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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 3-10-47Call letters KGBG

Location: Galveston, Texas

HARBOR BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (AL-11-13-64; EFF: 12-21-64)

* ELMORE C. BRADNER (AL-10-28-64; EFF: 12-1-64)

* GALVESTON BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC (BAL 12-4-61 EFF: 1-1-62)

* James W. Bradner, Jr., tr/as THE GALVESTON BROADCASTING COMPANY (MP 12-27-

Name of licensee * JAMES W. BRADNER, JR. 46)

South side of Pelican Island opposite 29th St., Galveston, Texas
 X 715 Marine Avenue, Galveston, Texas (Ltr. 2-13-54)

Transmitter location On SE shore of Galveston Ship Channel 0.6 mi. N-NE of Seawall Blvd.
 Galveston, Texas (MP 12-27-46)

South side of Pelican Island opposite 29th St., Galveston, Texas
 X 715 Marine Avenue, Galveston, Texas (Ltr. 2-13-54)

On SE shore of Galveston Ship Channel 0.6 mi. N-NE of Seawall Blvd.
 Galveston, Texas (Ltr. 8-9-51) (Eff. 9-1-51)

* Commerce Bldg., 21st & Strand Sts., Galveston, Texas (GP 5-12-49)

zip 77550

* 21st and Strand Street, Galveston, Texas (Lic. 3-10-47)

Main studio location * To be determined, Galveston, Texas (MP 12-27-46)

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed Card #2

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See Card # 1

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BL-3574 Aux.	6-9-49	1540	1kw 250w	Daytime Aux.	6-9 5-1-51
Lic. to cover CP (6912) to install Aux. T (COND. CLAUSE)					
BL-3798	3-8-50	1540	250w-1kw-LS *DA-N	U	3-8 5-1-51
Lic. to cover CP(5653) for change in hrs. of opera. increase power and install DA for night use. (COND. CLAUSE)					
BL-3843	3-23-50	1540	250w*,1kw-LS *DA	U	3-23- 5-1-51
Lic. to use lic. 1kw main T as aux. T for night operation with 250w power. (COND. CLAUSE)					
BL-3844	3-23-50	1540	250w*,1kw-LS *DA	U	3-23 5-1-51
Lic. to use lic. aux. T on main T for night opera.					
BR-1458 Aux.	4-25-51	1540	250w*,1kw-LS 250w* *DA-N	U Aux.	5-1 5-1-54
BR-1458 AUX.	4-7-54	1540	250w,1kw-LS 250w DA-N	U AUX.	5-1 8-1-56
BR-1458	7-5-50	RENEWAL OF LICENSE MAIN/AUXILIARY			8-1 8-1-59
BR-1458	7-15-59	Renewal of license Main & Aux.			8-1 8-1-62
BP-13,355	8-31-59	1540kc	250w,1kw-LS DA-N	U	10-31 4-31-60
CP to chg. ant-trans. loc. and studio loc., and install new trans. (GATES BC-1T).					
BP-13355	8-31-59	Superseding auth. to include the direc- tional antenna specifications and cond'l			
BP-14089	5-24-60	1540kc	250w, DA-N	Aux.	7-24 1-24-61
Alt. Main-daytime CP to move auxiliary transmitter to South side of Pelican Island opposite 29th St., Galveston, Texas					

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

#3
Date first licensed

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Station location GALVESTON, TEXAS

Name of licensee JAMES W. BRADNER, JR., tr/as THE GALVESTON BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BL-7865	7-14-60	1540kc	250w, 1kw	LS U DA-N	7-14 8-1-62
	Lic. to cover C.P. (BP-73355) which auth. chg. ant-trans. and studio locations & install new trans. (GATES BC-1T) (main).				
HL-7979	7-29-60	1540kc	250w	Aux. Alt. M DA-N	7-29 8-1-62
	Lic. to cover cp (BP-14,089) which auth. to move the aux. trans. to a new loc. for use as aux. day and alt. main night.				
BAL-4409	12-4-61	Voluntary assignment of license to Galveston Broadcasting Company, Inc.			
EFF:	1-1-62				
ALT. MAIN & AUX.	7-25-62	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BTC-4112	11-2-62	Involuntary transfer of/control of licensee corporation from James W. Bradner, Jr., Deceased to Lenore C. Bradner.			
EFF:	6-11-62				
BR-1458	9-27-62	1540 kc	250w	AUX. Alt. M.	9-27 8-1-65
MAIN			250w, 1kw	LS, DA-N	9-27 8-1-65
BAL-5220	10-28-64	Voluntary assignment of license to LENORE C. BRADNER			
Eff:	12-1-64				
BAL-5221	11-13-64	Voluntary assignment of license to HARBOR BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.			
EFF:	12-21-64				
BR-1458	8-13-65	1540kc	250w	Aux. Alt. M. DA-N	8-13 8-1-68
MAIN			250w, 1kw	LS, DA-N	8-13 8-1-68
BR-1458 BZ-7103 (L)	2-26-69	Renewal of License & Direct Meas. (Main Trans.)			8-1-71
BR-1458 BZ-7104 (L)	2-26-69	Renewal of License & Direct Meas. (Aux. & Alt. M)			8-1-71
BR-1458 (L)	9-24-71	RENEWAL (MAIN, AUX. & ALT. MAIN)			8-1-74
EBSA	5-22-72				
BR-1458 (L)	8-22-74	RENEWAL (MAIN, AUX, & ALT, MAIN)			8-1-77

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Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
COMTEL	3-31-78	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TEST AUTH. GRANTED (OPERATE NIGHTTIME POWER AND radiation pattern during daytime hours only			
BR-1458 (S)	1/23/79	Renewal of license 8/1/80 (MAIN, AUX, & ALT. TRANS)			
BR 800404 YW	7-31-80	(S)	RENEWAL	(ALT. & AUX.)	8-1-83

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call **KOBC**
Letters **NEW**

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Name **JAMES W. BRADNER, JR., tr/as THE GALVESTON BROADCASTING COMPANY (MP 12-27-46)**
XJAMES W. BRADNER, JR.

(P.O. James W. Bradner Jr., % Walter Hall, Dickinson, Texas)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B3-P-5037	7-12-46	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1540 kc Power: 1kw Hours of Operation: Daytime only Trans. Location: To be determined - Galveston, Texas. Studio Location: Same. (Filed by Frank U. Fletcher, Jr. (Atty) Engr)	GRANTED subject to filing MP for approval of T site and antenna Letter 12-5-46 Issued with MP-2292	10-10-46
Rec'd	7-12-46			
Filed	7-12-46			

Gates BC-1E Transmitter

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JAMES W. BRADNER, JR., tr/as THE GALVESTON BROADCASTING COMPANY (MP 12-27-46)
 x JAMES W. BRADNER, JR.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B3-MP-2292	11-8-46	Mod. of C. P. (B3-P-5037, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna, to change type of transmitter (Raytheon RA-1000), for approval of transmitter location on southeast shore of Galveston Ship Channel 0.6 miles north-northeast of Seawall Blvd., Galveston, Texas and to change name of applicant from James W. Bradner, Jr. to James W. Bradner, Jr., tr/as The Galveston Broadcasting Company.	GRANTED subject to condition that permittee agrees to take such steps as may be necessary to avoid objectional interference or spurious radiation caused by the proximity of the towers of other radio transmitting stations.	<u>12-27-46</u>
Rec'd	11-18-46			
Filed	11-18-46			
		(Filed by Frank U. Fletcher, Atty.; Earl Cullum, Jr., Engr.)		

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Letters K G B CName x JAMES W. BRADNER, JR., tr/as THE GALVESTON BROADCASTING COMPANY (MP 12-27-46)
JAMES W. BRADNER, JR.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-2279 Rec'd Filed	1-28-47 1-29-47 1-29-47	License to cover C.P. (E3-P-5037, as mod.) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and to specify studio location as 21st and Strand St., Galveston, Texas and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Frank U. Fletcher, Atty.)	GRANTED (Conditional re waiver 3.55(b) and 3.60) and subject to condition that licensee agrees to avoid objectionable interference or spurious radiation caused by the proximity of the towers of other radio transmitting stations.	3-10-47
BZ-2096 Rec'd Filed	1-28-47 1-29-47 1-29-47	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Frank U. Fletcher, Atty.)	GRANTED Docket # 8090 granted after hearing. DECISION & ORDER ISSUED	5-12-49
EP-5663 Rec'd Filed	1-21-47 1-28-47 1-28-47	Construction Permit to change hours of operation from daytime to unlimited time, increase power from 1kw day to 1kw day and 250w night and install D.A. for night use. (Frank U. Fletcher, Atty.)		

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JAMES W. BRADNER, JR., tr/as THE GALVESTON BROADCASTING COMPANY

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Name *JAMES W. BRADNER, JR.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1458 Rec'd.	2-21-48 2-27-48	Renewal of license Frank U. Fletcher, Atty.	GRANTED	4-27-48
BP-6912 Rec'd Filed	8-24-48 8-27-48 8-27-48	Construction Permit to install auxiliary transmitter (Composite) at On SE shore of Galveston Ship Channel 0.6 mi. N-NE of Seavall Blvd., Galveston, Texas (present location of main transmitter) to be operated on 1540kc with power of 250 watts.	GRANTED	12-28-48
HL-3574 Rec'd Filed	2-10-49 2-11-49 2-11-49	License to cover C. P. (BP-6912) which authorized installation of an auxiliary transmitter.	GRANTED	6-9-49 subj. to cond. that lic. agrees to take such steps as necessary to avoid objectionable interference or spurious radiation caused by the proximity of the towers of other radio T stas.

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Letters KGBCName JAMES W. BRADNER, JR., tr/as THE GALVESTON BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-3798 Rec'd Filed	8-25-49 8-26-49 8-26-49	License to cover construction permit (HP-5663) which authorized change in hours of operation, increase in power and installation of DA for night use.	GRANTED re licensee agrees to take steps as necessary to avoid object, interference, or spurious radiation.	3-8-50
BL-3843 Rec'd Filed	10-10-49 10-13-49 10-13-49	License to use presently licensed lkw main transmitter (Raytheon RA-1000) as an auxiliary transmitter for nighttime operation with power of 250 watts.	Granted same cond. as above	3-23-50
BL-3844 Rec'd Filed	10-10-49 10-13-49 10-13-49	License to use the presently licensed auxiliary transmitter (250w Composite) as a main transmitter for nighttime operation. Frank U. Fletcher, Atty.	GRANTED same cond. as above	3-23-50
BR-1458 Rec'd	2-24-51 2-27-51	Renewal of license (Main)	GRANTED	4-25-51
BR-1458 Rec'd	3-13-51 3-16-51	Renewal of license (AUX.)	"	"

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NameJAMES W. BRADNER, JR., tr/as THE GALVESTON BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
Rec'd	9-13-49 9-16-49	Construction permit to use the presently licensed Raytheon transmitter as a night-time auxiliary transmitter and the presently licensed Composite transmitter as a main transmitter for night operation. Frank Fletcher, Atty.	Returned Request of applicant. Application superseded by two 302 applications for license.	10-19-49
BR-1458 Rec'd Filed	1-27-54 2-1-54 2-1-54	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary)	Granted	4-7-54
BR-1458 Rec'd Resubmitted Rec'd Filed	4-14-56 4-23-56 4-30-56 5-1-56 5-1-56	Renewal of License (Main & Aux.)	Application returned 4-26-56 Not signed or Notarized.	7-5-56
BR-1458 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd & filed	4-22-59 5-1-59 5-26-59 5-28-59	Renewal of license. (Main & Aux.)	Returned Not Signed by Con. Man. GRANTED	5-2-59 7-15-59

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BP-13,355 R & F	7-30-59 7-31-59	C.P. to chg. ant-trans. lec. & studio lec. from 715 Marine Ave., Galveston, Texas, to South side of Pelican Island opposite 29th St., Galveston, Texas; & install new trans. (Gates BC-1T).	GRANTED	8-31-59
BL-7865 Rec'd Filed	3-3-60 3-8-60 3-8-60	License to cover construction permit (BP-13,355) which authorized change Antenna-Transmitter and Studio locations and install a new transmitter (GATES-BC-1T) (MAIN)	GRANTED	7-14-60
BP-14089 R & F	4-18-60 4-20-60	Construction Permit to move auxiliary transmitter from 715 Marine Avenue, Galveston, Texas to South Side of Pelican Island opposite 29th. St. Galveston, Texas.	GRANTED	5-24-60 for Aux. Day and Alt. Main Night
BL-7979 R & F	6-15-60 6-17-60	License to cover C.P. (BP-14,089) which authorized to move the auxiliary transmitter to a new location, for use as Auxiliary Day and Alternate Main Night.	GRANTED	7-29-60

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AUG. 1955

GALVESTON BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

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GALVESTON, TEXAS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-4409 Rec'd Filed	11-27-61 12-4-61 12-4-61	Voluntary assignment of license to Galveston Broadcasting Company, Inc.	GRANTED EFF:	12-4-61 1-1-62
BR-1458 Rec'd Filed	4-28-62 5-2-62 5-2-62	Renewal of license (Main)	GRANTED	9-27-62
Ba-1458 Rec'd Filed	5-23-62 6-8-62 6-8-62	Renewal of license (Aux.-Day)(Alt.main-night)	GRANTED	9-27-62
BTC-4112 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	7-25-62 7-27-62 8-14-62 8-17-62 8-17-62	Involuntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from James W. Bradner, Jr., Deceased to Lenore C. Bradner.	RETURNED Filed on 316 should be 315- GRANTED: EFF:	8-8-62 316 should be 315- 11-2-62 6-11-62

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Aug. 1955

HARBOR BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

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Letters K G B CName xLENORE C. BRADNER
xGALVESTON BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
Galveston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-5220 R & F	8-27-64 9-1-64	Voluntary assignment of license to LENORE C. BRADNER Atty - Cohn & Marks	GRANTED	10-28-64 Eff: 12-1-64
BAL-5221 R & F	8-31-64 9-1-64	Voluntary assignment of license to HARBOR BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. Contingent on grant of BAL-5220 Atty. - Cohn & Marks	GRANTED	11-13-64 EFF: 12-21-64
BR-1458 R & F	5/25/65 6/10/65	Renewal of license (MAIN)	GRANTED	8-13-65
BR-1458	5/25/65	Renewal of license (AUXILIARY)		
REC'D Filed	6/10/65 6/21/65			

K. G. B. C. - RECORD OF DENIAL OF INTERNAL APPLICATION

Tele. 9-17-48 informing licensee that request to broadcast add'l time to carry football games 9-17, 24, 10-1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Sept Nov. 5, 12 and 19, not considered in accordance Sec. 1.124.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Galveston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1458 R & F #425598 (\$75)	4-30-68 5-1-68 5-1-68	Renewal of License (Main)	GRANTED (Issued with BZ-7103)	2-26-69
BR-1458 Rec'd Filed #428765 (\$30) MAY 23 1968	4-30-68 5-1-68 5-15-68 5-15-68	Renewal of License (Aux.-Alt. Main)	GRANTED (Issued with BZ-7104)	2-26-69
BZ-7103 R & F DM FEB 14 1969	1/31/68 2/5/68 2/3/69	Direct Meas. (Main) Engr: Guy Hutcheson, Arlington, Texas	GRANTED (issued with renewal)	2-26-69
BZ-7104 R & F DM FEB 14 1969	1/31/68 2/5/68 2/3/69	Direct Meas. (Aux.-Alt.) Engr: G. Hutcheson, Arl., Tex.	GRANTED (issued with renewal)	2-26-69

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GALVESTON, TEXAS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1458 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JUN 7 1971	4-30-71 5-5-71 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. -ALT.MAIN) AMENDED 6-25-71 re: equal employment policy AMENDED 8-16-71 re: ballance sheet; programming	GRANTED	9-24-71
BR-1458 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAY 13 1974	4-28-74 5-6-74 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. ALT. MAIN) AMENDED 7-29-74 re: composition of area; programming; commercial policy	GRANTED	8-22-74
BR-1458 R & F PN Recd. PRESS APR 13 1977	3-31-77 4-4-77 APR 13 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTER. & AUX. TRANS.) AMENDED 8-23-77 re: prog. & commercial matter	Granted	1/23/79

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.

