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**REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE**

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Patent No. 1390199

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed November 16, 1951 Call letters K.O.O.K.

Robert Charles Matthias and Kenneth Lane Morse, Trustees of  
 the Three Irrevocable Family Trusts dated Jan. 27, 1978 for  
 Robert Charles Matthias, William W. Matthias, and Russell  
 H. Matthias, Jr., dba Matthias Enterprises

Location: Billings, Montana

x Robert Charles Matthias and R. Alan Rainey, Trustees of Three Irrevocable Family Trusts  
 dated January 27, 1978 for Robert Charles Matthias, William W. Matthias, Russell H. Matthias,

xMATTCO, INC. (AL 7-31-72; EFF: 9-1-72) Jr. dba MATTHIAS ENTERPRISES

Name of licensee XTHE MONTANA NETWORK (AL 5-18-78 EFF: 6-1-78)

7002 S. Billings Blvd., about 1 mi. S.W. of city limits of Billings, Mont.

(MP 1-15-51) Lic. 11-16

XSW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 17, Twp. 1 S, Range 26 E., Billings, Montana (MP 6-22-50) 51

Transmitter location X8th Street West 0.5 North River, Billings, Montana (CP 7-28-49)

(2nd Main Studio) 3203 Third Avenue, North, Billings, Montana (BRC-12-29-59)

(1st Main Studio) 7002 S. Billings Blvd., about 1 mi. S.W. of city limits of Billings, Mont.

Main studio location X28th St. and 1st Ave., North, Billings, Montana (CP 7-28-49) (MP 1-15-51) Lic. 11-15-51

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To	
BP-5716	7-28-49	970	5kw*, 5kw-LS *DA-N	U	9-28 3-28-50	
CP for a new station, (Cond. Clause)						
BMP-4969	2-6-50	970	5kw*, 5kw-LS *DA-N	U	9-28 6-28-50	
Mod. CP(5716) for ext. completion date.						
BMP-4778	6-22-50	970	5kw-DA-N	U	9-28 6-28-50	
Mod. CP(5716, as mod) to chg. type T, T site & maximum expected operating values of DA (Cond)						
BMP-5202	7-3-50	Mod. CP(5716, as mod. for date (Cond)			ext. completion 9-28 10-28-50	
Superseding lighting specs. issued 9-18-50						
BMP-5261	10-26-50	Mod. CP(5716, as mod.) for ext. completion date (Cond)			9-28 3-1-51	
BMP-5338	12-5-50	970	5kw-DA-N	U	9-28 3-1-51	
Mod. CP(5716, as mod.) to make chgs. in DA by top loading towers (Conds)						
BMP-5439	1-15-51	970	5kw-DA-N	U	9-28 3-1-51	
Mod. CP(5716, as mod.) to chg. studio location (Conds)						
BMP-5483	2-28-51	970	5kw-DA-N	U	9-28 5-1-51	
Mod. CP(5716, as mod.) for ext. completion date (Conds)						
BTC-1188	10-17-51	Transfer of control of licensee corp. from C. L. Crist to J. CARTER JOHNSON and C. L. CRIST				
Eff. 2-28-51						
BL-4380	11-16-51	970	5kw* *DA-N (COND'L CLAUSE)	U	11-16 4-1-53	
Lic. cover CP 5716 as mod., for a new standard broadcast station						
BR-2661	3-4-53	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-56	
BP-9587	4-14-55	C.P. chgs. DA pattern			6-14 12-14-55	
Telegram 3-30-56 Action on renewal deferred 3-28-56 and continued operation authorized until final determination on renewal appli.						
BR-2661	4-11-56	Renewal of License			4-11 4-1-59	
BTC-2367	12-12-56	Vol. transfer of control of licensee corporation from J. Carter Johnson, et al., to: Joseph S. Sample, et al.				
eff: 12-27-56						
BL-6012	7-24-58	970kc	5kw DA-N	U	7-24 4-1-59	
Lic. to cover CP (BP-9587) for changes DA pattern						

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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....November 16, 1951

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Station location .....

Name of licensee .....THE MONTANA NETWORK

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BR-2661	4-29-59	Renewal	of License		4-29 4-1-62
	3-25-59	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BRC-1602 (1)	12-29-59	Modification of license to operate transmitter by Remote Control from 3203 Third Avenue, North, Billings, Montana, while using non-directional antenna (2nd Main Studio location)			
BTC-3580 EFF:	1-25-61 3-1-61	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Joseph S. Sample to Garryowen Broadcasting System			
BP-15110	10-26-61	970kc	5kw-DA-N	U	12-26 6-26-62 CP to install new transmitter (RCA BTA-5R1).
BR-2661	3-23-62	970kc	5kw DA-N	Unl	4-1 4-1-65
BL-9069 (1)	5-1-62	Lic. to cov. CP (BP-15,110) which auth. installation of a new transmitter.			
BR-2661	3-24-65	970kc	5 kw DA-N	Unl.	4-1 4-1-68
TELEGRAM --	10-17-67 12-2-68	PSA	500w		Mem CP to chg. bearings and inverse field intensities (Memo)
BR-2661(S)	9-15-69	Renewal of License & NDEA			4-1-71
BL-12,421 (L)	12-12-69	Lic. to cover Un-numbered CP to change bearings and inverse field intensities.			4-1-71
BR-2661(S)	3-25-71	RENEWAL & NDEA			4-1-74
EBSA	5-25-72				
BAL-7613	7-31-72	Vol AL			
BR-2661(L)	3-28-74	Renewal of License			4-1-77
BS-2661(L)	12-16-75	ML antenna monitor changed (page 2)			
BR-2661(L)	9-9-77	RENEWAL			4-1-80
EBSA	1-24-78				
BAL-9317	5-18-78	VOL. AL EFF:			
BAL-790402EH	5-25-79	Vol AL			EFF: 6-12-79

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CARD #3

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters KOOK

Station location Billings, Montana

Name of licensee SEE CARD # 1

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From.. To.
BR791130UR (L)	3-25-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-83
BR791130UR(L)	3-25-80	Superseded auth. issued same date to delete 2nd Main Studio Loc.			

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Card #1

Call K O O K  
Letters New

Name THE MONTANA NETWORK

(PO Northern Hotel, Billings, Montana, c/o Larry Smith)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-5716 Rec'd Filed	2-3-47 2-4-47 2-4-47	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: <del>1550kc</del> 970kc Power: <del>1kw, 5kw</del> 1/8 DA-N 5kw Hours of operation: Unlimited Trans. location: <del>2 miles southwest of Billings city limits, Billings, Montana</del> Studio location: 28th St. and 1st Ave. North, Billings, Montana	DOCKET # 8345 Granted 7-28-49 after being removed from the hearing docket, subj. (1) blanketing clause (2) re properly designed phase monitor.	
AMENDED Recd. Filed	7-21-47 7-28-47 8-1-47	AMENDED to install DA for night use and change transmitter location from 2 miles southwest of Billings city limits, Billings, Montana, TO <del>2 miles NE of city limits of Billings, Montana.</del> ( P. W. Seward, Atty.)		

(See amendment Card #2)



Transmitter-Raytheon RA-5

James L. McDowell, Atty.  
Riverside, California

John Bodnar, Engr.  
Riverside, California

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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Card #2

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Letters E W

Name THE MONTANA NETWORK

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-5716	(cont. from Card #1)			
AMENDED	3-10-48	AMENDED to change frequency from 1550kc to		
Recd.	3-12-48	970kc; power from 1kw 5kw LS to 5kw; change		
Filed	3-12-48	in DA-N pattern; change transmitter location from 2 miles NE of city limits of Billings, Montana, to 8th St. West - 0.5 North River, Billings, Montana.		
		(Grant R. Wrathall, Engr.)		
AMENDED	5-18-48	AMENDED re changes in officers, directors and		
Rec'd	5-24-48	stockholders.		
Filed	5-24-48	(Filed by Stephen J. Angland, Att'y)		
AMENDED	7-5-49	AMENDED re officers, directors and stockholders		
Recd.	7-8-49			
Filed	7-8-49	P. W. Seward, Atty.		
PETITION REC'D. 8-16-49 filed by Hogan and Hartson, Attys. for Station				
KGHL, Billings, Montana, for reconsideration or rehearing of grant.				
PETITION recd. 8-17-49 filed by Segal, Attys for WDAY for rehearing of grant.				

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Letters K O O KName THE MONTANA NETWORK

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-4778 Rec'd Filed	9-14-49 9-16-49 9-16-49	Modification of construction permit (BP-5716, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter (Composite) and to change maximum expected operating values of directive antenna.  P. W. Seward, Atty. James C. McNary, Engr.	GRANTED 5 conditions. See authorization.	6-22-50
(See amendment Card #4)				
BMP-4969 Rec'd Filed	1-18-50 1-24-50 1-24-50	Mod. of C.P. (BP-5716, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from: 3-28-50 to: 6-28-50.  (P. W. Seward, Atty.)	GRANTED (1) re blanketing clause (2) re installati of properly designed phase monitor.	2-6-50

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-4778 (cont. from Card #3)			See card	3 for action.
AMENDED	3-3-50	AMENDED to change maximum expected operating value of radiation toward K O I N and change transmitter location from: 8th Street West - 0.5 North River, Billings, Montana, to: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 17, T 1 S, R 26 E, Billings, Montana.		
Recd.	3-13-50			
Filed	3-13-50			

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Letters K O O KName THE MONTANA NETWORK

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-5202 Rec'd Filed	6-19-50 6-21-50 6-21-50	Mod. of C.P. (BP-5716, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 6-28-50 to 10-28-50.  (P. W. Seward, Atty.)	GRANTED	7-3-50 re submission of meas. on composite transmitter; re blanketing clause; re properly designed phase monitor installed; re field meas. equipment; re complete non-DA proof be made in addition to proof on DA system.
BMP-5338 Rec'd Filed	9-20-50 9-27-50 9-27-50	Modification of construction permit (BP-5716, as modified, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to make changes in the directional antenna by top loading towers.  P. W. Seward, Atty. Grant R. Wrathall, Engr.	GRANTED	12-5-50 re submission meas. proving compliance composite with Sec. 3.26 re blanketing; re properly designed phase monitor installed; re field meas. equip. available & record kept; complete non-DA in addition to DA proof & meas. shall be submitted with proof showing distribution currents after final adjustment of DA pattern

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-5361 Rec'd Filed	10-4-50 10-11-50 10-11-50	Modification of construction permit (BP-5716, as modified, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 10-28-50 to 3-1-51.  P. W. Seward, Atty.	GRANTED re submission of meas. on composite trans. re blanketing; re properly designed phase monitor installed; re field meas. equip; re complete non-DA proof be made in addition to proof on DA	10-26-50
BMP-5439 Rec'd Filed	12-28-50 1-2-51 1-2-51	Modification of construction permit (BP-5716, as modified, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change main studio location from 28th St. and 1st Ave., North, Billings, Montana to 7002 South Billings Blvd., about 1 mile S.W. of city limits of Billings, Montana.  P. W. Seward, Atty.	GRANTED re submission of meas. proving compliance of composite T with Sec. 3.46; re blanketing; re properly designed phase monitor installed; re field meas. equip. available; complete non-DA in addition to DA proof and meas. shall be submitted with proof showing distribution currents after final adjustment of DA pattern waiver 3.30(a)	1-15-51

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Name ...THE MONTANA NETWORK.....

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-5483	2-12-51	Modification of construction permit (EP-5716, as modified, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 3-1-51 to 5-1-51.  P. W. Seward, Atty.	GRANTED	2-28-51
Rec'd	2-16-51		re submission meas. proving compliance of composite T with Sec. 3.46;	
Filed	2-16-51		re properly designed phase monitor installed; re field meas. equip. available; complete non-DA in addition to DA proof; & meas. shall be submitted with proof showing distribution currents after final adjustment of DA pattern; re <u>blanketing</u>	

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-4380 Rec'd. Filed	3-7-51 3-9-51 3-9-51	License to cover construction permit (BP-5716, as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.  P. W. Seward, Atty. Grant R. Wrathall, Engr.	GRANTED Cond'l re	11-16-51 blanketing
BTC-1188 Rec'd. Resubmitted Rec'd Filed	7-16-51 8-9-51 <del>8-30-51</del> 9-11-51 9-11-51	Voluntary relinquishment of control of per- mittee corporation from C. L. Crist to J. Carter Johnson and C. L. Crist, through sale of 516 shares of treasury stock (20.7%) Filed by P. W. Seward, Atty.	<del>Retr-8-21-51--Resolutio</del> <del>dated-after-application</del> <del>was-executed</del> GRANTED Eff.	<del>10-17-51</del> 2-28-51
BR-2661 Rec'd Filed -	1-13-53 1-16-53 1-16-53	Renewal of License Filed by John H. Midlen, Atty.	GRANTED	3-4-53



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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-9587	11-12-54	Construction permit to make changes in the DA pattern.  John H. Midlen, Atty. Commercial Radio, Ingrs.	<del>RETURNED</del>	<del>11-28-54</del>
Rec'd	11-16-54		<del>Engineering not</del>	
Resub.	11-30-54		<del>notarized.</del>	
Rec'd	12-6-54		GRANTED	4-14-55
Filed	12-6-54			
BL-6012	11-17-55	License to cover construction permit (BP-9587) which authorized making changes in the DA pattern. John H. Midlen, Atty.	GRANTED	7-24-58
Rec'd	11-21-55			
Filed	11-21-55			
BR-2661	12-28-55	Renewal of license John H. Midlen, Atty.	GRANTED	4-11-56
Rec'd	1-3-56			
Filed	1-3-56			
BTC-2367	11-5-56	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from J. Carter Johnson, et al, to Joseph S. Sample, et al  John H. Midlen, Atty.	GRANTED	12-12-56
Rec'd	11-9-56		EFF:	12-27-56
Filed	11-9-56			

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Letters K O O KName THE MONTANA NETWORK

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2661 Rec'd. Filed	1-5-59 1-8-59 1-8-59	Renewal of license.  John H. Midlen, Atty.	GRANTED	4-29-59
BRC-1602 Rec'd Filed	12-18-59 12-21-59 12-21-59	Modification of license to operate transmitter by Remote Control from 3203 Third Avenue, North, Billings, Montana, while using non-directional antenna (2nd Main Studio location).  John H. Midlen, Atty.	GRANTED	12-29-59
BTC-3580 Rec'd Filed	10-31-60 11-1-60 11-1-60	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Joseph S. Sample to Garryowen Broadcasting System.  John H. Midlen, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	1-24-61 3-1-61

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Aug. 1955

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Letters K.O.O.K.Name The Montana Network  
Billings, Montana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-15110 REC'D Resubm'd Filed	9-15-61	Construction permit to install new trans. (RCA BTA-5R1) John Midlen, Atty.	<del>RETURNED</del>	<del>9-19-61</del>
	9-18-61		<del>Request of applicant</del>	
	9-18-61		GRANTED	10-26-61
	9-20-61			
BR-2661 R.&F.	12-8-61	RENEWAL OF LICENSE  Atty-John H. Midlen	GRANTED	3-23-62
	1-5-62			
BL-9069 R. & F.	12-22-61	Lic to cover CP(BP-15,110) which auth. installation of a new transmitter. ATTY* JOHN H. MIDLEN	GRANTED	5-1-62
	12-27-61			
BR-2661 R & F	12/28/64	Renewal of license Atty. Midlen & Harrison	GRANTED	3-24-65
	2/5/65			
BR-2661 R & F	12-29-67	Renewal of License Atty: Edward B. Reedy (John H. Midlen)	GRANTED	9-15-69
	1-2-68			

FORM BC-121  
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name MATTCO, INC.  
X THE MONTANA NETWORK  
Billings, Montana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-12,421 R & F \$516510 \$30 PT	5/15/69 5/21/69 5/21/69 7/8/69	License to cover Un-numbered CP to change bearings and inverse field intensities. Engr: Robert M. Silliman, D.C. Atty: John L. Martin	GRANTED	12-12-69
BR-2661 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JAN 20 1971	12-23-70 1-4-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Ed. B. Reddy, Atty. AMENDED 1-18-71 re: to correct station location on Exhibit	GRANTED	3-25-71
BAL-7613 R & F FEE PD: \$10000 #079771 CODE 047 JUN 21 1972 Pub. notice filed 6-28-72	5-26-72 6-2-72	Voluntary assignment of license to MATTCO, INC. (SEE OVER) Atty for assignor - Midlen & Reddy for assignee - Dow, Lohnes & Albertson Request for Tax Certificate also filed with application	GRANTED	7-31-72 Req. grant fee \$8,980.00 Paid: 9-8-72, 048, N-107160 Eff: 9-1-72

RE: BAL-7613 - Assignee is licensee of KBOM etc  
AMENDED 7-24-72 - Form 324 for KBOM; Cert of auth. db in  
State of Montana; re Table II; population & comm survey  
data

Form BC-121

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

September 1969

Robert Charles Matthias and R. Alan Rainey, Trustees Call  
of Three Irrevocable Family Trusts dated January 27, 1978 for Letters

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Robert Charles Matthias; William W. Matthias; Russell H. Matthias, Jr.,

Name ~~xx~~MATTCO, INC. dba MATTHIAS ENTERPRISES  
Billings, Montana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2661 R & F P.N. PRESS	12-31-73 1-2-74 1-2-74 <b>28 JAN 1974</b>	Renewal of License  Atty.: L. Adrian Roberts AMENDED 1-17-74 re: programming AMENDED 2-26-74 re: EEO	GRANTED	3-28-74
BR-2661 R & F P.N. PRESS	11-23-76 12-1-76 12-1-76 <b>JAN 28 1977</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE  Atty: Michael J. McCarthy (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	9-9-77
--- BAL -9317 P & F FORM 311 (ALSO SEE KBOM 1978 ETC	3-8-78 3-17-78	Voluntary assignment of license to Robert Charles Matthias and R. Alan Rainey, TRUSTEES of THREE IRREVOCABLE FAMILY TRUSTS dated January 27, 1978 for (1) Robert Charles Matthias (2) William W. Matthias; (3) Russell H. Matthias Jr.) dba MATTHIAS ENTERPRISES  (SEE OVER) Atty - Dow, Lohnes & Albertson (A. Roberts)	GRANTED EFF:	5-18-78 6-1-78

RE: BAL-9317 - NOTED: General Partners are the three (see Partnership Agreement)  
Irrevocable Family Trusts (Matthias & Rainey are Trustees)

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(SEE BAL BELOW FOR NAME)

Name of THREE IRREVOCABLE FAMILY TRUSTS for Robert Charles Matthias; William W. Matthias;  
and (3) Russell H. Matthias, Jr., dba Matthias Enterprises

Billings, Montana

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BAL. 790402EH FORM 314 (ALSO SEE KYJC & KOOK-FM) PRESS: APP. 1979 PN FILED	4-23-79	Vol AL to Robert Charles Matthias and Kenneth Dane Morse, Trustees of the Three Irrevocable Family Trusts etc (licensee partnership trusts) (This application is pro forma change in Trustees of the three trusts which are the licensee partnership) Atty - Adrian Roberts	GRANTED EFF:	5-25-79 6-12-79
BR791130UR PRESS JAN	9 1980	Renewal of License Atty.: L. Adrian Roberts	GRANTED	3-25-80



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

