1971	ML to chg. Aur. ERP to 46.24kw(H). Atty.: Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenehan & Hildreth	GRANTED	7-14-71
BRCTV- Received NO FEE REQUIRED.	5-1-72 5-1-72	Request authority to operate trans. by remote control from Hagerstown Motor Inn, Center Square, Hagerstown, Maryland REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.676 OF THE RULES. Atty.: Richard Hildreth (Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenehan & Hildreth)	RETURNED 3-19-75 Not in conformity with Section 73.676 of the Rules.	

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

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CARD #5

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters WHAG-TV

Name WHAG, T.V., INC.

CH-25 HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-6889 R & F #084673 $250 AC: ~~055~~ 051 PRESS:	6-15-72 6-20-72 6-20-72 JUN 26 1972	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Adler Communications Corporation to Samuel Magazine and Sheldon Magazine. Atty.: Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenehan & Hildreth 659-9100	GRANTED (see condition over) Eff: 9-27-72	9-8-72
AMENDMENT R & F #087470 $750 AC: 051 PRESS: PN REC'D: GRANT FEE: $11,927.00 GRANT FEE PAID:	6-30-72 6-30-72 6-30-72 JUL 7 1972 6-30-72	Re update application with complete FCC Form 315. Amended re Sec. IV-B and financial data. Amended 9-12-72 re legal.		

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BTC-6889 - condition:
That Samuel and Sheldon Magazine dispose of any and all stock that they hold in Adler Communications Corporation and its subsidiary, Regional Broadcasting Company and resign from all positions with these companies prior to the consummation of this transfer.

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 10-18-72 by Richard Hildreth for WHAG-TV.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters WHAG-TV

Name WHAG, T.V. Inc.
CH-25 HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCT-679 R & F PN REC PRESS	6-26-72 7-3-72 7-3-72 JUL 20 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Vincent J. Curtis, Jr.(Fletcher, Heald & Rowell) Amended 9-6-72 re financial & programming.	GRANTED	10-27-72
BPCT-4626 REC'D FILED #196392$50 AC: 062 PRESS:	6-5-73 6-5-73 6-6-73 6-6-73 JUN 2 4 1973	CP to chg. ERP Visual 438KW(H), Aur.78.9KW(H), chgn. transmitting equipment, type ant. RCA TFU-30J and chg. antenna structure (increase hght). Atty: M. Scott Johnson (Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenehan & Hildreth)	GRANTED	8-29-73
BMPCT-7504 R & F #24215$50 AC: 058 PRESS:	10-5-73 10-12-73 10-12-73 NOV 5 1973	MP(BPCT-4626) to chg. ERP Aur. 67.9kW Atty: Richard Hildreth (Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenehan and Hildreth)	GRANTED	11-21-73

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COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WHAG-TV

Name WHAG, T. V., INC.

CH-25 Hagerstown, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLCT-2280 R & F #288323 $50. AC: 058 PRESS:	3-5-74 3-7-74 3-7-74 APR 2 1974	Lic. to cover (BPCT-4626, as mod.) for chgs. Atty: M. Scott Johnson (Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenehan & Hildreth)	GRANTED	4-30-74
BTC-7518 R &NF #332272 $250. AC: 051 PRESS:	8-1-74 8-1-74 SEP 9 1974	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Samuel Magazine and Sheldon Magazine to H & M Corporation. R. Hildreth (Fletcher, Heald, Rowell,etc.) ATTY	GRANTED Not Consummated per ltr. of 10-7-74	9-11-74

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Call Letters WHAG-TV

Name WHAG T.V., Inc.
CH-25 Hagerstown, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCTV-263 r & f #429257 $100. AC: 058 PRESS:	5-12-75 5-14-75 5-14-75 17 JUN 1975	Request for authority to operate transmitter by remote control from Hagerstown Motor Inn, Center Square, Hagerstown, Maryland.	GRANTED	1 7-14-75
BRCT-679 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	5-30-75 -2-75 6-2-75 15 JUL 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Annual Report Filed Atty: Richard Hildreth (Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenehan & Hildreth) Amended 10-9-75 re financial. Amended 3-18-76 re financial.	GRANTED	8-13-76 1

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CARD#9

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters WHAG-TV

HENSON AVIATION, INC.
XH & M CORPORATION

Name XWHAG T.V. INC.

CH-25 HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BALCT-612 R&F 630599$200 AC: 047 PN RECD PRESS (Form 314)	10-29-76 10-29-76 10-29-76 11-23-76 4 NOV 1976	Voluntary assignment of license to H & M Corporation. Atty.: Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenehan & Hildreth Amended 11-1-76 re correct info. presently on file. Amended 11-26-76 re additional information Amended 12-17-76 re legal Amended 12-23-76 re additional information Loan Agreement filed 12-21-76	GRANTED Eff:	12-28-76 12-31-76
BMLCT-825 R&F PRESS	2-28-77 3-4-77 MAR 23 1977	Mod. of Lic. to chg. name to Henson Aviation, Inc. Atty.: Richard Hildreth (Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenehan & Hildreth) Amended 3-8-77 to submit certified copy of Articles of Merger.	I GRANTED	12-22-77
BRCT-679 R&F PN RECD PRESS	5-30-78 5-31-78 6-21-78 JUN 13 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Richard Hildreth No Contours filed: 10-20-78	g GRANTED	4-27-79 4-27-79

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

PETITION TO DENY filed 12-6-76 by David Meyers on behalf of American National Bank of Maryland.

PETITION TO WITHDRAW PETITION TO DENY filed 12-23-76 David Meyers on behalf of American National Bank of Maryland.*

OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE 2-16-79 byRchard Hildreth for Henson Aviation, Inc.

MOTION TO STRIKE "SUPPLEMENT TO COMMENTS" 3-5-79 by Hildreth for Henson Aviation, Inc.

*WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER 1-26-79 byHildreth for Henson Aviation, Inc.

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APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WHAG-TV

Name: HENSON AVIATION, INC.

CH-25

Station Location: HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BALCT-800411KL R&F PN REC'D (FORM 314) PRESS	3-31-80 4-11-80 5-15-80	Voluntary assignment of license to Benedek Broadcasting of Maryland, Inc. Richard Hildreth, atty, -assignor- (FLETCHER, HEALD & HILDRETH) Michael H. Rosenbloom, atty.- assignee (WILNER & SCHEINER) Amended 6-6-80 re programming. Amended 7-15-81 re legal	
BALCT-810323KH (FORM 314)		VOL. ASSIGNMENT OF LICENSE TO GREAT TRAILS BROADCASTING CORPORATION Atty.: Michael H. Bader Amended 4-13-81 re legal & Publication.	

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ERRATUM TO PETITION FOR SPECIAL RELIEF 7-22-80 by ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Peter H. Feinberg for Potomac Valley Television Co., Inc.

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Call Letters: WHAG-TV

GREAT TRAILS BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Name: XHENSON AVIATION, INC.

CH-25

Station Location: HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRCT-810601KU PN REC'D	5-26-81	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: RICHARD HILDRETH {FLETCHER, HEALD AND HILDRETH}	

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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.