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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

First C.O. 9-10-54 (Started 8-26-64)

Date first licensed 3-27-56 (Off. No. 165)

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Call letters WMTW-TV EFF: 9-1-58 ~~WMTW~~

(StationLoc: ~~[illegible]~~)
Poland Spring, Maine (8-26-54)

HARRON COMMUNICATIONS CORP. NDEA ~~(ML 8-9-77)~~
XMID NEW YORK BROADCASTING CORP. (BALCT-407 8-4-70 EFF: 8-6-70)
X MT. WASHINGTON TV, INC. ~~(A DELAWARE CORPORATION)~~ BALCT-229 4-15-64 EFF; 6-2-64)

Name of licensee X MT. WASHINGTON TV, INC.

Transmister location Summit of Mt. Washington, Sargents Purchase, New Hampshire Licensed 3-27-56 [illegible]
x Summit of Mt. Washington, Near Gorham, New Hampshire [illegible]

Main studio location Reccar Inn, Poland Spring, Maine (BMPCT-2342 gr. 8-26-54 Lic. 3-27-56)
xTo be determined - Poland, Maine

FCC-65

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPCT-1530	7-8-53	Ch # 8 180-186 Mcs.	V-105kw A-52.5kw	U	9-8-53 3-8-54
Construction permit for new commercial television broadcasting station					
BMPCT-1876	2-23-54	same	same	same	9-8-53 9-8-54
Mod CP(BPCT-1530) to extend completion date					
Wire pending	9-10-54	STA Opr.	Comm basis accord		CP BMPCT-2342 Period Ending 3-26-55.
BMPCT-2409	8-23-54	Same	Same	Same	9-8-53 3-8-55
Mod. of CP(BPCT-1530, as mod.) to ext. comp. date.					
BMPCT-2342	8-26-54	same	same	same	9-8-53 3-26-55
Mod.CP(BPCT-1530,as Mod)to change description of L,TS,install new transmitters & antenna System Other chgs.					
BMPCT-2926	3-8-55	same	same	same	9-8-53 9-26-55
Mod.CP(BPCT-1530,as mod)to extend completion date					
WIRE 2926 pending	3-9-55	EXT STA Opr. Comm. basis accord. CP BMPCT- filing of Lic. Appl. Auth. expires 9-26-55			
BLCT-315 AH 3850 ft.	3-27-56	CH #8 180-186	V-105 kw A-52.5 kw	U	3-27-56 4-1-57
license to cover CP(BPCT-1530,as mod).					
BRCT-165	4-3-57	same	same	same	4-3-57 4-1-60
		RENEWAL OF LICENSE			
WIRE AUTH. GR. OPR. WMTW-TV TEMP. USING LICENSED TRANSMITTER OUTPUT POWER & VARIOUS MODES OF OPERATION OF ANTENNA IN EXACT ACCORD. METHODS & SCHEDULE OUTLINED IN YR. LT. & SUBJECT TO NOT EXCEEDING MAX. LICENSED ERP IN ANY DIRECTION AT ANY TIME. PER. END. 12-24-58.	9-25-58	FOR PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING ANTENNA TESTS,			
WIRE OPERATE WMTV-TV TEMP. OUTPUT POWER VARIOUS MODES METHODS SCHEDULE OUTLINED MAX. LICENSED ERP	12-18-58	PURPOSE COMPL. PERIOD END. IN ANY DIRECTION	ANT. TESTS, EXT. AUTH. GR. 12-24-59 USING LIC. TRANS. OPER. ANT. IN EXACT ACCORD. LTR. 9-15-58 SUBJECT NOT EXCEED AT ANY TIME.		
BRCT-165 L.F. to	3-30-60 show new	CH #8 180-186 call lts.	V-105 kw A-52.5 RENEWAL OF LICENSE	U or AH:3850'	4-1-60 4-1-63

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June 1954

Commercial TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WMTV-TV

Station location Poland Spring, Maine

Name of licensee MT. WASHINGTON TV, 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-2783	7-19-60	CH #8	V-86.1 kw	U	9-19-60
AH: 3850		180-186	A-43.1 kw	MSL:6364'	3-19-61
CP to install new ant. sys. and make changes in Equip. & AH					
WIRE 11-10-60 RE LICBLCT-1082. AUTH. GR. OPER. WMTW-TV MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA ON PROG TEST ACCORD SECT 3.629 RULES & CP BPCT-2783. ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COMMENCES.					
WIRE WMTW-TV LIARY	11-10-60	RE	LIC BLCT-1083	AUTH GRANTED OPER	
	WITH ANTENNA SPECIFIED IN LIC BRCT-165 AS AN AUXI- PROGRAM TEST ACCORDANCE SECT 3.629 RULES				
BPCT-2896	8-2-61	CH 8	For emerg., test		10-2-61
AUX. TRANS.		180-186	& maint. purposes only.		4-2-62
CP to install Aux. Trans. at Main Trans. site.					
BMPCT-5726	3-29-62	same	same	same	AUX. 10-2-61
Mod. CP (BPCT-2896) to extend completion date.					TRANS. 8-1-62
WIRE WMTW-TV AUX. TRANS RULES & CP BPCT-2896.	6-25-62	RE LIC.	APPL. BLCT-1207, AUTH.GR.OPER. ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SECTION 3.629		
BLCT-1207	1-22-63	CH #8	Emerg. Test &		1-22-63
AUX. TRANS.		180-186	Maint.		4-1-63
License to cover CP (BPCT-2896, as mod).					
BRCT-165	3-26-63	same	same	same	4-1-63
MAIN TRANS. & ANT.		RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-66
BRCT-165	3-26-63	same	same	same	4-1-63
AUX. TRANSMITTER		RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-66
BLCT-1082	7-22-63	Ch. 8	V-87.1 kw	U	7-22-63
AH: 3850'	MSL:6374'	180-186mcs	A-43.6 kw		4-1-66
License to cover CP (BPCT-2783) for change in facil. MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA					
BLCT-1083	7-22-63	Ch. 8	For Emergency,		7-22-63
AUX. ANTENNA		180-186mcs	Maint. & test only		4-1-66
License to util. formerly lic. ant. (auth. in BLCT-315) as an Aux. Ant.					
BALCT-229	4-15-64	VOLUNTARY ASSIGNMENT OF LICENSEE CORPORATION TO WASHINGTON TV, INC. EFF: 6-2-64			
BMLCT-321	9-8-65	CH. 8	V-87.1 kw	MSL:6374'	9-8-65
MAIN TRANS.& ANT.		180-186	A-17.4 kw	AH: 3850'	4-1-66
Mod. of license to reduce aural ERP, chg. type of aural trans					

Form FC 1[illegible]
June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed _____

Call letters WMTW-TV

Station location _____

Name of licensee MT. WASHINGTON TV, INC.

Transmitter location _____

Main studio location _____

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BRCT-165 RENEWAL OF LICENSE	3-24-66	same	same	same	4-1-65 4-1-68 MAIN TRANS. & ANT.
BRCT-165 RENEWAL OF LICENSE	3-24-66	same	same	same	4-1-65 4-1-68 AUX. TRANS.& ANT.
BTC-5423	12-8-67	Voluntary transfer of control of license corporation from Dolphin Enterprises, Inc. to Mid New York Broadcasting Corp.			EFF:
BRCT-165 MAIN TRANS.& ANTENNA	3-26-69 (S)	RENEWAL OF LICENSES &NDEA			4-1-72
BRCT-165 AUX. TRANS.& ANTENNA RENEWAL OF LICENSE	3-26-69	CH.8 180-186	-- EMERG.TEST MAINT.ONLY		4-1-72
BALCT-407	8-4-70	Vol. A/L			
BRCT-165 MAIN TRANS. & ANT.	3-30-72	RENEWAL OF LICENSE & NDEA(S) & AUX. TRANS. & ANT.			4-1-75
EBSA	5-15-72				
BTC-7411	7-30-74	VOLUNTARY TO			
BRCT-165 AH: 3850' Renewal of	4-21-75 MSL: 6374' license	Ch. 8 180-186 Main Trans. & Ant.	V.87.1 kW U A. 17.4 kW		4-1-78
BRCT-165 Aux. Trans & Ant.	4-21-75	Ch. 8 180-186	For Emer. Main & Test Purposes Only.		4-1-78
BMLCT-831 (1) Main Trans. and Ant.	8-9-77	Mod of name	lic to chg		
BMLCT-831 (1) Aux. trans.	8-9-77	Mod of lic. to name	chg.		
BTC-8401 BTC-8691	8-9-77 7-26-78	Involuntary transfer of control. VOL TC			

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed .....

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Station Location .....

Name .....

Transmitter Location .....

Main studio location .....

Form BC-126
December 1978

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BRCT-165	4-6-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)	4-1-81
BTCTV-790924KE	10-26-79	VOL. TC	

CARD #1
FORM A-170
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV B/C

Call Letters ~~WMTW~~ WMTW

Name MT. WASHINGTON TV, INC.,
(PO. Box 1120, Portland 1, Maine)

PO Congress Building, Portland, Maine

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
BPCT-1530	1-15-53	Construction permit for a Comm. TV B/C station	GRANTED	7-8-53
Rec'd	1-16-53	FREQ: Ch. #8, 180-186 mcs		
Filed	1-16-53	ERP: ~~Vis. 106 kw, Aur. 53.09 kw~~		
		Hours of operation: Unlimited		
		S-Lt: To be determined, Poland, Maine		
		T-Lt: ~~Summit of Mt. Washington, township of Sargents Purchase, New Hampshire~~		
		(Vis. & Aur. GE TT-23A) (~~301-71~~)		
		Filed by Fly, Shuebruk & Blume, Attys.		
AMENDED	7-7-53	Amended to change officers, ERP from Vis.		
Rec'd	7-7-53	106 kw, Aur. 53.09 kw to Vis. 105 kw, Aur.		
Filed	7-7-53	52.5 kw; antenna height above average terrain		
		from 3817' to 3842'; trans. loc. from Summit		
		of Mt. Washington, Twp. of Sargents Purchase,		
		N. H. to Mt. Washington, near Gorham, N. H.		
		(description only)		

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

Irving B. Robinson, Engr.

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FORM A-170
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV B/C

Call Letters WMTW

Name MT. WASHINGTON TV INC.

Poland x Eastland, Maine Poland Spring, Maine

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
BMPCT-1876 Recd. Filed	2-13-54 2-17-54 2-17-54	Mod. of CP(BPCT-1530, which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 3-8-54 to 9-8-54. Filed by Peter Shmebruk, Atty.	GRANTED	2-23-54
BMPCT-2342 Recd & filed	7-26-54 7-29-54	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1530 as mod., which authorized a new commercial TV broadcast station) to change description of studio location and transmitter site (not a change) from, To be determined, Poland, Maine to Poland Spring, Maine, and Summit of Mt. Washington near, Gorham, N. Hamp. to Summit of Mt. Washington, Sargents Purchase, N. Hamp., respectively, install new transmitters and antenna system and make other equipment changes. (Vis & Aur RCA-TT-25-HM) (2047') Filed by Peter Shmebruk, Atty.	GRANTED	8-26-54
Amended Recd & filed	8-12-54 8-16-54	Amended to specify location of Main studio as Naccar Inn, Poland Spring, Maine. Filed direct		

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

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FORM A-170
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV B/C

Call WMTW-TV Off: 9-1-58
Letters .....

Name MT. WASHINGTON TV, INC.
Poland Spring, Maine

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-2409 Recd.&Filed	8-12-54 8-16-54	Mod. of CP(BPCT-1530, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 9-8-54 to 3-8-55. Filed by William J. Durka, Atty.	GRANTED	8-23-54
BMPCT-2926 Recd & filed	2-17-55 2-24-55	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1530 as mod., which auth. a new comm. TV b/c station) to extend completion date from 3-26-55 to 9-8-55 Filed by Peter Shuebruk, Atty.	GRANTED	3-8-55
BLCT-315 Recd & filed	5-17-55 5-27-55	License to cover construction permit (BPCT-1530 as mod.) which authorized a new comm. TV b/c station. Filed by Peter Shuebruk, Atty.	GRANTED	3-27-56
BRCT-165 Recd & filed	12-18-57 1-3-57	Renewal of license Filed by Peter Shuebruk, Atty.	GRANTED	4-3-57

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

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Aug. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMTW-TV

Name MT. WASHINGTON TV, INC.
Poland Spring, Maine

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCT-165 R & F	12-28-59 12-31-59	Renewal of license Peter Shuebruk, Atty.	GRANTED	3-30-60
BPCT-2783 R & F MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA	6-7-60 6-13-60	Construction permit to install new antenna system, RCA Special (50 feet from old antenna site) and make changes in equipment and antenna height above average terrain to 3847 feet Filed by Lauren A. Colby, Atty	Granted	7-19-60
BLCT-1082 Recd.&Filed MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA	10-31-60 11-7-60	LICENSE to cover CP (BPCT-2783), which authorized changes in existing station, Lauren A. Colby, Atty.	GRANTED	7-22-63

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

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMTW-TV

Name MT. WASHINGTON TV, INC.
Poland Spring, Maine

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
BLCT-1083 Rec & filed A UX. ANTENNA	10-31-60 11-7-60	License to utilize the formerly licensed antenna (authorized in BLCT-315) as an Auxiliary Antenna (Alford 9900, 2 bay) (CONTINGENT ON GRANT OF BLCT-1082) Lauren A. Colby-atty	GRANTED	7-22-63
BPCT-2896 R & F AUXILIARY TRANSMITTERS	6-16-61 6-19-61	Construction permit to install Auxiliary Transmitter at the main transmitter site. Filed by Joseph J. Kessler, Atty.	GRANTED	8-2-61
BMPCT-5726 Recd.&Filed AUX. TRANS.	3-7-62 3-9-62	Mod. of CP (BPCT-2896, which authorized installation of an Aux. Trans. at the Main transmitter site) to extend completion date from 4-2-62 to 8-1-62 Jack P. Blume, Atty.	GRANTED	3-29-62
BLCT-1207 R & F AUX. TRANSMITTERS	6-6-62 6-21-62	License to cover CP (BPCT-2896, as modified) which authorized installation of Auxiliary Transmitters at the main transmitter location. Fly, Shuebruk, Bloom & Gaguine-atty(J.J.Kessler)	GRANTED	1-22-63

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FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters WMTW-TV

MT. WASHINGTON TV, INC. ~~(A DELAWARE CORPORATION)~~ 4-15-64

Name MT. WASHINGTON TV, INC. ~~(A Maine Corp.)~~

CH. 8 POLAND SPRING, MAINE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCT-165 Recd.&Filed	12-17-62 12-31-62	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Peter Shuebruk, Atty.	GRANTED	3-26-63
MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA				
BRCT-165 R & F	12-17-62 12-31-62	Renewal of License Peter Shuebruk, atty	GRANTED	3-26-63
AUX. TRANSMITTER				
BALCT-229 Rec. Filed	12-19-63 12-23-63 12-23-63	Voluntary assignment of licensee corporation to Mt. Washington TV, Inc. Peter Shuebruk, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	4-15-64 6-2-64 2:00pm
BMLCT-321 Recd.&Filed MAIN TRANS.& ANTENNA ENGR. DATA FILED 6-23-70	8-19-65 8-23-65	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 43.6 kw to 26.25 kw and change type of aural transmitter to RCA TT10AH. FLY, SHUEBRUK, BLUME & GAGUINE, ATTY.	GRANTED	9-8-65

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

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMTW-TV

Name MT. WASHINGTON TV, INC.
Ch. 8, Poland Spring, Maine Zip code 04101

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCT-165 Rec. & filed MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA	11-29-65 12-29-65	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Fly, Shuebruk, Blume & Gaguine, Atty.	GRANTED	3-24-66
BRCT-165 Rec. & filed AUX. TRANS. & ANT.	11-29-65 12-29-65	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Fly, Shuebruk, Blume & Gaguine, Atty.	GRANTED	3-24-66
BTC-5423 Rec & Filed (315) SEP 1 1967	8-15-67 8-23-67	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Dolphin Enterprises, Inc., to Mid New York Broadcasting Corp. Peter Shuebruk, Esq (Fly, Shuebruk, Blume & Gaguine)	GRANTED EFF:	11-8-67
BRCT-165 R & F $180 Fee Paid #481418 " PRESS PN Recd. 1. MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA 2. AUX. TRANS. & ANTENNA	12-23-68 1-2-69	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Jay E. Ricks, Atty. (Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED	3-26-69

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMTW-TV

MID NEW YORK BROADCASTING CORP.

Name - MT. WASHINGTON TV, INC.

CH-8 POLAND SPRING, MAINE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BALCT-407 R & F #610807 $30 PRESS: PN REC'D:	6-22-70 6-22-70 6-22-70 JUN 26 1970	Voluntary assignment of license to Mid New York Broadcasting Corp. Atty.: Hogan & Hartson	GRANTED EFF:	8-4-70 8-6-70
BRCT-165 R & F PN REC PRESS	12-23-71 1-3-72 1-3-72 JAN 13 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Jay E. Ricks (Hogan & Hartson) MAIN TRANS. & ANT. AUX. TRANS. & ANT.	GRANTED	3-30-72
BTC-7411 R & F #304719$250 AC: 051 FORM 316 PN REC'd PRESS:	4-16-74 4-18-74 4-18-74 MAY 16 1974	Voluntary transfer of positive control from Paul F. Harron, Margaret E. Harron, et al to Paul F. Harron Voting Trust. Atty: Jay E. Ricks (Hogan and Hartson)	GRANTED EFF: 9-12-74	7-30-74

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THE MATTER OF COMPLAINTS of LOREN RIVERS ET AL filed 8-13-73 by Jeff Taylor atty.

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Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMTW-TV

Name HARRON COMMUNICATIONS CORP.
XMID NEW YORK BROADCASTING CORP.
CH-8 Poland Spring, Maine

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
BRCT-165 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	11-29-74 12-2-74 12-2-74 JAN 3 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Annual Report Filed (MAIN TRANS. & ANT.)(AUX. TRANS. & ANT.) Atty: Marvin J. Diamond (Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED	4-21-75
BTC-8401 R & F PRESS: (Form 316)	7-1-77 7-12-77 JUL 2 5 1977	Involuntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Paul F. Harron Voting Trust to Margaret E. Harron Voting Trust. Atty.: William S. Reyner, Jr. (Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED Eff:	8-9-77
BMLCT-831 R & F PRESS:	7-5-77 7-12-77 JUL 2 5 1977	Mod. of Lic. to chg. name to Harron Communications Corp. Atty.: William S. Reyner, Jr. (Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED	8-9-77

BTC-8401 - condition: In the event that an application for assignment of license or transfer of control of Stations WMTW-TV, Poland Spring, Maine and W K T V, Utica, New York, is not submitted to the Commission within one year from grant of the instant application, then an application for transfer of control (FCC Form 315) will be filed with the Commission to effectuate the transfer of control of the licensee corporation from Paul F. Harron Voting Trust to Margaret E. Harron Voting Trust.

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May 1976

COMMERCIAL TV

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMTW-TV

Name HARRON COMMUNICATIONS CORP.

Ch-8 POLAND SPRING, MAINE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
BRCT-165 R&F PN RECD PRESS	11-25-77 12-1-77 12-1-77 DEC 15 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Main Trans. & Ant.)(Aux. Trans. & Ant.) Atty.: Marvin Diamond (Hogan & Hartson) Amended 2-14-78 re EEO	GRANTED	4-6-78
BTC-8691 R&F PN RECD PRESS (Form 315)	3-29-78 4-3-78 MAY 19 1978	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Paul F. Harron, Voting Trustee (Deceased) to Margaret E. Harron, Voting Trustee. Atty.: Jay E. Ricks	GRANTED EFF:	7-26-78
BTCTV-790924KE R&F PN REC'D (FORM 316) PRESS	9-24-79 79 10 22	Voluntary transfer of control of license corporation from Margaret E. Harron, Voting Trustee to Margaret E. Harron, Paul F. Harron, Jr., and Howard Gittis, Trustees Gardner F. Gillespie, Atty.	GR. EFF:	10-26-79 12-4-79

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CARD NO. 11

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WMTW-TV

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Name: HARRON COMMUNICATIONS CORP.

CH-8

Station Location: POLAND SPRING, MAINE

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRCT-801201KZ	11-21-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED 5-19-81
R & F	12-1-80	ATTY: MARVIN J. DIAMOND	
PN REC'D	12-1-80	(HOGAN AND HARTSON)	

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 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.