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**REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE**

**Cat. No. 4550L**

**Patent No. 1320199**

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 11-24-53Call letters W A J FStation Location: Decatur, AlabamaName of licensee FALT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (AL 9-28-66 EFF: 11-11-66)  
xJ. B. FALT, JR.Transmitter location 1301 Central Parkwy, Decatur, Alabama (Redesc. Ltr. 12-1-75)  
xNear 9th St. South & Sumner Ave., Decatur, Alabama (MP 8-13-53)Main studio location 1301 Central Parkway, Decatur, Alabama (per ltr. 12-1-75)  
x112 Grant Street, S. E., Decatur, Alabama (Ltr. 9-8-53) ZIP 35601  
xNear 9th St. South & Sumner Ave., Decatur, Alabama (MP 8-13-53)

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period	
					From-	To-
BP-8744 Ltr.	5-20-53 5-22-53	1490kc	250w	Un		
		CP for new station granted subject filing MP for approval antenna & T. site.				
BRC-163 (1)	9-3-53	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by R. C. from 112 Grant St., S.E., Decatur, Ala.				
BP-8744 BMP-6254	8-13-53	1490	250w	U	10-13	4-13-54
		MP (BP-8744) approval of ant., trans. & studio locations.				
BL-5141	11-24-53	1490kc	250w	Us	11-24-53	4-1-55
		License cover CP(BP-8744, as mod.) for new station				
BR-2880	3-30-55	Renewal of license			4-1	4-1-58
TELEGRAM	3-28-58	Action on Renewal Deferred			3-27-58	and
		Continued operation authorized until final determination on application.				
BR-2880	5-17-61	Renewal of license			5-17	4-1-64
BP-14741	5-17-61	1490kc	250w-1kw-LS	U	7-17	1-17-62
		CP to increase daytime power to 1kw and install new transmitter (GATES BC-1T) (Cond'1).				
		No action taken on renewal, continued operation authorized.				
BL-8705	9-21-61	Lic. to cover CP (BP-14,741) which auth. (Cond'1) incr. daytime power and instl. new trans.				
BR-2880	3-17-64	1490kc	250w, 1kw/5	U Ad	4-1	4-1-67
BAL-5875 BFF	9-28-66 11-11-66	Voluntary assignment of license to FALT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.				
BR-2880	3-31-67	1490kc	250w, 1kw-LS	un RC	4-1	4-1-70
BR-2880(S)	5-15-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE				4-1-73
EBSA	5-22-72					
BR-2880(S)	4-23-73	RENEWAL				4-1-76
		Per renewal applic. 12-1-75 Main transmitter changed to HARRIS MW-1 and former Main GATES BC-1t used as auxiliary Per Ltr. SL & RC changed & TL redescribed				
BZ-9062 BR-2880(L)	4-9-76	RENEWAL	/MODIFICATION (MAIN & AUX.)			4-1-79

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Call letters W A J F

Station location Decatur, Alabama

Name of licensee FALT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To
COMTEL	10-12-76	DELETE obstruction marking and lighting.			
BR781201VW (S)	3-27-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-82

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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NewName J. B. FAIT, JR.  
PO Box 405, Huntsville, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-8744	1-31-53	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1490k c Power: 250w Hours of Operation: Unlimited Trans. Location: To be determined Decatur, Alabama Studio Location: To be determined Decatur, Alabama  George C. Davis, Engr.	GRANTED	5-20-53
Rec'd	2-2-53		subject filing MP for approval antenna & T site	
Filed	2-2-53		Ltr.	5-22-53

Gates BC-250GY

(250w)

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Name J. B. FALT, JR.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-6254	6-30-53	Modification of construction permit (BP-8744 which auth. a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna, transmitter and studio location as Nr. 9th Street South and Sumner Ave., Decatur, Alabama.  Walter L. Davis, Engr.	<del>RETURNED</del>	<del>7-2-53</del>
Rec'd	7-2-53		<del>Not noted</del>	
Resub.	7-8-53		GRANTED	8-13-53
Rec'd	7-10-53			
Filed	7-10-53			
BRC-163	8-14-53	Modification of construction permit (BP-8744, as mod., which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to operate transmitter by Remote Control from 112 Grant Street, S.E., Decatur, Alabama.	GRANTED	9-3-53
Rec'd	8-17-53			
Filed	8-17-53			
BL-5141	9-29-53	License to cover construction permit (BP-8744 as mod.,) which auth. a new standard broadcast station.  Claude M. Gray, Engr.	GRANTED	11-24-53
Rec'd	9-30-53			
Filed	9-30-53			



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Name J. B. FALT, JR.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2880 Rec'd Filed	1-5-55 1-7-55 1-7-55	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-30-55
BR-2880 Rec'd & Filed	1-4-58 1-7-58	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	5-17-61
Rec'd & Filed	1-11-61	Supplemental renewal application.		
BP-14,741 Rec'd Filed	3-8-61 3-15-61 3-15-61	Construction Permit to increase daytime power from 250w <u>to</u> 1kw and install new transmitter (Gates BC-1T) Atty. McKenna & Wilkinson Eng.- George C. Davis	GRANTED	5-17-61 Cond'l re: Permittee shall submit along with applic. for license, antenna resistance meas. made in accordance with Section 3.54 of the Rule Permittee shall accept such interf. as may be imposed by other existing 250w Class IV stations.

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Name KALT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
DECATUR, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2880 R & F #566964 \$75 P. N.	1-1-70 1-2-70 1-2-70 1-2-70	Renewal of License Ltr. requesting ext. of time to file amendment AMENDED 5-15-70 re: programming: commercial policy FEB 11 1970	GRANTED	5-15-70
BR-2880 R & F P.N. PRESS FEB 8 1973	12-30-72 1-2-73 1-2-73	Renewal of License  Atty.: Carl R. Ramey AMENDED 3-12-73 re: commercial practices AMENDED 3-23-73 re: ascert. of comm. needs	GRANTED	4-23-73
BR-2880 R & F PN PRESS FEB 4 1976	11-26-75 12-1-75 12-1-75	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Atty- John J. Smith (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner) AMENDED 3-23-76 re: prog.	GRANTED	4-9-76
BZ-9062 R & F DM PRESS FEB 25 1976	11-24-75 12-1-75 2-5-76	Direct Measurement	GRANTED issued with BR-2880	4-9-76

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FALT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Name  J. B. FALT, JR.  
Decatur, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-8705 R. & F.	8-3-61 8-7-61	License to cover C. P. (BP-14,741) which auth. increase daytime power and the installation of a new transmitter.	GRANTED re: accept interference	9-21-61 (Cond'1)
BR-2880 Rec'd Filed	1-21-64 1-23-64 1-23-64	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-17-64
BL-5875 R & F (Form 316)	9-8-66 9-12-66	Voluntary assignment of license to FALT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  Atty - McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED EFF:	9-28-66 11-11-66
BR-2880 R & F	1-1-67 1-4-67	Renewal of license.	GRANTED re accept interf. re Class IV inc. power to 1kw	3-31-67

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Form BC-121

May 1976

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Letters W A J FName FALT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
DECATUR, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR 781201 VW PRESS	JAN 26 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY)	GRANTED	3-27-79

## 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 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.

