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Patent No. 1390199

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 1-7-48

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LOCATION: ONEONTA, NEW YORK

CENTRAL VERMONT RADIO CORPORATION (AL gr 6/30/77 EFF: 7/12/77)

x SEA-MOUNT RADIO CORP. OF NEW YORK (VOL. AL 7-1-70 EFF: 7-1-70)

x OTTAWAY STATIONS, INC. (AL 5-1-52, EFF: 6-1-52)

Name of licensee x ONEONTA STAR, INC.

West Davenport Road, Oneonta, New York (CP 6-20-56) (Lic. 10-23-56)

Transmitter location x Just South of Susquehanna River and just to East of Main Street Bridge,
Oneonta, New York. (CP & MP 10-7-47) (Lic. 1-7-48)

104 Chestnut Street, Oneonta, New York (Ltr. 12-15-49; EFF: 1-1-50)

Main studio location x The Oneonta Hotel, Corner Main & Diets Streets, Oneonta, New York.
(Lic. 1-7-48) (CP & MP 10-7-47)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
Order BL-1-5114	6-3-47	1400	250w	U	
	Subj. filing of approval of site & antenna for a new station				
BL-P-5114 BMP-3016	10-7-47	1400	250w	U	12-7 6-7-48
	Mod. CP (5114) to make changes in T equipment, for approval of antenna and T site and change studio site. (Conditional Clause)				
BL-2839 BZ-2690	1-7-48	1400	250w	U	1-7 8-1-50
	Lic. to cover CP(5114 as mod) for a new station and determine operating power by direct method. (CONDITIONAL CLAUSE)				
BL-1813	7-21-50	1400	250w	U	8-1 8-1-53
BL-3192	8-22-50	1400	250w	U	8-22 8-1-53
	Conditional Clause Determine operating power by direct method				
BAL-1370 EFF	5-1-52 6-1-52	Vol. assignment of license to OTTAWAY STATIONS, INC.			
BR-1813	7-1-53	1400	250w	U	8-1-53 6-1-54
BRC-210 (1)	10-23-53	Mod. of lic. to operate trans. by R.C. from 104 Chestnut St., Oneonta, N. Y.			
BR-1813	4-12-54	1400	250w	U	6-1 6-1-57
BTC-2083 EFF:	11-3-55 11-4-55	Involuntary trans. of control from James H. Ottaway and Ruth B. Ottaway, as a Family Group, to JAMES H. OTTAWAY, INDIVIDUALLY AND NIKOLAI SOKOLOFF AND JAMES H. OTTAWAY, CO-EXECUTORS OF THE ESTATE OF RUTH G. SOKOLOFF, DECEASED.			
BP-10145	6-20-56	730	500w	Day	8-20 2-20-57
	CP chg. freq., power, hrs.oper.; new trans.; new ant.; and chg. T location				
BL-6308	10-23-56	730	500w	Day	10-23-56 6-1-57
	Lic. to cover CP(BP-10,145) to chg. frequency; inc. power; chg. hours of operation; install new transmitter; chg. in antenna-transmitter location and erect a new antenna (increase in height).				
WIRE	6-12-57	WAIVE 3.71 SIGN OFF 6 PM to 9-30-57 except for special events			
	5-25-60	Commission deferred action on renewal - - pending further consideration.			

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Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BR-1813	5-8-57	Renewal of License			6-1 - 6-1-60
BP-11119	3-25-59	730kc	1kw	Day	5-25 11-25-59
		CP to change power and install new transmitter.			
BR-1813	10-5-60	730kc	1kw	Day	10-5 6-1-63
BR-1813	5-31-63	Renewal of license			6-1 6-1-66
BTC-4988	12-29-65	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of lic. corp. by James H. Ottaway thru transfer of stock (30%) from James H. Ottaway, Executor of the Estate of Ruth O. Sokoloff to James H. Ottaway			
	Eff: 12-30-65				
BTC-5139	7-26-66	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from James H. Ottaway and Ruth B. Ottaway to Ottaway Newspapers-Radio, Inc.			
	EFF: 8-1-66				
BR-1813	5-31-66	Renewal of License			6-1 6-1-69
BTC-5568	3-21-68	Vol. TC	EFF.	4-12-68	
BTC-5662	7-17-68	Vol. TC	EFF.	8-2-68	
BR-1813	5-22-69	Renewal of license		NDEA	6-1-72
BAL-6938	7-1-70	VOL. AL			
TELEGRAM	12-4-70	PSA	73w		
BTC-6353	12-21-70	VOL. TC			
	EFF. 1-4-71				
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-1813	(1) 5-31-72	Renewal of license			6-1-75
BR-1813(S)	5-28-75	Renewal of LICENSE			6-1-78
BTC-8322	6/30/77	Vol TC	EFF: 7/12/77		
BAL-8991	6/30/77	Vol AL	EFF: 7/12/77		
LETTER	11-28-77	New Main transmitter installed; (RCA BTA-1R)			

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Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BR-1813(L)	10-23-78	Renewal	of License		6-1-81
BZ-9821(1)	3-17-80	DIRECT	MEASUREMENT		

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x NewName ONEONTA STAR, INC.
(P.O. - 12-14 Broad St., Oneonta, New York)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B1-P-5114	8-1-46	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1240-ke 1400 kc Power - 250w Hours of operation - Unlimited time Trans. location - To be determined Oneonta, New York Studio location - 12-14 Broad St., Oneonta, New York (Filed by Maurice M. Jansky, Atty.)	Bucket No. 788 - request for immediate and final decision and appl. GRANTED 6-3-47 after Hearing, subj. filing MP approval T site and antenna - Decision and Order issued	Issued with MP 3016
Rec'd	8-2-46			
Filed	8-2-46			
Amended	8-6-46	Amended to change frequency from 1240 to 1400 kc.		
Rec'd	8-8-46	(Filed by Maurice M. Jansky, Atty.; Edward F. Lorentz, Engr.)		
Filed	8-8-46			

General Electric BT-20-A transmitter

(Filed by Clarence O. Simmons, Kansas City, Mo., Engr.)

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name ONEONTA STAR, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-3016	8-2-47	Mod. of C.P. (Bl-P-5114, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to make changes in transmitting equipment, for approval of antenna and transmitter location at Just South of Susquehanna River & just to East of Main St. Bridge, Oneonta, New York, and to change studio location <u>from</u> 12-14 Broad St., Oneonta, N.Y., <u>TO</u> The Oneonta Hotel, corner Main & Dietz Sts., Oneonta, N.Y. (Filed by Maurice M. Jansky, Atty.; Edward F. Lorentz, Engr.)	GRANTED	10-7-47
Rec'd	8-4-47		re blanketing.	
Filed	8-4-47			

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Letters W D O SName ONEONTA STAR, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-2839 Rec'd Filed	11-26-47 11-28-47 11-28-47	License to cover C.P. (B1-P-5114, as mod.) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Maurice M. Jansky, Atty.)	GRANTED re blanketting clause	1-7-48
BZ-2690 Rec'd Filed	11-26-47 11-28-47 11-28-47	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Maurice M. Jansky, Atty.)	Granted	7-21-50
BR-1813 Rec'd	5-23-50 6-1-50	Renewal of license. (Maurice M. Jansky, Atty.)	GRANTED	8-22-50
BZ-3192 Rec'd Filed	8-7-50 8-8-50 8-8-50	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. Maurice M. Jansky, Atty.	GRANTED	8-22-50

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FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

OTTAWAY STATIONS, INC.

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-1370 Rec'd Filed	4-4-52 4-4-52 4-4-52	Voluntary assignment of license to Ottaway Stations, Inc. Maurice M. Jansky, Atty.	GRANTED EFF	5-1-52 6-1-52
BR-1813 Rec'd Filed	4-22-53 4-27-53 4-27-53	Renewal of License Filed by Maurice M. Jansky, Atty.	GRANTED	7-1-53
BRC-210 Rec'd Filed	10-12-53 10-14-53 10-14-53	Modification of license to operate transmitter by Remote Control from 104 Chestnut Street, Oneonta, New York. Loucks, Ziss, Young & Jansky, Attys.	GRANTED	10-23-53
BR-1813 Rec'd Filed	2-25-54 3-1-54 3-1-54	Renewal of License Filed by Maurice M. Jansky, Atty.	Granted	5-12-54

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FORMERLY FORM A-170

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Letters W D O SName OTTAWAY STATIONS, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-10,145 Rec'd Filed	9-27-55 10-10-55 10-10-55	Construction permit to change frequency from 1400kc to 730kc; increase power from 250w to 500w; change hours of operation from unlimited to daytime; install a new transmitter (GATES BC-500K); change antenna-transmitter location from Just South of Susquehanna River and just to East of Main Street Bridge, Oneonta, N.Y. to West Davenport Rd., Oneonta, N.Y.; and erect a new antenna.(increase in height) Loucks, Zias, Young & Jansky, Attys. Page, Creutz, Garrison & Waldschmitt, Engrs.	GRANTED	6-20-56
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	5-7-56 5-8-56 5-8-56	AMENDED to change site .32 mi. NNE of present site (no change in description).		

Name OTTAWAY STATIONS, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-2083 Rec'd Filed	10-13-55 10-18-55 10-18-55	Involuntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from James H. Ottaway and Ruth B. Ottaway, as a family group, to James H. Ottaway, individually, and Nikolai Sokoloff and James H. Ottaway, Co-Executors of the Estate of Ruth O. Sokoloff, deceased. Maurice Jansky, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	11-3-55 11-4-55
BL-6308 Rec'd Filed	8-24-56 8-28-56 8-28-56	License to cover Construction Permit BP-10,145 which authorized change in frequency, increase in power, change in hours of operation, installation of a new transmitter, change in antenna-transmitter location and erect a new antenna. (Increase in height) Maurice M. Jansky, Atty.	GRANTED	10-23-56

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-11,119 Rec'd Filed	2-19-57 2-26-57 2-26-57	Construction permit to change power from 500w <u>to</u> 1kw and install new transmitter (Gates BC 1J) Atty. - Maurice M. Jansky Engr. - Page, Creutz, Steel & Waldschmitt	GRANTED	3-21-59
BR-1813 Rec'd Filed	2-22-57 2-28-57 2-28-57	Renewal of license. Maurice M. Jansky, Atty.	GRANTED GRANTED	10-5-60 5-8-57
BL-7549 R & F	6-19-59 6-22-59	License to cover c.p. (BP-11,119) to increase power and install new transmitter. Loucks, Zias, & Jansky, Attys.	GRANTED	6-10-59
BR-1813 Rec'd Filed	2-23-60 2-29-60 2-29-60	Renewal of license. Maurice M. Jansky, Atty.	GRANTED	10-5-60

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ONEONTA, NEW YORK

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1813 R. & F.	2-20-63 3-4-63	Renewal of license. Maurice M. Jansky, Atty.	GRANTED	5-31-63
ETC-1988 R & F (Form 316)	12-14-65 12-15-65	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of lic. corp. by James H. Ottaway thru transfer of stock(30%) from James H. Ottaway, Executor of the Estate of Ruth O. Sokoloff to James H. Ottaway Atty - Wilner & Bergson	GRANTED Eff:	12-29-65 12-30-65
BR-1813 R & F	2-23-66 3-1-66	Renewal of License Attys: Wilner & Bergson	GRANTED	5-31-66
ETC-5139 R & F (Form 316)	7-8-66 7-12-66	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from James H. Ottaway and Ruth B. Ottaway to Ottaway Newspapers-Radio, Inc. Atty - Wilner & Bergson	GRANTED EFF:	7-26-66 8-1-66

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Name OTTAWAY STATIONS, INC.
Cheonta, N.Y.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-5568 R & F (Form 316) MAR 6 1958	2-11-68 2-23-68	Voluntary relinquishment of control of Ottaway Newspapers-Radio, Inc. (100% stockholder of lic corp) from the Ottaway Family, as Trustees, to James H. Ottaway, Jr., David B. Ottaway and Ruth W. Ottaway (Sherer), Beneficiaries Atty - Wilner, Scheiner & Greeley	GRANTED EFF.	3-21-68 4-12-68
BTC-5662 R & F #434976 \$30 JUL 1 1958	6-8-68 6-11-68 6-11-68	Vol. acq. of pos. control of lic. corp. by James H. Ottaway, Sr., Ruth B. Ottaway, James H. Ottaway, Jr., David B. Ottaway and Ruth O. Sherer, Trustees thru formation of a voting trust in the parent corp. (Ottaway Newspapers-Radio, Inc.). Wilner, Scheiner & Greeley, Attys.	GRANTED EFF.	7-17-68 8-2-68

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SEA-MOUNT RADIO CORP. OF NEW YORK

Name X OTTAWAY STATIONS, INC.
Oneonta, N. Y.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1813 R & F #494886 \$75. PRESS MAR 12 1969	2-14-69 2-28-69 2-28-69	Renewal of license Atty. Edward P. Taptich	GRANTED	5-27-69
BAL-6938 R & F FEE PD: \$30 JUN 79 1970	5-27-70 5-28-70 #605029	Voluntary assignment of license to SEA-MOUNT RADIO CORP. OF NEW YORK Atty - <u>Wilner, Scheiner & Greeley</u> AMENDED 6-1-70 - re date of execu. of agreement	GRANTED EFF:	7-1-70 7-14-70
BTC-6353 R & F FEE PD: \$375 (INCLUDE WVPC (AM & FM) and WCCB (AM & FM) Pub. notice filed 8-17-70 AUG 20 1970	7-24-70 7-28-70 #618770	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from James H. Ottaway, Sr., Ruth B. Ottaway, James H. Ottaway, Jr. et al (all stockholders) to Eugene J. Brown, Lyndon R. Boyd, Chester S. Miller, Ronald C. Drescher and Sayers A. Lutz Atty - Wilner, Scheiner & Greeley (SEE OVER FOR AMENDMENTS)	GRANTED EFF:	12-21-70 1-4-71

RE: BTC-6353 - ~~ATTY WAS CALLED 8-20-70~~ - Exh. 5 (bal. sheet
not submitted with applic. WILL FILE FILED 9-21-70
AMENDED 11-25-70 - Table II filed (transferee)

RE: BTC-8322 - ~~AFTV~~ ~~WAS~~ CALLED 5-11-77 - Art & by laws
nec. (no longer licensee of WCVR - Art filed 1966)

AMENDED 5-13-77 RE AGREEMENT (and corrections)

AMENDED 5-19-77 - demographic data

AMENDED 6-10-77 - Ltr of N.Y. counsel re Auth db in Mass
& N.Y. (Cert to be issued & filed)

AMENDED 6-20-77- financial data

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Name CENTRAL VERMONT RADIO CORPORATION
x Sea-Mount Radio Corp. of New York
Oneonta, N.Y.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-8991 R & F FORM 316 (ALSO SEE WSBK (FM), WOCB (AM, FM) MAY 12 1977 PN filed	4-15-77 4-27-77 5/18/77	Voluntary assignment of license to CENTRAL VERMONT RADIO CORPORATION (BTC-8322) CONTINGENT ON GR OF TC/filed simultaneously BAL-8969(WOCB) ETC Atty for assignor - John R. Wilner for assignee - H. Braun (Fly, Shuebruk etc)	GRANTED EFF:	6/30/77 7/12/77
BR-1813 R & F PRESS	1-23-78 2-1-78 FEB 17 1978	Renewal of License Atty.: Howard J. Braun	GRANTED	10-23-78
BZ-9821 & F PRESS MAH	4-24-78 1980	DIRECT MEASUREMENT Atty: Irving Gastfreund (Fly, Shuebruk, etc.)	GRANTED	3-17-80

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W D O S

Name: CENTRAL VERMONT RADIO CORPORATION

Station Location: ONEONTA, NEW YORK

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR810202H8 PRESS	MAR 27 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. Russell C. Balch	GRANTED 5-29-81

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 one set is known to 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.

