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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 11-27-61

Call letters W B T S

Station location Bridgeport, Alabama

Name of licensee ROY C. McCLOUD tr/as BRIDGEPORT BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location 400 Giles Avenue, Bridgeport, Alabama (BP 1-18-61)

Main studio location 400 Giles Avenue, Bridgeport, Alabama (BP 1-18-61)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BP-12792	1-18-61	1480kc	1kw	Day	3-18 9-18-61
CP for a new standard broadcast station (Cond'l)					
BMP-9713 (1)	8-31-61	Mod. of CP(BP-12792) for extension of completion date to 11-18-61.			
BL-8779	11-27-61	1480kc	1kw-	Day-11-27-61-4-1-64	
Lic. to cov. construction permit (BP-12,792 as mod.) which auth. a new standard broadcast station.					
	3-25-64	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.			
BR-4053	6-8-64	Renewal of License			6-8 4-1-67
BR-4053	3-29-67	Renewal of License Renewal of NDEA			4-1 4-1-70
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
BR-4053(S)	4-1-70	Renewal & NDEA			4-1-73
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-4053(L)	3-30-73	Renewal			4-1-76
BR-4053(S)	3-9-76	RENEWAL			4-1-79
BR781124UD (S)	3-22-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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ROY C. McCLOUD tr/as

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(P.O. Box 263, Bridgeport, Alabama)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-12,792	1-19-59	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1480kc Power - 1kw Hours of operation - Daytime Trans. location - 400 Giles Ave. Bridgeport, Alabama Studio location - Same as transmitter Atty. - John H. Midlen Engr. - Charles E. Strain, Atlanta, Ga.	GRANTED	1-18-61
Rec'd	1-23-59		Cond'l re: Permittee shall accept any interf. re subseq. grant of P-12974, Chattanooga, Tenn	
Filed	1-23-59			
BP-12713	9-11-61	Mod of CP (BP-12702 which auth a new standard Broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 5-18-61 to 11-18-61. Atty: John H. Midlen	GRANTED to	8-31-61
8-16-61	9-16-61			11-18-61

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4053 R & F	9-4-61 9-7-61	License to cover G.P. 15K-12, 292 as mobile which authorized same Standard Broadcast Station. Atty. Midlen	GRANTED	11-27-61
BR-4053 Rec'd Filed	12-28-63 12-31-63 12-31-63	Renewal of license Atty: John H. Midlen	GRANTED	6-8-64
BR-4053 R & F	12/19/66 12/27/66	Renewal of license Atty: E. B. Reddy Engr: C. E. Strain, Atlanta, Ga.	GRANTED	3-29-67
BR-4053 R & F #565954 \$75. PN12-31-69 PRESS FEB 18 1970	12-5-69 12-31-69 12-31-69	Renewal of license Atty: Midlen & Reddy	GRANTED	4-1-70

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BRIDGEPORT, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4053 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	12-13-72 12-18-72 " JAN 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Ed. B. Reddy, Atty. AMENDED 1-9-73 re: Section I	Granted	3-30-73
BR-4053 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-17-75 11-21-75 " NOV 28 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ED. B. Reddy, Atty. AMENDED 1-27-76 re: signature page & prog.	GRANTED	3-9-76
BR 781124UD PRESS	JAN 26 1979	Renewal of License Edward B. Reddy, Atty.	GRANTED	3-22-79

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 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.

