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REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE

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Patent No. 1390199

B-S- 1733

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-22-47

Call letters W B A T

Location: Marion, Indiana

Name of licensee MARION RADIO CORPORATION

120 North Miller Avenue, Marion, Indiana (BP 3-24-65) (EL 1-6-66)
X 303 1/2 South Adams Street, Marion, Indiana (MP 3-2-51) (Lic. 5-18-51)
X NW Corner of SW 1/4 of Sec. 22, Twp. 24 N R7E, Marion, Ind. (CP 1-30-47)
X On Country Road #15, approx. 4 mi. W-SW of Marion and South of

Transmitter location Roseburg, Indiana (CP 1-30-47)

ZIP 46952

Same as transmitter (BP-3-24-65) (EL 1-6-66)
X 303 1/2 South Adams Street, Marion, Indiana. (Lic. 8-22-47)

Main studio location X To be determined, Marion, Indiana

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
B4-P-4429	1-30-47	1600	1kw	Daytime	3-30 9-30-47
CP for new station					
B4-P-4429	1-30-47	1600	1kw	Daytime	3-30 9-30-47
Superseded CB to correct T description and location					
Above action set aside & application designated for consolidated hearing 4-3-47 & memorandum opinion & Order issued.					
B4-P-4429	4-23-47	upon consideration application removed from hearing docket and granted subject filing MP specifying operating power of 500w. Order Issued.			
B4-P-4429	6-6-47	1600	500w	Daytime	8-6 2-6-48
MP-2770	Mod. CP (4429) for a new station, change power and install new T.				
L-2511	8-22-47	1600	500w	Daytime	8-22 11-1-47
BZ-2330	Lic. to cover CP (4429 as mod.) for a new station and determine operating power by direct method. and specify studio location. (Conditional Clause)				
BS-1733	10-30-47	Extension of license			11-1 1-1-48
BR-1733	11-13-47	1600	500w	Daytime	11-13 11-1-50
BS-1733	12-31-47	STA to operate additional time from 7:30 pm, CST to 10:30 pm, CST, 1-1-48, in order to broadcast basketball Tourney. only.			
BS-1733	2-26-48	STA to operate additional time from sign-off time to 9:30 pm, CST, Feb. 26, 28, Mar. 6, 13 & 20, 1948 and from sign-off time from 10:15 pm, CST, 2-27-48, in order to broadcast final basketball Tournament. only.			
BTC-780	8-11-49	Vol. transfer of control of licensee corp. from John H. Bone, Dr. Edw. Schons and Wm. E. Schons to John H. Bone, Kermit A. Botkin, Dr. G. E. Botkin and Harry G. Hipps			
KFF:	8-23-49				
BS-1733	10-30-50	Extension of license			11-1 3-1-51
BP-7380	12-4-50	1400	250w	U	
Construction permit to chng. freq., power, hours of operation, T site & install new T subj filing MP for approval T site and ant system - Order issued					

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Card #2

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Name of licensee See Card #1

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BP-7380 BMP-5444 Mod. CP(7380) to chg. type T and for approval ant. & T site (Bl Cl)	3-2-51	1400	250w	U	By 5-2-51 11-2-51
BR-1733	2-28-51	1600	500w	U	2-28 11-1-53
BL-4402 Lic. to cover CP(7380 as mod) which auth. change freq., power, hours, install new T, change T site and ground system. (CONDL. CLAUSE)	5-18-51	1400	250w	U	5-18 8-1-53
BTC-1139 Eff. 9-20-51	9-12-51	Transfer of control of licensee corp. from John H. Bone to JOHN RAMP			
BR-1733	7-15-53	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-53 8-1-55
BR-1733	7-20-55	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1 8-1-58
BTC-2306 EFF: 10-1-56	9-26-56	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from John L. Ramp to Central Broadcasting Corporation			
BR-1733	7-23-58	Renewal of license to			8-1-61
BP-13121	2-8-61	1400	250w-500wLS	U	4-8 10-8-61
		CP to increase daytime power and install new transmitter. (COND'L)			
BMP-9408 (1)	4-17-61	Mod. of CP(BP-13,121) to change type transmitter. (GATES BC-1T)			
BP-13121 (2) EFF: 7-23-61	6-15-61	Mod. CP(BP-13121, as mod.) to chg. time zone to Eastern Standard Time			
BR-1733	7-6-61	Renewal of license			8-1 8-1-64
BL-8552 (1)	8-30-61	Lic. to cover construction permit (BP-13121) which auth. inc. daytime power & install new trans. (Cond1)			
BP-15,023	7-3-62	1400kc	250w-1kw-LS, Un		9-3 3-3-63
		CP to increase daytime power from 500w to 1kw (COND'L)			

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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
BL-9665	1-23-63 Lic. to cover CP (BP-15,023) which day power.	1400kc	250w-1kw	Unl.	1-23 8-1-64 auth. incr.
BR-1733	7-10-67	Renewal	of License		8-1 8-1-67
BP-16582	3-24-65 CP to change antenna-trans. and studio loc., make changes in antenna system (decrease height) (Cond'l).	1400kc	250w, 1kw-LS	U	5-24 11-24-65
BL-11,151	1-6-66	1400kc	250w-1kw	U	1-6 8-1-67 Lic to cover CP (BP-16,582) which auth chg ant-trans & studio loc make chgs in ant-system. (Cond'l)
BR-1733	7-18-67	Renewal	of License		8-1 8-1-70
BR-1733(S)	7-30-70	Renewal			8-1-73
EBSA	5-22-72				
BR-1733(S)	8-30-74		RENEWAL		8-1-76
BR-1733(L)	7-12-76		RENEWAL		8-1-79
BR790402KH(S)	7-18-79	Renewal	of license		8-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name

MARION RADIO CORPORATION

(P.O. 201 First National Bank Bldg., Marion, Indiana)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B4-P-4429	12-19-45	Construction Permit for a new standard	Docket No. 7349	
Rec'd	12-21-45	broadcast station to be operated on:	GRANTED AFTER HEARING	
Filed	12-21-45	Frequency - 1030-ke 1600ke	as amended	
		Power - 1kw	Order issued 1-30-47	
		Hours of operation - Daytime only	Above action set aside &	
		Trans. location - To be determined-	application designated	
		Marion, Indiana	for consolidated hearing	
		Studio location - To be determined,	4-3-47 & memorandum	
		Marion, Indiana	opinion & order issued.	
		(Filed by John C. Spearman, Atty.;	Upon consideration appli-	
		Robert F. Wolfskill, Engr.)	cation removed from	
Amended	4-3-46	Amended to specify type of vertical antenna and	hearing docket and re-	
Rec'd	4-3-46	to change transmitter location from To Be	filed 4-26-47 subject	
Filed	4-11-46	Determined, Marion, Indiana to Approx. 4 mi.	Order Issued.	
		W. SW. of Marion and 3/4 mi. S. of Roseburg on		
		County Road #15, Marion, Indiana.		
(See amend. Card #2)		(Filed by Clarence O. Simmons, Engr.)		

Issued with MP 2770

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W B A TName MARION RADIO CORPORATION(P.O. 201 First National Bank Bldg., Marion, Indiana)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B4-P-4429	(cont. from Card #1)			
AMENDED	1-2-47	AMENDED to change frequency <u>from</u> 1030kc <u>to</u>		
Recd.	1-7-47	1600kc and change transmitter location <u>from</u>		
Filed	1-30-47	Approx. 4 mi. West SW of Marion & $\frac{3}{4}$ mi. south of Roseburg on County Road #15, Marion, Ind., <u>TO</u> NW cor. of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 22, Twp. 24 N, R 7 E Grant County, Marion, Indiana.		

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-2770	5-16-47	Modification of C.P.(B4-P-44-9, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change power from 1kw to 500w and install new transmitter (W.E. 442-A-1) (John C. Spearman, Atty.)	GRANTED	6-6-47
Rec'd	5-19-47			
Filed	5-19-47			

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-2511 Rec'd Filed	6-3-47 6-5-47 6-5-47	License to cover C.P.(B4-P-4429, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and specify studio location as 303 $\frac{1}{2}$ South Adams Street, Marion, Indiana and	GRANTED re waiver	6-6-47 3.55(b)
BZ-2330 Rec'd Filed	6-3-47 6-5-47 6-5-47	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.		
BR- 1733 Rec'd	8-27-47 9-2-47	Renewal of license Filed by John Spearman atty.	GRANTED	11-13-47

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Name MARION RADIO CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-780 Rec'd Filed	5-31-49 6-13-49 6-13-49	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from John H. Bone, Dr. Edw. Schons and Wm. E. Schons to John H. Bone, Kermit A. Botkin, Dr. G. E. Botkin and Harry G. Hipps. Paul D. P. Spearman, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	8-11-49 8-23-49
BP-7380 Rec'd Filed	10-4-49 10-6-49 10-6-49	Construction permit to change frequency from 1600kc to 1400kc, decrease power from 500w to 250w, change hours of operation from daytime to unlimited, change transmitter location from NW corner of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 22, Twp. 24 N., R. 7 E, Marion, Indiana to To be determined, Marion Indiana and install new transmitter (Gates BC-250GY). Russell Rowell, Atty. Commercial Radio, Engrs.	GRANTED after hearing Docket #9497 - Order issued subj. filing MP for approval T site and antenna Issued with BMP-5444	12-4-50

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1733 Rec'd	8-29-50 9-5-50	Renewal of License	GRANTED	2-28-51
BMP-5444 Rec'd Filed	1-2-51 1-8-51 1-8-51	Modification of construction permit (BP-7380, which authorized change frequency, decrease power, / re change hours of operation, installation of a new transmitter and change transmitter location) to change type of transmitter (Collins 300G) and for approval of antenna and transmitter location as 303 $\frac{1}{2}$ South Adams St., Marion, Indiana. Russell Rowell, Atty. Edward F. Lorentz, Engr.	GRANTED	3-2-51 blanketing
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	1-30-51 2-9-51 2-9-51	AMENDED to make changes in ground system.		

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-4402 Rec'd Filed	3-29-51 4-3-51 4-2-51	License to cover construction permit (BP-7380, as modified) which authorized change in frequency, decrease in power, change in hours of operation, installation of a new transmitter, change transmitter location and make changes in ground system. Russell Rowell, Atty.	GRANTED re blanketing clause	5-18-51
BTC-1139 Rec'd Filed	6-16-51 6-25-51 6-25-51	Voluntary acquisition of control of licensee corporation by John Ramp thru purchase of 290 shares of common stock from John H. Bone and the retirement of 290 shares of common stock to the Treasury. (100%). Ru sell Rowell, Atty for Transferee & Licensee	GRANTED Eff.	9-12-51 9-20-51

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Name MARION RADIO CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1733	5-1-53	Renewal of License (Sect. II dated after Sect. I)	RETURNED	MAY 22 1953
Rec'd	5-5-53		GRANTED	7-15-53
Resub.	5-1-53			
Rec'd	6-4-53			
Filed	6-4-53			
BR-1733	4-18-55	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	7-20-55
Rec'd	4-29-55			
Filed	4-29-55			
BTC-2306	8-15-56	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from John L. Ramp to Central Broadcasting Corporation.	GRANTED EFF:	9-26-56 10-1-56
Rec'd	8-20-56			
Filed	8-20-56			
		Robert E. Hodson, Att./.		

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Letters W.B.A.T.Name MARION RADIO CORPORATION
Marion, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1733 Rec'd. Filed	4-15-58 4-16-58 4-16-58	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	7-23-58
BP-13,121 R.c'd Filed	5-11-59 5-15-59 5-15-59	Construction Permit to increase daytime power from 250w to 500w and install a new transmitter (RCA-BTA-500MX) Atty.- Pierson, Ball & Dowd Eng.- Lohnes & Culver	GRANTED Cond*1 re accept interf. of existing Class IV stations which may be auth. increase in power to 1000 watts.	2-8-61
BMP-9408 R.&F.	3-10-61 3-16-61	Modification of construction permit(BP-13121 which auth. inc. daytime power and install new trans.) to change type trans.(GATES BC1T). Atty- Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED	4-17-61

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Name MARTON RADIO CORPORATION
Marion, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1733 Rec'd Filed	4-14-61 4-26-61 4-26-61	Renewal of License. Robert E. Hodson, Atty.	GRANTED	7-6-61
BL-8552 R. & F.	5-8-61 5-9-61	License to cover C. P. (BP-13,121 as mod.) which authorized increase daytime power and the installation of a new transmitter. Atty: Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED Condl re Class IV stations increasing power to 1kw	8-30-61
BP-15,023 Rec'd Filed	7-31-61 8-4-61 8-4-61	Construction Permit to increase daytime power from 500w <u>to</u> 1kw. Atty: Harrison T. Slaughter Engr: Elizabeth L. Dahlberg Request waiver of Section 3.188(d).	GRANTED COND'L re Class IV stations increasing po- wer to 1000 watts; Sec. 3.54 of Rules.	7-3-62

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Marion, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-9665 R. & F.	9-6-62 9-10-62	Lic to cover CP(BP-15,023) which auth incr in day time power and increase power Atty- Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED re: accept interference	1-23-63
BE-1733 Rec'd Filed	4-14-64 5-1-64 5-1-64	Renewal of license Attys: Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED	7-10-64
BP- 16,582 Rec'd Resub. R. & F.	8-19-64 8-21-64 12-21-64 1-8-65	CP to change antenna-transmitter and studio location from 303 1/2 South Adams Street, Marion, Indiana to North Miller Avenue, Marion, Indiana; make changes in antenna system (decrease height). Atty: Pierson, Ball & Dowd Engr: Lohnes and Culver	Returned-10-21-64 -Incomplete-engineering Note to Sec. 1.571 wait and applications accepted for filing by Comm action of 2-17-65 GRANTED Cond'l re: 250 watt Class IV stations Permittee shall submit with the applic. for lic. antenna resist. meas	3-24-65

FORM BC-121 #12
Aug. 1955

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Marion, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-11,151 R & F	10/25/65 10/27/65	Lic. to cover CP (EP-16582) which auth. chng. ant.-trans. & studio loc., make chngs. in ant.-system. Attys: Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED Cond'l re: interf. Class IV stations, inc. power.	1-6-66
BR-1733 R & F	3-28-67 5-1-67	Renewal of License Atty: Robert E. Hodson (Pierson, Ball & Dowd)	GRANTED	7-18-67
BR-1733 R & F #595554 \$75 PN PRESS APR 30 1970	4-3-70 4-23-70 4-23-70	Renewal of license Atty- Brian A. Johnson (Pierson, Ball & Dowd)	GRANTED	7-30-70
BR-1733 R & F PN Recd. PRESS APR 30 1973	3-26-73 4-23-73 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Brian A. Johnson, Atty. AMENDED 7-11-73 re: composition of community AMENDED 10-17-73 re: EEO program AMENDED 12-18-73 re: business interests F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D.C.	GRANTED	8-30-74

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September 1969

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MARION, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1733 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-26-76 3-31-76 " MAY 13 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Brian A. Johnson, Atty. AMENDED 5-24-76 re: programming	GRANTED	7-12-76
BR790402KH PRESS JUN	18 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. John J. Duffy (Pierson, Ball & Dowd)	GRANTED	7-18-79

WBAT- RECORD OF DENIAL OF INFORMAL APPLICATIONS

request for

Telegram - 10-26-48 - advising applicant that/STA for
11-2-48 cannot be considered in accordance
Sec. 1.324 of the Rules.

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.

