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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 4-6-67

Call letters W A A O

Station location Andalusia, Alabama

Name of licensee COMPANION BROADCASTING SERVICE, INCORPORATED

Transmitter location 900' E. of Hwy. 29N, 2.4 mi. N.E. of Courthouse, Andalusia, Ala.

Main studio location Same as transmitter (BP 5-23-66)

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From.. To.
BP-16687	5-23-66	1530kc	1kw	Day	7-23 1-23-67
	CP for a new standard broadcast station(Cond'l).				
BP-16687 (1)	7-11-66	Mod. of CP(BP-16687) to assign Call letters.			
BL-11,452	4-6-67	1530kc	1kw	Day	4-6 4-1-70
	Lic to cover CP(BP-16,687) which auth a new standard broadcast station.				
BR-4602(S)	4-1-70	Renewal			4-1-73
EBSA	6-12-72				
<del>BR-4602(L)</del>	<del>3-30-73</del>	<del>Renewal</del>			<del>4-1-76</del>
BR-4602(L)	3-9-76		RENEWAL		4-1-79
	Trans. chgd. to CCA, AM1000D				
BTC-8502	11-18-77	Invol. TC of neg con.			EFF:
BR781129VH (S)	3-22-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-82

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WAAO

Name COMPANION BROADCASTING SERVICE, INCORPORATED  
Andalusia, Alabama (c/o James A. Williams, Brantley Hwy, Opp. Ala. 36407)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP- 16,687 Rec'd Resub. R. & F.	12-17-64	CP for annex standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1530kc Power: 1kw Hours of operation: Daytime Type trans.: Collins 20V3 Trans. location: 900' East of Hwy 29W, 2.4 mi NE of Courthouse, Andalusia, Studio location: Same as transmitter  Atty: Russell Rowell Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Engr: C. E. Strain	<del>Returned</del>	<del>2-18-65</del>
	12-18-64		<del>Incomplete Engineering</del>	
	3-31-65		GRANTED	5-23-66
	4-7-65		Cond'l re: Program tests.	
			Permittee shall install an approved type modulation monitor.	
			Pre-sunrise operation	
Kenehan & Hildreth, AMENDED R&F	11-23-65 11-30-65	AMENDED re stock, stockholders, stockholdings, officers and directors.		

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name COMPANION BROADCASTING SERVICE, INCORPORATED  
Andalusia, Alabama 36420

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-11,452 R & F	9/2/66 9/6/66	Lic. to cover CP (BP-16,687) which auth. a new standard broadcast station. Atty: Russell Rowell Engr: Chas. E. Strain, Atlanta, Ga.	GRANTED	4-6-67
BR-4602 R & F #567001 \$75. P.N.	12-18-69 1-2-70 1-2-70 1-2-70	Renewal of License Atty.: Russell Rowell FEB 18 1970 AMENDED 3-16-70 re: commercial matter	GRANTED	4-1-70
BR-4602 R & F P.N. PRESS JAN 17 1973	12-20-72 1-2-73 1-2-73	Renewal of License Atty.: Russell Rowell	GRANTED	3-30-73
BR-4602 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JAN 29 1976	11-20-75 12-1-75 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Russell Rowell, Atty.	GRANTED	3-9-76

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1530khz

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May 1976

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W A A OName COMPANION BROADCASTING SERVICE, INCORPORATED  
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-8502 R & F FORM 316	10/5/77 10/17/77	Involuntary transfer of negative control of lic corp from James A. Williams (deceased) to James A. Williams, Jr., Timothy Lee Williams and Lisa Williams (16 2/3 Each) OVER	GRANTED EFF:	11-18-77
BR 781129 VH PRESS	NOV 7 1977 FEB 27 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Jas. P. Riley, Atty.	"cond'l" GRANTED	3-22-79

RE: BTC-8502 - Appl does not show ages of children

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Details  
Call

APPLICANT  
NAME

APPLICATION FOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## 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.

