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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-30-48

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LOCATION: ALBERTVILLE, ALABAMASAND MOUNTAIN BROADCASTING SERVICE, INC. (AL gr 5/6/76 EFF: 5-21-76)
x PAT MURPHY COURINGTON AND IVO H. SPARKMAN, d/b as SAND MOUNTAIN BROADCASTING SERVICE
Name of licensee x PAT MURPHY COURINGTON (AL 7-6-49; EFF 7-6-49)2240 Hooper Drive, Albertville, Ala. (BZ-9337 - 5-10-77) 9-6-56)
XOn Route 431, 1.5 mi. SE of city limits of Albertville, Alabama. (re-described Lic.
xRoute 241, 1.5 miles SE of city limits of Albertville, Alabama (CP 11-23-55)
x 338 E. Baltimore St., 2½ mi. S.E. of Albertville, Ala. (Lic. 8-30-48)
Transmitter location xOn U.S. Highway 241, 2¼ Miles Southeast of Albertville, Ala (CP & MP 1-20-48)2240 Hooper Drive, Albertville, Ala. (BZ-9337 5-10-77)
XOn Route 431, 1.5 mi. SE of city limits
of Albertville, Alabama. (re-described Lic. 9-6-56).

x 338 E. Baltimore St., 2½ mi. S.E. of Albertville, Ala. (Lic. 8-30-48)

Main studio location To be determined, Albertville, Alabama (CP & MP 1-20-48)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BP-5934	10-16-47	630	500w	daytime	
	Ltr. 12-10-47. CP for a new station granted subject to filing MP for T site and antenna. (CONDITIONAL CLAUSE)				
BP-5934	1-20-48	630	500w	Daytime	3-20 9-20-48
BMP-3419	Mod. CP (5934) for approval of antenna and T site. (COND. CLAUSE)				
Telegram	4-30-48	STA to operate additional time from sign-off time (6:45 pm, CST) May 4, 1948 to 4:45 am, CST, 5-5-48, in order to broadcast election returns. only.			
BL-3036	8-30-48	630	500w	Daytime	8-30 5-1-49
	L.c. to cover CP (5934 as mod) for a new station and specify studio site. (COND. CLAUSE)				
BR-2071	4-20-49	630	500w	Daytime	5-1 5-1-52
BAL-876	7-6-49	Vol. assignment of license to Pat Murphy Courington and Ivo H. Sparkman, d/b as Sand Mountain Broadcasting Service			
EFF:	7-6-49				
BZ-3188	8-17-50	630	500w	Daytime	8-17 5-1-52
	(Cond) Auth. determine operating power by direct method				
BR-2071	4-17-52	630	500w	Daytime	5-1 4-1-55
BR-2071	3-9-55	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1 4-1-58
BP-9790	11-23-55	630	1kw	Daytime	1-23-56 7-23-56
	CP to increase power, install new transmitter and change antenna-transmitter location. (COND'L CLAUSE)				
BL-6226	9-6-56	630kc	1kw	Daytime	9-6-56 4-1-58
	Lic. to cover CP(BP-9790) to increase power; install new transmitter, chg. antenna-transmitter location & specify studio location as same as trans. (COND'L CLAUSE)				
TELEGRAM	3-28-58	Action on renewal deferred			3-27-58 and continued operation authorized until final determination on application.
BR-2071	9-3-58	Renewal of license			9-3 4-1-61
	3-29-61	Commission deferred action on renewal - pending further consideration.			

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Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BR-2071	10-26-61	Renewal of license			10-21 4-1-64
	3-25-64	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.			
BR-2071	3-31-64	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-67
BZ - 5199 (1)	4-27-64	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power			
BZ-6075 (2)	8-22-66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power.			
BR-2071	3-29-67	630	1kw	Day	4-1 4-1-70
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
BZ-7062(1)	1-17-69	Direct Meas.			
BR-2071(L)	4-1-70	Renewal			4-1-73
EBSA	6-12-72				
BR-2071(S)	5-7-73	RENEWAL			4-1-76
BAL-8655	5/6/76	Vol AL EFF:			
BR-2071(L) BZ-9337	5-10-77	(Issued together)			4-1-79
BTC-8550	12-30-77	Vol rel. of pos con. EFF:			2-17-78
BR-781201ZR BZ-790910AE(L)	11-5-79	Renewal of License and Measurement			4-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name PAT MURPHY COURINGTON
(PO Albertville, Alabama)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-5934	2-7-47	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 630kc Power: -250w- 500w Hours of operation: Daytime only Trans. location: To be determined- Albertville, Alabama Studio location: Same (Frank H. McIntosh, Engr.)	GRANTED	10-16-47
Rec'd	2-7-47		subject to filing MP for T site and antenna and subject to condition that permittee accept interference may be caused by a grant of WLAP, Lexington, Ky. Ltr. 12-10-47	
Filed	2-7-47			
AMENDED	6-6-47	AMENDED to change power from 250w to 500w and change type transmitter (W.E. 443 A-1)	ISSUED WITH MP 3419	
Recd.	6-23-47			
Filed	7-18-47			

Transmitter: W.E. ⁴⁴³~~451~~-A1

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Name PAT MURPHY COURINGTON

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-3419	11-20-47	Mod. of C.P. (BP-5934, which authorized a new standard broadcast station), for approval of antenna and transmitter location at On U.S. Highway 241, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles southeast of Albertville, Alabama. (Filed by James R. Croy, Engr.)	GRANTED	1-20-48
Rec'd	11-26-47		subj. to condition	
Filed	11-26-47		that permittee accept the interference it would receive from WLAP, Lexington, Ky. (File No. BP-4102)	
AMENDED	12-7-47	AMENDED to change type transmitter(Gates BC 500 D)		
Recd.	1-8-48			
Filed	1-8-48			

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-3036 Rec'd Filed	3-4-48 3-8-48 3-8-48	License to cover C.P. (BP-5934, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and specify studio location as 338 E. Baltimore, Albertville, Alabama.	GRANTED subj. to cond. that licensee accept interference it would receive from WLAP, (BP-4102)	8-30-48
BR-2071 Rec'd Resubmitted Rec'd	2-28-49 3-1-49 3-14-49 3-16-49	Renewal of license. (Returned 3-9-49 incomplete) Renewal of license	GRANTED	4-20-49

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PAT MURPHY COURINGTON AND ~~MR.~~ IVO H. SPARKMAN, d/b as SAND
MOUNTAIN BROADCASTING SERVICE (AL 7-6-49)Call
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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-876 Rec'd Filed	5-10-49 5-18-49 5-18-49	Voluntary Assignment of License from Pat Murphy Courington <u>to</u> Pat Murphy Courington and Ivo H. Sparkman, d/b as Sand Mountain Broadcasting Service.	GRANTED EFF:	7-6-49 7-6-49
Rec'd	6-29-49	Construction Permit to mount FM antenna on top of the AM tower.	Ret'd 6-30-49 Section 1 not filed. Resubmitted 7-20-49 Sent to Engineering Dept. 7-21-49 for informal grant.	

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-3188	7-27-50	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	Engineering data ret'd	
Rec'd	7-3-50		7-31-50 requested to	
Resub. &			resubmit with 302 forms.	
Rec'd	7-31-50		GRANTED	8-17-50
Filed	7-31-50		re licensee accepting interference received from WLAH (BP-4102)	
BR-2071	1-28-52	Renewal of license	GRANTED	4-17-52
Rec'd	1-29-52			
BR-2071	12-28-54	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-9-55
Rec'd	12-31-54			
Filed	12-31-54			

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-9790	4-2-55	Construction permit to increase power from 500w to 1kw, install a new transmitter (RCA BTA-1M) and change antenna-transmitter location from 338 E. Baltimore St., 2½ mi. SE of Albertville, Ala. to Route 241, 1.5 mi. SE of city limits, Nr. Albertville, Alabama.	GRANTED	11-23-55
Rec'd	4-4-55		Cond'l re permittee	
Filed	4-4-55		accept interference caused by proposed opera., at Thomasville, Ala. (File No. BP-10153).	
		Frank H. McIntosh, Engr.		
BL-6226	6-28-56	License To Cover Construction Permit BP-9790 which authorized increase in power, install new transmitter, change antenna transmitter location and specify Studio location as Route 431, 1.5 mi. SE of city limits, Nr. Albertville, Alabama	GRANTED	9-6-56
Rec'd	7-2-56		Cond'l re licensee	
Filed	7-2-56		accept interference caused by proposed opera., at Thomasville, Ala. (File No. BP-10153).	
BR-2071	12-31-57	Renewal of license.	GTANTED	9-3-58
Rec'd & Filed	1-14-58			

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SAND MOUNTAIN BROADCASTING SERVICE

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2071 Rec'd & Filed	12-31-60 1-5-61	Renewal of license	GRANTED	10-26-61
BR-2071 Rec'd Filed	12-31-63 2-3-64 2-3-64	Renewal of license---4-1-64	GRANTED	3-31-64
BZ-5199 R. & F.	2-3-64 2-10-64	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	4-27-64
BZ-6075 R & F	6/16/66 6/22/66	Authority to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power.	GRANTED	8-22-66
BR-2071 R & F	12/31/66 1/5/67	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-29-67
BZ-7062 R & F DM	11/22/68 11/27/68 12/9/68	Direct Meas. Engr: C. E. Strain, Atlanta, Ga.	GRANTED	1-17-69

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*SAND MOUNTAIN BROADCASTING SERVICE Albertville, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2071 R & F #569039 \$75. P.N.	12-31-69 1-6-70 1-6-70 1-6-70	Renewal of License AMENDED 3-13-70 re: commercial matter FEB 26 1970	GRANTED	4-1-70
BR-2071 R & F PN Recd.	12-29-72 1-2-73 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	5-7-73
PRESS BR-2071 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	2-29-73 11-24-75 12-3-75 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	1-31-77
BAL-8655 R & F Fee pd \$100 Code 047 (FORM 316) Also see WQSB(FM) MAY 1976	4/21/76 4/23/76 W 559780	Voluntary assignment of license to SAND MOUNTAIN BROADCASTING SERVICE, INC. Atty - Becker, <u>Gurman</u> & Lukas	GRANTED EFF: NO FEE:	5/6/76 5-21-76

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Albertville, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-9337 R & F DM PRESS FEB 3 1977	12-3-76 12-10-76 1-24-77	Direct Measurement	GRANTED issued with BR-2071	5-10-77
BTC-8550 R & F FORM 316 Also see WQSB(FM) JAN 4 1978	12/16/77 12/20/77	Voluntary relinquishment of positive control of lic corp by Pat M. Courington, Sr. thru transfer of stock to Pat M. Courington, Jr. AMENDED 1-18-78 - statement re de facto control (will repose in Pat M. Courington, Sr.)	GRANTED EFF:	12-30-77 2-17-78
BR 781201 ZR PRESS FEB 14 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED issued with BZ-790910AE	3-30-79
BZ-790910AE R & F DM PRESS OCT 30 1979	9-10-79 9-18-79	Direct Measurement	GRANTED issued with RENEWAL	11-5-79

W A V U - REC'D. OF DEC 31 OF INFORMAL APPLICATIONS

Ltr. 10-26-48 advising applicant that request for STA will not be considered in accordance with Sec. 1.324 of the Rules.

Ltr. 4-26-49 advising applicant that request to broadcast High School Commencement exercises cannot be considered.

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.

