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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-9-55Call letters WBFDStation Location: Bedford, Pennsylvania

BEDFORD BROADCASTING COMPANY (AD gr 8/6/76 EFF: 5/1/76)

Name of licensee THE INQUIRER PRINTING COMPANY

Transmitter location American Legion Bldg., 28 Mounted Route, Bedford, Pa. (Redescription 6-11-68)
 On U.S. Hwy. #220, Approx. 1 mi. No. of center of Bedford, Pennsylvania
 (CP 12-22-54) Lic. 8-9-55

Same as transmitter

Main studio location On U.S. Hwy. #220, Approx. 1 mi. No. of center of Bedford, Pennsylvania
 To be determined, Bedford, Pennsylvania (CP 12-22-54)
 Lic. 8-9-55

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BP-9513	12-22-54	1310	1kw	Day	2-22 8-22-55
C.P; for a new Standard Broadcast Station at Bedford, Pa.					
BL-5786	8-9-55	1310	1kw	Day	8-9 8-1-57
Lic. to cover CP(9513)for a new standard broadcast station & specify studio location.					
TELEGRAM	7-31-57	Action on renewal deferred 7-25-57 and continued operation authorized until final determination on renewal applic.			
BR-3142	9-5-57	Renewal of License			9-5 8-1-60
BR-3142	7-27-60	Renewal of License			8-1 8-1-63
BP-13537	4-5-61	1310kc	5kw	Day	6-5 12-5-61
CP to increase power and install a new transmitter. (COND'L)					
BL-8664 (1)	9-7-61	Lic. to cover CP (BP-13,537) to incr. power and install new transmitter.			
	7-24-63	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.			
BR-3142	11-15-63	1310kc	5 kw	Day	11-15 8-1-66
BP-16131	6-16-64	1310kc	5 kw	Day	8-16 2-16-65
CP to install a new ground system.					
BL-10,734 (1)	2-4-65	Lic. to cover CP(BP-16,131) which auth installation of a new ground system.			
BR-3142	9-29-66	1310kc	5kw	Day	9-29 8-1-69
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
BRC-3250(1)	6-11-68	Operate RC.			
EBSA	6-12-72				
BR-3142(L)	11-7-72	RENEWAL			8-1-75
BTC-7444	7-31-74	VOL. TC	EFF: 8-15-74		
BR-3142(S)	7-23-75	Renewal of License			8-1-78
BAL-8701	8/6/76	Vol AL	EFF: 9/1/76		

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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-3142 (L)	5-25-79	Renewal			8-1-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name THE INQUIRER PRINTING COMPANY
PO 130 S. Juliana St., Bedford, Pa. (Hugo K. Frear)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-9513 Rec'd Filed	10-9-54 10-14-54 10-14-54	Construction permit for a new standard broad- cast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1310kc Power: 1kw Hours of Operation: Daytime Trans. Location: Approx. 1 mi. N. of Center of Bedford on US Hwy. #220, Nr. Bedford, Pennsylvania Studio Location: To be determined Bedford, Pennsylvania Harry J. Daly, Atty. John H. Mullaney, Engr.	GRANTED	12-22-54

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Bedford, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-5786 Rec'd Filed	6-28-55 6-29-55 6-29-55	License to cover construction permit (BP-9513) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and specify studio location.	GRANTED	8-9-55
BR-3142 Rec'd Filed	4-25-57 5-1-57 5-1-57	Renewal of license Lenore G. Ehrig, Atty	GRANTED	9-5-57
BP-13,537 Rec'd Filed	9-21-59 9-22-59 9-22-59	Construction Permit to increase power from 1kw <u>to</u> 5kw and install a new transmitter (Gates BC-5P-2) Atty.- H. J. Daly Engr.- John H. Mullaney	GRANTED Cond'l re resulting BP-13850 power to	4-5-61 accept interf. from grant of (WGSA) to incr. 5kw.

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BEDFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3142 Rec'd Filed	4-30-60 5-6-60 5-6-60	Renewal of License. Lenore G. Ehrig, Atty.	GRANTED	7-27-60
BL-8664 R & F	7-27-61 7-28-61	Lic. to cover CP(BP-13,537) to increase power and install new transmitter. Attys-Daly & Ehrig	GRANTED	9-7-61
BR-3142 R & F	5-31-63 6-6-63	Renewal of license Atty. Leonard S. Joyce	GRANTED	11-15-63
BP-16,131 R. & F.	3-13-64 3-16-64	CP to install a new ground system. Atty: Harry J. Daly Engr: John H. Mullaney	GRANTED	6-16-64
BL-10,734 R. & F.	8-27-64 8-28-64	License to cover construction permit(BP-16,131) which authorized installation of a new ground system. Atty- Daly & Joyce	GRANTED	2-4-65

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Bedford, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3142 R & P	4-28-66 4-28-66	Renewal of License Atty.: Daly & Joyce	GRANTED	9-29-66
BRC-3250 R & F #433031 \$30 JUN 11 1968	5-27-68 5-31-68 5-31-68	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from Basement of American Legion Bldg., 28 Mounted Route, Bedford, Pennsylvania. Atty.: George R. Borsari, Jr.	GRANTED	6-11-68
BR-3142 R & P #510932 \$75. PRESS MAY 28 1969	4-23-69 5-1-69 5-1-69	Renewal of License Atty-Daly & Joyce(George R. Borsari, Jr.) SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 5-3-72 as Amendment to pending renewal application. (Pub.Notice 5-3-72) AMENDED 6-5-72 re: balance sheet AMENDED 7-10-72 re: programming; emp. policy	GRANTED	11-7-72

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BEDFORD BROADCASTING COMPANY

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Bedford, Penna.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-7444 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #310472 CODE 047 (Form 316) ALSO SEE FM WAKM JUN 11 1974	5-1-74 5-30-74	Voluntary acquisition of negative control of lic corp by John H. Biddle thru purchase of stock from Leola L. Taylor Atty - George Borsari, Jr.	GRANTED EFF:	7-31-74 8-15-74
BR-3142 R & F PN PRESS APR 8 1975	3-20-75 4-1-75	Renewal of license Atty- John A. Borsari AMENDED 4-21-75 re: EEO	GRANTED	7-23-75
BAL-8701 R & F FEE PD: \$400 #571371 CODE 047 (INCLUDES FM JUN 10 1975 WAKM) PN filed 6/18/76	5-11-76 5-20-76	Voluntary assignment of license to BEDFORD BROADCASTING COMPANY Atty - George R. Borsari, Jr.	GRANTED EFF: FEE REQ:	8/6/76 9/1/76 pd 9/13/76 W 611650

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Name Bedford Broadcasting Company
Bedford, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3142 R & F PRESS	3-31-78 4-4-78 APR 17 1978	Renewal of License	GRANTED	5-25-79
BZ-780727AH Filed DM PRESS	7-27-78 8-9-78 SEP 22 1978	Direct Measurement		
BR810331VB PRESS	MAY 21 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-7-81

WBFD RECORD OF DENIAL OF INFORMAL APPLICATIONS

10-30-56 Wire Requesting authority to operate Tues. night
11-6-56 for election returns.

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.

