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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

S.S. 3496

Date first licensed 10-1-57

Call letters W.A.M.D.

LOCATION: Aberdeen, Maryland

MACKK BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED (AL 3-27-78 EFF: 5-1-78)  
 Name of licensee x JOHN L. ALLEN, tr/as HARFORD COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Hobbs Lane

Transmitter location / One mile due west of Aberdeen, Maryland (CP 7-18-56)

Hobbs Lane, One mile due west of Aberdeen, Maryland (BS 12-12-73)

x 689 W. Bel Air Ave., Aberdeen, Md. (BS 4-28-65)

Main studio location X One mile due west of Aberdeen, Maryland (CP 7-18-56)



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No.                 | Date Issued   | Freq.   | Power     | Time Div. | Period From- To- |
|---------------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| BP-10090                  | 7-18-56   | 970kc   | 500w      | DA- Day   | 9-18-56 3-18-57  |
|                           | CP for new standard broadcast station. (conditions)   |   |           |           |                  |
| BMP-7546<br>(1)           | 2-26-57   | Mod. of CP(10090) for extension of completion date to June 18, 1957   |           |           |                  |
| BMP-7567<br>(2)           | 3-13-57   | Mod. of CP(10090 as mod.) to change type transmitter.   |           |           |                  |
| BL-6623                   | 10-1-57   | 970kc   | 500w-DA-D | Day       | 10-1 10-1-60     |
|                           | License to cover construction permit (BP-10,090, as Mod.) which authorized a new standard broadcast station   |   |           |           |                  |
|                           | 9-28-60   | Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.  |           |           |                  |
| BR-3496                   | 11-22-60  | Renewal of License  |           |           | 11-22- 10-1-63   |
| BP-12529                  | 8-21-61   | 970kc   | 500w-DA-2 | U         | 10-21 4-21-62    |
|                           | CP to change hours of operation to Unlimited, using power of 500w and directional antenna night & day (DA-2), make changes in DA system (one Add'l tower) and changes in ground system. (Cond'l). |   |           |           |                  |
| BL-8947                   | 4-5-62  | 970kc   | 500wDA-2  | U         | 4-5 10-1-63      |
|                           | Lic. to cover CP (BP-12,529 as mod) which auth. chg in hours of operation, install DA-2, make change in DA sys. and ground sys.   |   |           |           |                  |
| BS-3496<br>(1)            | 7-6-62  | Mod. of license to redescribe Monitoring Memo, direction of 240° true North.  |           |           |                  |
|                           | 10-30-63  | COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.  |           |           |                  |
| BR-3496                   | 11-15-63  | 970kc   | 500wLS    | U         | 11-15 10-1-66    |
|                           |   |   | DA-2      |           |                  |
| BS-3496<br>(1)            | 4-28-65   | Mod. of Lic. to chg. studio loc.  |           |           |                  |
| BRC-2652<br>(2) (DAYTIME) | 2-18-66   | Mod. of lic to operate trans by RC from 689 W. Bel Air Ave, Aberdeen Maryland.  |           |           |                  |
| BRC-2801<br>(3)           | 4-26-66   | Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 689 W. Bel Air Avenue, Aberdeen, Maryland (DA-2 Night-time only). |           |           |                  |
| BR-3496                   | 9-1-66  | 970kc   | 500W-     | DA-2U     | 10-1 10-1-69     |
| TELEGRAM                  | 10-17-67  | PSA   | 500w      |           |                  |



Form BC 126

#2

June 1954

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W A M D

Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl.<br>No. | Date<br>Issued | Freq.       | Power        | Time<br>Div. | Period<br>From - To |
|--------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| BR-3496(S)   | 6-30-71        | Renewal     | & NDEA       |              | 10-1-72             |
| EBSA         | 5-25-72        |             |              |              |                     |
| BR-3496(L)   | 10-27-72       | RENEWAL     |              |              | 10-1-75             |
| BS-3496(1)   | 12-12-73       | ML to chg.  | SL. & delete | RC.          |                     |
| BR-3496(L)   | 9-12-75        | RENEWAL     | OF LIC.      |              | 10-1-78             |
| BAL-9254     | 3-27-78        | VOL. AL     | EFF:         | 5-1-78       |                     |
| BR-3496      | 1-31-80        | (L) RENEWAL |              |              | 10-1-81             |



Card 1

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORM BC-121

FORMERLY FORM A-170

Call Letters W A M DName JOHN L. ALLEN, tr/aa HARFORD COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY  
PO Box 485, Aberdeen, Maryland

| File No.  | Dated   | Application for   | Action                                      |               |
|-----------|---------|---|---|---------------|
|           |         |   | Nature                                      | Date          |
| BP-10,090 | 9-7-55  | Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on:<br>Frequency: <del>1660kc</del> 970kc<br>Power: 500w -DA<br>Hours of Operation: Daytime<br>Trans. Location: <del>0.3 mi. North on Bousarth Lane</del><br><del>---From the Junction of 5656th Ave.---</del><br>and Bousarth Lane<br>Aberdeen, Maryland<br>Studio Location: Same<br><br>Harry J. Daly, Atty.<br>John H. Mullaney, Engr. | GRANTED                                     | 7-18-56       |
| Rec'd     | 9-13-55 |   | (Cond'l                                     | install phase |
| Filed     | 9-13-55 |   | monitor; submit non-dir. proof of perform.) |               |
| AMENDED   | 3-9-56  | AMENDED to change frequency to 970kc, change type transmitter (GATES BC-500-GY), make changes in directional antenna system and change transmitter and studio locations to One mile due west of Aberdeen, Maryland.   |   |               |
| Rec'd     | 3-13-56 |   |   |               |
| Filed     | 3-13-56 |   |   |               |

SEE CARD 2.



GATES BC-1J



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORM BC-121

FORMERLY FORM A-170

Call **W A M D**  
Letters .....Name **JOHN L. ALLEN tr/as HARTFORD COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY**

| File No.  | Dated                         | Application for   | Action   |                      |
|---|-------------------------------|---|----------|----------------------|
|   |                               |   | Nature   | Date                 |
| <del>BP-10,090</del><br>AMENDED<br>Rec'd<br>Filed | 5-29-56<br>5-31-56<br>5-31-56 | AMENDED to make changes in the DA system.   | See card | #1 for action taken. |
| BMP-7546<br>Rec'd<br>Filed                        | 2-11-57<br>2-13-57<br>2-13-57 | Modification of construction permit (BP-10,090 which auth. a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 3-18-57 to 6-18-57.<br><br>Harry J. Daly, Atty.    | GRANTED  | 2-26-57              |
| BMP-7567<br>Rec'd<br>Filed                        | 3-8-57<br>3-11-57<br>3-11-57  | Modification of Construction Permit (BP-10,090 as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter to (Gates BC-500-K).<br>Harry J. Daly, Atty. | GRANTED  | 3-13-57              |



FORM BC-121 #3  
 Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W A M D

Name JOHN L. ALLEN TR/AS HARFORD COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY

| File No.                    | Dated                          | Application for  | Action  |   |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------|---|
|                             |                                |  | Nature  | Date  |
| BL-6623<br>Rec'd<br>Filed   | 4-15-57<br>4-19-57<br>4-19-57  | License to cover Construction Permit (BP-10,090 as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station.  | GRANTED | 10-1-57   |
| BP-12,529<br>Rec'd<br>Filed | 10-22-58<br>11-5-58<br>11-5-58 | Construction permit to change hours of operation from Daytime to Unlimited using power of 500w and directional antenna night & day (DA-D to DA-2); make changes in DA system (one add'l tower) and changes in ground system.<br><br>Atty. - Harry J. Daly<br>Engr. - John H. Mullaney<br>AMENDED to make changes in DA system. | GRANTED | 8-21-61<br>Cond'l re: Phase Mon., field meas. equip., DA & complete non-DA proof. Before prog. tests are auth., the permittee shall submit antenna current distribution measurements. |
| AMENDMENT<br>R & F          | 4-29-60<br>5-9-60              |  |         |   |



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AUG. 1955

Call  
Letters W A M DName JOHN L. ALLEN tr/as HARFORD COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY  
ABERDEEN, MARYLAND

| File No.                  | Dated                         | Application for  | Action  |          |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------|----------|
|                           |                               |  | Nature  | Date     |
| BR-3496<br>Rec'd<br>Filed | 7-1-60<br>7-5-60<br>7-5-60    | Renewal of license<br>Atty: Leonard S. Joyce   | GRANTED | 11-22-60 |
| BL-8947<br>R. & F.        | 11-22-61<br>11-24-61          | Lic to cover CP(EP-12,529 <del>as Mod.</del> ) which auth. change in hours of operation, install DA-2, make change in DA System, change ground system.<br>atty- DALY AND EHRIG | GRANTED | 4-5-62   |
| BR-3496<br>Rec'd<br>Filed | 7-15-63<br>7-16-63<br>7-16-63 | Renewal of License<br><br>Daly and Ehrig, Atty.  | GRANTED | 11-15-63 |
| BRC-2652<br>R & F         | 3-30-65<br>4-27-65            | Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 689 W. Bel Air Avenue, Aberdeen, Maryland. (DA-2) (For daytime only).<br>Leonard S. Joyce, Atty.         | GRANTED | 2-18-66  |



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AUG. 1955

Call  
Letters W.A.M.D.Name JOHN L. ALLEN tr/as HARFORD COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Aberdeen, Maryland

| File No.  | Dated                            | Application for   | Action  |         |
|---|----------------------------------|---|---------|---------|
|   |                                  |   | Nature  | Date    |
| BRC-2801<br>Rec'd<br>Filed                                  | 12-17-65<br>12-22-65<br>12-22-65 | Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 689 W. Bel Air Avenue, Aberdeen, Maryland (DA-2, Nighttime only).<br>Harry J. Daly, Atty. | GRANTED | 4-26-66 |
| BR-3496<br>Rec'd<br>Filed                                   | 6-25-66<br>6-29-66<br>6-29-66    | Renewal of License<br>Atty.: George R. Borsari, Jr.   | GRANTED | 9-1-66  |
| BR-3496<br>R & F<br>#524978 \$75<br>PN<br>Press JUL 16 1969 | 6-21-69<br>6-26-69<br>6-26-69    | Renewal of license<br>Atty- George R. Borsari, Jr. (Daly & Joyce)<br>Amended 9-4-69 re: Programming   | GRANTED | 6-30-71 |



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

970kc.

Call  
Letters W A M D

MACKK BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED

Name ~~xx~~ JOHN L. ALLEN, tr/as HARFORD COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Aberdeen, Maryland

| File No.  | Dated                      | Application for  | Action          |                   |
|---|----------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------|
|   |                            |  | Nature          | Date              |
| BR-3496<br>R & F<br>P.N.<br>PRESS<br>JUL 14 1972                | 6-9-72<br>7-3-72<br>7-3-72 | Renewal of License<br>Atty: Leonard S. Joyce<br>AMENDED 8-11-72 re: engineering statement  | GRANTED         | 10-27-72          |
| BR-3496<br>R & F<br>PN<br>Press<br>JUL 1 1975                   | 5-22-75<br>6-2-75          | Renewal of license<br>Atty- John A. Borsari<br>AMENDED 7-22-75 re: transmitter logs  | GRANTED         | 9-12-75           |
| BAL-9254<br>R & F<br>FORM 314<br>PN FILED 1-27-78<br>FEB 1 1978 | 12-29-77<br>1-6-78         | Voluntary assignment of license to<br>MACKK BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED<br><br>Atty - Leonard Joyce (OVER)<br>(for assignor)<br>Atty for assignee - Harry Sells | GRANTED<br>EFF: | 3-27-78<br>5-1-78 |



BAL-9254 AMENDED 3-13-78 re:B/c interest of D. Hunter,  
Vaughn & Selena McMahan, G. Millerand & Jill Millerand, et  
Bank letters (2)

AMENDED 3-17-78 re: correction re percentages of stock



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Form BC-121  
May 1976

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters W A M DName MACKK BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED  
ABERDEEN, MARYLAND

| File No.                          | Dated                            | Application for  | Action            |         |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------|---------|
|                                   |                                  |  | Nature            | Date    |
| BR-3496<br>R & F<br>PRESS         | 5-28-78<br>6-1-78<br>JUN 18 1978 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE<br>Atty. Harry G. Sells (Sells & Gregory)   | GRANTED           | 1-31-80 |
| BR-810526UN<br>PRESS: JUN 28 1981 |                                  | Renewal of License<br>Attorney: James V. McMahan Jr.<br><br>PETITION TO DENY AND TO INTERVENE filed 9-1-81 by<br>Baltimore Black Media Coalition, Rev. Bernard Keels,<br>National Black Media Coalition & Pluria W. Marshall | GRANTED<br>Cond'1 | 4-22-82 |



## 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.

