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REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE

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Patent No. 1336199

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 4-20-53

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Station Location: Birmingham, Alabama

MAGIC CITY COMMUNICATIONS CORP. (AL gr 3-30-73 EFF: 4-11-73)

Name of licensee WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN AND GEORGE K. CHAPMAN, d/b as CHAPMAN RADIO AND
TELEVISION COMPANY

3431 North Second Ave. (P-11-17-65)

 3625 - 27th Ave., North, Birmingham, Alabama (Lic. 4-20-53)Transmitter location SW corner 27th Ave. North and Vanderbilt Road, Birmingham, Ala. (CP 11-12-⁵²)

35201 3431 North Second Ave., Birmingham, Alabama (BS 8-14-72)

2008-8th Avenue S., Rooms 201-203, Birmingham, Alabama

 725 South 22nd St., Birmingham, Alabama (per Form 301-A dtd. 5-5-53)

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 3625 - 27th Ave., North, Birmingham, AlabamaMain studio location 725 South 22nd Street, Birmingham, Alabama (CP 11-12-52)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period	
					From	To
BP-7977	11-12-52	1260kc	1kw	D	1-12-53	7-12-53
BL-4965	4-20-53	1260kc	1kw	Day	4-20-53	4-1-55
	Lic. cover BP for new standard b/cast station					
BRC-51 (1)	5-11-53	Mod. of lic. to operate trans. by R.C. from 725 South 22nd Street, Birmingham, Alabama				
Teleg.	3-30-55	Action on renewal deferred 3-30 and continued operation auth. until final determination on renewal.				
BR-2803	4-19-55	1260kc	1kw	Day	4-19	4-1-58
BRC-848 (1)	10-28-55	Mod. of lic. to op. trans. by remote control from 2004 - 20th Ave., South, and 31 Woodhill Road, Birmingham, Alabama				
TELEGRAM	3-28-58	Action on renewal deferred 3-27-58, Continued operation authorized until final determination on renewal application.				
BR-2803	6-18-58	1260	1kw	Day	6-18-	4-1-61
P-11389	7-3-58	1260	5kw	Day	11-3	5-3-59
	CP to increase power and install new transmitter (Gates RC-5P).					
BL-7323 (1)	3-10-59	License to cover construction permit (Pr-11,389) which authorized increase power from 1 kilowatt to 5 kilowatts and install new transmitter.				
	3-29-61	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.				
	7-21-61	Mod. of license to change main studio (Issue) and remote control point. (Renewal with Renewal) later sent. Not issued, pending final decision on renewal.				
BR-2803	8-17-61 8-17-61	1260kc	5kw	Day	8-17	4-1-64
BRC-1862	8-17-61	This authorization supersedes authorization as of same date to add 4th RC point.				
BR-2803	3-17-64	Renewal of License				
					4-1	4-1-67
BP-16,674	11-17-65	1260kc	5kw	Day	1-17	7-17-66
	CP to chg ant-trans loc to 3431 North Second Ave. Birmingham, Ala and make chg in ant-sys. (chg from shunt to series excited).					

Form BC 126 # 2

June 1954

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Station location Birmingham, Alabama

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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BMP-11,850 (1)	8-2-66	Mod. of CP(BP-16,674) for			ext. of 9-15-66
BMP-11,893 (2)	9-30-66	Mod. of CP(BP-16,674 as mod.) for			ext. of completion date to 12-1-66
BL-11,477	12-20-66	1260kc	5kw	Day	12-20 4-1-67
		Lic to cover CP(BP-16,674 as mod) which			
		auth chg. ant-trans loc & chg. ant-sys			
BR-2803	3-29-67	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-70
		Renewal of NDBA			4-1 4-1-70
TELEGRAM	11-28-67	PSA	500w		
BR-2803(S)	4-22-70	Renewal			4-1-73
EBSA	5-25-72				
BS-2803(1)	8-14-72	ML to change SL and delete remote control from 2008 S. 8th Ave. only.			
BAL-7776	3-30-73	FM:	4-11-73		
BR-2803(L)	3-30-73	Renewal			4-1-76
BR-2803(L)	3-30-76		RENEWAL		4-1-79
BR-2803	3-30-76	Superseded to correct antenna resistance			4-1-79
BR781201YZ(S)	4-27-79	Renewal	of License		4-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

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X NewName WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN and GEORGE K. CHAPMAN, a/b, as CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY
(P.O. 805 South 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-7977	1-22-51	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1220kc Power: 1kw Hours of Operation: Daytime Trans. Location: Corner Marion St. & 8th Ave. Birmingham, Alabama Studio Location: To be determined Birmingham, Alabama Contingent upon WEDR relinquishing 1220kc. Russell Rowell, Atty. John H. Mullaney, Engr.	DISMISSED	5-8-52
Rec'd	1-23-51		Contingent application	
Filed	1-23-51		dismissed	
			GRANTED	11-12-52
ACTION OF 5-8-52 dismissing application set a side - Ltr. 5-28-52				

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Letters NewName WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN and GEORGE K. CHAPMAN, d/b as
CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-7977 Cont'd.				
AMENDED	7-1-52	AMENDED to change frequency from 1220kc to 1260kc; change type of transmitter (Gates BC-1F), make changes in antenna and ground system; change transmitter location from Corner Marion Street & 8th Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, to Southwest Corner of 27th Avenue North and Vanderbilt Road, Birmingham, Alabama, and to specify studio location as 725 South 22nd Street, Birmingham, Alabama. Russell Rowell, Atty.		
Rec'd	7-7-52			
Filed	7-7-52			
AMENDED	9-26-52	AMENDED to make changes in antenna system.		
Rec'd	9-30-52			
Filed	9-30-52			

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WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN AND GEORGE K. CHAPMAN d/b as

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Letters W C R TName CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-4965 Rec'd Filed	3-14-53 3-16-53 3-16-53	License to cover construction permit (BP-7977) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. Russell Rowell, Atty. Claude M. Gray, Engr.	GRANTED	4-20-53
BRC-51 Rec'd Filed	5-5-53 5-5-53 5-5-53	Modification of license to operate transmitter by Remote Control from 725 South 22nd Street, Birmingham, Alabama.	GRANTED	5-11-53
BR-2803 Rec'd. Filed	12-17-54 12-22-54 12-22-54	Renewal of License Filed by Russell Rowell, Atty.	GRANTED	4-19-55
BRC-848 Rec'd Filed	10-14-55 10-17-55 10-17-55	Modification of license to operate trans. by remote control from 2004 - 20th Ave., South, and 31 Woodhill Road, Birmingham, Alabama	GRANTED	10-23-55

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FORMERLY FORM A-170

WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN AND GEORGE K. CHAPMAN, d/b as

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Letters W C R TName CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-11,389 Rec'd Filed	6-8-57 6-21-57 6-21-57	Construction permit to increase power from 1kw <u>to</u> 5kw and install new transmitter. (Gates BC 5P) Engr. - Claude M. Gray, Birmingham, Ala.	GRANTED	9-3-58
BR-2803 Rec'd & Filed	12-27-58 1-9-58	Renewal of license Seymour Krieger, Atty.	GRANTED	6-18-58
BL-7323 Rec'd Filed	11-22-58 11-24-58 11-24-58	License to cover construction permit (BP-11,389) which authorized increase power from 1 kilowatt to 5 kilowatts and install new transmitter. Seymour Krieger, Atty.	GRANTED	3-17-59
BR-2803 Rec'd & Filed	12-30-60 1-5-61	Renewal of license,	GRANTED	8-17-61

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Name WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN AND GEORGE K. CHAPMAN, d/b as
CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY
Birmingham, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRC-1862 Rec'd Filed	6-2-61 6-5-61 6-5-61	Mod. of license to change Main Studio from 725 S. 22nd St., Birmingham, Alabama TO 2008 - 8th Avenue S., Rooms 201 - 203, Birmingham, Alabama and establish new Remote Control Point at Studio Location (4 Remote Control Points).	GRANTED Letter sent. Not issued, pending final decision on renewal (ISSUED WITH RENEWAL) GRANTED	7-21-61 8-17-61
BR-2803 R & F	12-20-63 12-23-63	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-17-64
BP- 16,674 Rec'd. Resub. Rec'd. Filed	7-16-65 7-19-65 8-16-65 8-18-65 9-20-65	Construction Permit to change antenna-trans. location to 3431 North Second Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama and make change in antenna system. (change from shunt to series excited).	RETURNED incomplete engineering GRANTED	7-28-65 11-17-65

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Letters W C R TName WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN AND GEORGE K. CHAPMAN, D/B AS CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-11,850 R & F	7-15-66 7-18-66	Modification of CP(BP-16,674 which authorized change antenna-trans loc., and make change in antenna system) for extension of completion date from 7-17-66 to 9-15-66.	GRANTED to	8-2-66 9-15-66
BMP-11,893 R & F	9-9-66 9-12-66	Modification of CP(BP-16,674 as mod., which authorized change antenna-trans location and make change in antenna system) for extension of completion date from 9-15-66 to _____	GRANTED to	9-30-66 12-1-66
BI-11,477 R & F	9/30/66 10/3/66	Lic. to cover CP (BP-16,674 as mod.) which auth. chng. ant-trans. loc. & chng. ant-system. Engr: C. M. Gray, Birmingham, Ala.	GRANTED	12-20-66
BR-2803 R & F	12/31/66 1/4/67	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-29-67

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MAGIC CITY COMMUNICATIONS CORP.

Name WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN AND GEORGE K. CHAPMAN, d/b as CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY
Birmingham, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2803 R & F #565722 \$30. P. N.	12-15-69 12-30-69 12-30-69 12-30-69	Renewal of License AMENDED 4-7-70 re: business interests & program JAN 27 1970	GRANTED	4-22-70
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BAL-7776 Re q ^u FEE PD: \$1000 #134875 CODE 047 (also see FM) FILED JAN 16 1973	12-8-72 12-8-72 12-29-72	Voluntary assignment of license to MAGIC CITY COMMUNICATIONS CORP. Atty for assignor - Alton Denslow for assignee - Marmet & Webster AMENDED 12-29-72 - Articles & By-Laws filed; Supplemental information re Tables I & II; Proj. bal. sheet & financial data; Subscription agreements; supplemental comm. survey AMENDED 2-28-73 - corrections re stock (Table I); reflect officers. AMENDED 3-5-73 - correction to amend of 2-28-73 re officers. (SEE OVER)	GRANTED GRANT FEE: \$15000.00 (includes FM) EFF: pd 063 10-25-73 245390	3-30-73
PUB. NOTICE REQUEST FOR TAX CERTIFICATE LETTER 4-20-73 Request for TAX CERTI- FICATE DENIED 1-3-75 By Direction LETTER, Item 1, AI-10 Agenda.	FILED 1-26-73			

RE: BAL-7776 - AMENDED ~~INDEXED~~ 4-27-73 - legal, financial
& programming data

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MAGIC CITY COMMUNICATIONS CORP.

Name

XWILLIAM A. CHAPMAN AND GEORGE K. CHAPMAN d/b as CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION

COMPANY
Birmingham, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2803, R & F PN PRESS JAN 22 1973	12-27-72 12-29-72 12-29-72	Renewal of License AMENDED 2-20-73 re: ascertainment of comm. needs & equal employ. prog.	Granted	3-30-73
BR-2803 R & F PN PRESS JAN 28 1976	11-28-75 12-1-75	Renewal of license Atty- Gordon R. Malick AMENDED 2-5-76 re: Balance Sheet AMENDED 4-2-76 re: prog.	GRANTED	3-30-76
BR781201YZ PRESS: FEB 14 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Harold K. McCombs, Jr.	GRANTED	4-27-79

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1260KHz

Name: MAGIC CITY COMMUNICATIONS CORP.

Station Location: BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
810729AG (C)		CP chg city of license to Vestavia Hills, Alabama; add nighttime service with 1kw DA-N; TL: 0.4 mi W of hwy 65 along berry Creek, Vestavia Hills, Ala. 33 26 30 86 49 36 MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305 ATTY: Thomas Fletcher	

SECRET DENIALS OF INFORMAL REQUESTS

WIRE 11-30-59 Com. Rul prohibit operation beyond hours
specified in station license.

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.

