

WETM-TV

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 7-28-58 (OFFICIAL NO. 434)

WETM-TV (Eff: 3-28-80)

WETM-TV, INC. (AL gr. 9-12-80)

Call letters X WSYE-TV

THE TIMES MIRROR COMPANY (AL 3-27-80; Eff: 3/27/80)

NDEA

Station Location: Elmira, New York

x NEWHOUSE BROADCASTING CORPORATION (BMLCT-85 7-7-60)

Station Identification eff. 11-13-63

as "Elmira-Corning" New York

x CENTRAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION (BMLCT-71 10-13-59)

Name of licensee x CENTRAL NEW YORK BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Transmitter location Hawley Hill, Approximately 3 miles WNW of Elmira, Near Elmira, New York

Hawley Hill, approximately 3 miles WNW of Elmira, Near Elmira, New York (BMPCT-4636)

Main studio location x None

5-22-57
Lic. 7-28-58

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

WSYE-TV

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPCT-2000	4-4-56	CH 18	V-14.8 kw		6-4-56
			A-8.13 kw	U	12-4-56
AH 700 ft.					
CP for a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.					
BPCT-4158	9-6-56	same	V 10 kw (DA)	same	6-4-56
			A 5 kw (DA)		3-6-57
Mod. of C.P. (BPCT-2000) to chg. ERP, install new transmitter & directional ant. & make other equip. changes. (700')					
WIRE 9-12-56 PENDING FILING OF LIC. APPLICATION AUTHORITY GRANTED TO OPERATE TEMPORARILY PD. ENDING 3-6-57 COMM. BASIS ACCORDANCE CP BPCT-4158.					
BPCT-4495	2/17/57	same	same	same	6-4-56
Mod. CP (BPCT-2000 as mod.) to extend consol. date 9-6-57					
WIRE 2-21-57 PENDING FILING LIC. APPL. EXT. AUTH. OPR. COMM. BASIS ACCORD. MPCT-4495 to 9-6-57					
BPCT-4636	5-31-57	same	V-120 kw-DA	U	6-4-56
			A-60.3kw-DA		11-29-57
Mod. CP (BPCT-2000, as mod) to chg. ERP, SL, type of transm. make minor antenna & equip. chgs.					
BPCT-2383	9-17-57	CH 18	same	same	9-17-57
		494-500			3-13-58
License to cover CP to maintain trans. incorporated in BPCT-4158 as Auxiliary Transmitters					
WIRE 8-5-57 PENDING FILING LIC. APPL. AUTH. OPR. COMM. BASIS ACCORD. MPCT-4636 to 11-29-57					
WIRE 11-20-57 PROGRAM TESTS AUTHORIZED MAIN TR & ANT. & AUX. TR. ACCORD MPCT-4636 and PCT-2383					
BLCT-755	7-28-58	CH # 18	120 kw-DA	U	7-28-58
		494-500	60.3 kw-DA	MAIN	6-1-60
License to cover CP (BPCT-2000 as mod.) TRANSMITTER & ANTENNA					
BLCT-756	7-28-58	CH # 18	XXXXXX	for Maint.	7-28-58
		494-500	XXXXXX	emergency	6-1-60
License to cover CP (BPCT-2383) & test purposes only					
BMLCT-71	10-13-59	CH #18	V-120 DA kw	U	10-13-59
		494-500	A-60.3 DA kw		6-1-60
Main Trans. & Antenna: Change name to Central B/Cg. Corp.					
BMLCT-71	10-13-59	CH #18	--Emerg. Testing		10-13-59 to
		494-500	ncs. Maint. only		6-1-60
Both Mod. of Licenses to change name to CENTRAL BROADCAST- LE CORPORATION					

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters WBYB-TVName of licensee MEMHOUSE BROADCASTING CORPORATION
X CENTRAL BROADCASTING CORPORATIONTransmitter location See Card #1Main studio location See Card #1

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
ACTION ON RENEWAL MAIN AND AUX. DEFERRED MAY 25, 1960					
BMLCT-85	7-7-60	Mod. of lic. to change name:	NOT ISSUED #		
Main trans. & Antenna and Auxiliary Trans.					
Granted but not issued. See letter of 7-13-60					
BMLCT-85	7-7-60	CH 18	V-120 Da	U	10-12-60
BRCT-434	10-12-60	494-500	A-60.3 kw DA/AH:	700'	6-1-63
RENEWAL & MODIFICATION OF LICENSE BMLCT-85# MAIN TRANS. & ANT					
BMLCT-85	7-6-60	CH 18	Emerg. Test. & Maint. ONLY		10-12-60
BRCT-434	10-12-60				6-1-63
RENEWAL & MODIFICATION OF LICENSE BMLCT-85# AUX. TRANS.					
BPCT-3145	4-12-63	CH.#18	V-113 kw DA		6-12-63
AH: 1220'		494-500	A- 57 kw DA		12-12-63
MAIN TRANS. & ANT. MSL:2549'					
CP to decrease ERP, AH and make other related equip. chgs.					
BRCT-434	5-31-63	Same	Same	Same	6-1-63
MAIN TRANS. & ANT. RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BRCT-434	5-31-63	Same	Same	Same	6-1-63
AUX. TRANS. RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
WIRE	9-5-63	PENDING FILING LIC. APPL. AUTH. GR. OPERATE			
WSYE-TV	TEMP. PER. END. 10-6-63	ACCORD. CP BPCT-3145. ADVISE			

WIRE	10-3-63	RE TENDERED LIC. APPL. AUTH. GR. OPERATE			
WSYE-TV	MAIN TRANS. & ANT.	ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SECTION			
3.629 RULES & CP BPCT-3145.					
BLCT-1310	3-26-64	CH.18	V-113 kw DA	U	3-26-64
AH: 1220'		494-500	A- 57 kw DA		6-1-66
MAIN TRANS. & ANT. License to cover CP (BPCT-3145) changes					
BMLCT-555	3-4-66	CH.#18	V-113 kw DA	U	3-4-66
AH: 1220'		494-500	A-22.4 kw DA		6-1-66
Mod. of License to reduce Auxil ERP. MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA					
BRCT-434	5-27-66	same	same	same	6-1-66
RENEWAL OF LICENSE - MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA					
BRCT-434	5-27-66	same	same	same	6-1-66
RENEWAL OF LICENSE - AUX. TRANS.					
BRCT-434	5-29-69	(S) RENEWAL OF LICENSE			6-1-72
MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA & AUX. TRANS.					
EBSA	5-15-72				

Form BC 126 CARD # 3
June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters WSTV-TV

Station location

Name of licensee NEWHOUSE BROADCASTING CORPORATION

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
BRCT-434	5-31-72	RENEWAL OF LIC. (L) MAIN TRANS. & ANT. AUX. TRANS.			6-1-75
BPCT-4744	8-26-74	CP to chg. trans.			10-26-74 2-26-76
WIRE oper. WSYE-TV Sect. 73.629 rules	6-12-75	Re tendered lic. appl., TV main trans. and ant. on program and CP BPCT-4744.			auth. grtd. test accord.
BRCT-434	1-25-77	Renewal of license (S) (Main Trans. & Ant.) (Aux. Trans.)			6-1-78
HLCT-2408 AH: 1220' MSL: 2549' Lic(BPCT-4744) for chgs.	3-31-77	Ch. 18 494-500	V. 113 kW DA A. 22.4 kW DA MAIN TRANS. AND ANT.		6-1-78
BRCT-434	5-11-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (L) (MAIN TRANS & ANT.) &(AUX TRANS)			6-1-81
BALCT-790228KG	3-27-80	Voluntary assignment of license			
BALCT-800814KL	9-12-80	VOL. AL			

Card # 1
FORM A-170

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

Call Letters
WSYE-TV
NEWName CENTRAL NEW YORK BROADCASTING CORPORATION
(P.O. 224 Harrison Street, Syracuse 2, New York)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPOT-2000 Recd & filed	7-12-55 7-20-55	CP for a new commercial TV broadcast station Freq: Ch # 18, 494-500 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 15.1 kw Aur. 7.96 kw . Hours of operation: Unlimited T-L: Harley Hill Approx. 3 miles West-North West of Elmira, New York S-L: None proposed (See below) (Vis & Aur. RCA-TTU-1B) (700) (Dual programming with WSYR-TV) Filed by Thomas H. Wall, Atty.	GRANTED (Order)	4-4-56 (Bracket 11533)
Amended Recd & filed	9-29-55 10-3-55	Amended re additional financial data and programming, change studio location from "None Proposed" to approx. 3 miles outside of the City Limits of Elmira, New York and request waiver of Sec. 3.613 of the Commission's Rules.		

Card # 2
FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV B/C

Call Letters W5YE-TV

Name CENTRAL NEW YORK BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Elmira, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-4158 Recd. & Filed	8-17-56 8-20-56	Mod. of C.P. (BPCT-2000, which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to change ERP from Vis. 14.8 kw, Aur. 8.13 kw to Vis. 10 kw, Aur. 5 kw, install new transmitters, directional antenna and make other equipment changes. (695') (Vic. & Aur. O.B. TT-20-A) Filed by Wm. P. Sims, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	9-6-56
BMPCT-4495 Recd. & filed Ext. # 1	1-10-57 1-17-57	Mod. of CP (BPCT-2000, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 3-6-57 to 9-6-57. Filed by Wm. P. Sims, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	2-11-57

Card # 3
FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

Call
Letters WSYR-TV

Name CENTRAL NEW YORK BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Elmira, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
<u>BMPCT-4636</u>	<u>3-27-57</u>	Mod. of CP(BPCT-3000 as mod., which auth. a new comm. TV b/c station) to change ERP from Vis. 10 kwDAur. 5 kwD to Vis. 120 kwDAur. 60 kwDAspecify studio location the same as transmitter location, Hawley Hill, approx. 3 miles WNW of Elmira, Near Elmira, New York, change type of transmitters make minor antenna and equipment changes. (GE-TT-25A) (695) Filed by Thomas H. Wall, Atty. (Dual programming with WSYR-TV)	GRANTED	5-31-57
<u>Recd & filed</u>	<u>3-29-57</u>			
<u>Amended</u>	<u>5-16-57</u>	Amended to request waiver of Sec. 3.613 of the Commission's Rules Filed by Thomas H. Wall, Atty.		
<u>Recd & filed</u>	<u>5-21-57</u>			
<u>BPCT-2383</u>	<u>8-12-57</u>	DP to maintain transmitter incorporated in BMPCT-4158 as auxiliary facilities. (Vis. & Aur. GE TT-20A) Thomas J. Dougherty, Atty.	GRANTED	9-17-57
<u>Recd & Filed</u>	<u>8-13-57</u>			
<u>Aux. Trans.</u>				

AUG. 1955

Call
Letters W5YB-TV

CENTRAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION (10-13-59)
 Name **CENTRAL NEW YORK BROADCASTING CORPORATION**
Elmira, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-755 Recd. & filed Main Trans. & ant.	11-7-57 11-13-57	License to cover Construction Permit (BPCT-2000 as modified) which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C station. Filed by Thomas J. Dougherty, Atty.	GRANTED	7-28-58 <i>6-3 no change</i>
BLCT-756 Recd. & filed Aux. Trans.	11-7-57 11-13-57	License to cover Construction Permit (BPCT-2383) which maintains transmitter incorporated in BMPCT-4158 as auxiliary facilities. Filed by Thomas J. Dougherty, Atty.	GRANTED	7-28-58
BMLCT-71 Rec. & filed	9-23-59 9-24-59	Modification of license to change name of licensee corporation to Central Broadcasting Corporation Wm. P. Sims, Jr. atty	GRANTED	10-13-59

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NEWHOUSE BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Call
Letters WSYE-TVName CENTRAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Elmira, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-434 Recd. & Filed MAIN TRANS. & ANT.	2-25-60 3-3-60	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Wm. P. Sims, Jr. Atty.	GRANTED	10-12-60
BRCT-434 Recd. & Filed Aux. Trans.	2-25-60 3-3-60	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Wm. P. Sims, Jr. Atty.	GRANTED	10-12-60
EMICT-85 Rec. & filed	5-27-60 6-3-60	Modification of license to change name TO Newhouse Broadcasting Corporation Harry G. Sells-atty	GRANTED	7-7-60 But NOT a case of Renewal of license LTR 7-13-60. ISSUED WITH THE ABOVE RENEWAL.
BPCT-3145 Recd. & Filed MAIN TRANS. & ANT.	1-14-63 1-15-63	Construction Permit to decrease ERP from Vis. 120 kw DA, Aur. 60.3 kw DA TO Vis. 116 kw DA, Aur. 58 kw DA; make changes in the antenna system and increase antenna height above average terrain to 1221 feet. Wm. P. Sims, Jr. Atty. Lohnes & Culver, Engrs.	GRANTED	4-12-63

FORM BC-121 #6
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WSYE-TV

Name NEWHOUSE BROADCASTING CORPORATION
ELMIRA, NEW YORK (P.O. 1030 James St., Syracuse, N.Y. 6-19-63)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-434 Recd. & Filed MAIN TRANS. & ANT.	2-25-63 3-4-63	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Wm. P. Sims, Jr. Atty.	GRANTED	5-31-63
BRCT-434 Recd. & Filed AUX. TRANS.	2-25-63 3-4-63	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Wm. P. Sims, Jr. Atty.	GRANTED	5-31-63
BLCT-1310 Recd. & Filed MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA	10-1-63 10-2-63	License to cover CP (BPCT-3145) which authorized changes in existing station. Wm. P. Sims, Jr. Atty.	GRANTED	3-26-64
LETTER (3) Rec.	10-14-63 10-15-63	REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 3.652(a) OF COMMISSION'S RULES to permit identification as "Elmira-Corning, New York". Wm. P. Sims, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED Letter adopted	11-13-63

CARD #7
FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV B/C

Call
Letters : WSYE-TV

Name NEWHOUSE BROADCASTING CORPORATION
CH. 18 Elmira, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMLCT-555 Recd. & Filed MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA	2-14-66 2-21-66	Modification of License to reduce Aural ERP from 57 kw(DA) to 22.4 kw. Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Atty.	GRANTED	3-4-66
BRCT-434 R & F MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA	2-18-66 3-2-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Atty.	GRANTED	5-27-66
BRCT-434 R & F AUX. TRANS.	2-18-66 3-2-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Atty.	GRANTED	5-27-66
BRCT-434 R & F \$180 No. 494964 PRESS PM Recd. MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA AUX. TRANS.	2-13-69 3-3-69 MAR 24 1969	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Daniel M. Redmond, atty. (Dow, Lohnes, Albertson)	Z GRANTED	5-29-69
ENGR. DATA FILED	7-7-70			

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call
Letters WSYE-TVName NEWHOUSE BROADCASTING CORPORATION
CH-18 Elmira, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-434 R & F PN REC PRESS	2-28-72 3-3-72 3-6-72 MAR 29 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Daniel M. Redmond (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) MAIN TRANS. & ANT. AUX. TRANS. Amended 4-28-72 re Sec. VI. AMENDED 5-11-72 re Sect. IV-B.	GRANTED	5-31-72
BRCT-4744 R & F #310730 \$50 AC: 0058 PRESS:	5-28-74 5-31-74 5-31-74 JUN 18 1974	CP to chg. type trans. to GE TT-57-A. Atty.: Daniel M. Redmond (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	8-26-74 <i>in files</i>

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WSYE-TVName NEWHOUSE BROADCASTING CORPORATION
CH-18 Elmira, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-434 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS: MAR 19 1978	1-15-75 2-3-75 2-3-75	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN TRANS. & ANT.)(AUX. TRANS.) Annual Report Filed Atty: Daniel M. Redmond (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) Amended 4-29-75 re equal employment.	GRANTED	1-25-77
BLCT-2408 R & F #435980 \$100. AC: 058 PRESS: 30 JUL 1975	5-22-75 6-5-75 6-5-75	License to cover (BPCT-4744) for changes. Atty: Daniel M. Redmond (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	3-31-77
BRCT-434 R&F PN RECD PRESS FEB 23 1978	1-23-78 2-1-78 2-1-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Main Trans. & Ant.)(Aux. Trans.) Atty.: Daniel Redmond Amended 3-2-78 re legal Amended 3-2-78 re programming	GRANTED	5-11-78

CARD#10

Form BC-121

May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

WETM-TV, INC.

Call WETM-TV
Letters X WSYE-TV

X THE TIMES MIRROR COMPANY

X NEWHOUSE BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Name
CH-18 ELMIRA, NY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BALCT-790228HG R & F PRESS: PN REC'D: (Form 314)	2-28-79 2-28-79 3-27-79	Voluntary assignment of license to The Times Mirror Company. Attys.: Assignor—John A. Rafter (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) Assignee—David R. Anderson (Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering)	GRANTED COMMISSION ACTION	3-27-80 Eff: 3/27/80}
BALCT-800814KL (Form 316)		Vol. AL to WETM-TV, INC. Atty.: Timothy N. Black AMENDED 9-2-80 re financial	GR. Eff:	9-12-80 10-31-80

For Petitions against the 5 Newhouse assignment applications, see WAPI-TV cards.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 3-27-80, released 4-22-80 FCC 80-157 27010: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That (a) the motion to withdraw the petition to deny the license renewal application for WAPI-TV, filed by Magic City Communications Coalition IS GRANTED, (b) the petition to deny IS DISMISSED, and (c) the WAPI-TV license renewal application IS GRANTED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That (a) the motion to withdraw the petition to deny the assignment of license application for K T V I, filed by St. Louis Broadcast Coalition IS GRANTED, (b) the petition to deny IS DISMISSED, and (c) the petition for approval of reimbursement, filed by Citizens Communications Center IS GRANTED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That (a) the motion to withdraw the petition to deny the assignment of license applications for K T V I, WAPI-TV, WSYR-TV, WSYE-TV, and W T P A, filed by the National Black Media Coalition et al. IS GRANTED, and (b) the petition to deny IS DISMISSED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the informal objection filed by Teasters Local No. 133 against the K T V I assignment application IS DENIED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the informal objection filed by WENY, Inc. against the assignment applications for WSYE-TV and WSYR-TV IS DENIED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the assignment applications for K T V I, WAPI-TV, WSYE-TV, WSYR-TV and W T P A ARE GRANTED subject to the following condition: that continued satellite operation of WSYE-TV and common ownership of WSYE-TV and WSYR-TV is subject to the requirements discussed above in paragraph 33. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That five (5) tax certificates, one for the sale of each station, WILL BE ISSUED.

CARD NO. 11

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WETM-TV

Name: WETM-TV, INC.
CH-18

Station Location: ELMIRA, NEW YORK

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRCT-810202KW R & F PN REC'D	1-30-81 1-02-81 2-02-81	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: TIMOTHY N. BLACK {MILMER, CUTLER AND PICKERING}.	

PETITION TO DENY 5-1-81 by HOWARD L. GREEN FOR WENY, INC.

Motion to Dismiss Petition to deny or ,in the Alternative , Opposition to petition
to deny 6-2-81 by Herba Clark for The Southern Tier Media Coalition.

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.

