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Patent No. 1390199

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 5-16-50

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LOCATION: FORT PAYNE, ALABAMA

W F P A, INC. (AL 5-26-71 EFF: 4-19-71)

x ROBERT H. JOHNSON (BAL 9-24-62 EFF: 12-3-62)

x GEORGE A. GOTHBERG, JR. (AL 12-10-52, EFF: 1-12-53)

Name of licensee x JAMES L. KILLIAN

Transmitter location 1.17 miles airline NO 98°E of Fort Payne courthouse atop Lookout
 Mountain and 600 ft. east of Scenic Highway, Fort Payne, Ala. (MP 12-30-
 (Lic. 5-16-50) 49)

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 Main studio location 1.17 mi. airline No. 98 E. of Ft. Payne Courthouse atop Lookout Mtn. &
 600' E. of Scenic Hwy., Fort Payne, Ala. (BS 11-22-63)
 x 102 Gault Avenue, South, Fort Payne, Alabama (Redescription BRC-264)
 x Gault Ave. at 1st Street, Fort Payne, Alabama (MP 12-30-49) (Lic. 5-16-50)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period	
					From	To
BP-6748	7-28-49 Ltr. 8-2-49.	1290	500w	Daytime		
	CP for a new station granted subj. filing MP for approval T site and antenna					
Telegram	12-15-49	Authority to opr. 200 watt test T on 1290 kc with 75 foot antenna at site specified in BMP-4791 during daytime hrs. period 10 days from date to facilitate site survey. Signal unmodulated except for voice identification each half hour.				
BP-6748 BMP-4791	12-30-49	1290	500w	Daytime	2-28	8-30-50
	Mod. CP (6748) for approval of antenna and T site and change type of T.					
Tele	1-27-50	No objection remain silent period not to exceed 10 days pending repair lightning damage. Auth. granted resume opr. after repairs for period 30 days from date with power determined indirect method pending replacement damaged meters.				
BL-3957	5-16-50	1290	500w	Daytime	5-16	11-1-51
	Lic. to cover CP 6748 as filed for a new station.					
BP-7510	7-6-50	1400	250w	U	9-6	8-6-51
	CP to change frequency, power, hrs. & T.					
BL-4140	8-21-50	1400	250w	U	8-21	8-1-53
	Lic. to cover CP(7510) for change in frequency, power, hours of operation and new T					
BAL-1449	12-10-52	Vol. assignment of license to				
EFF	1-12-53	GEORGE A. GOTHBERG, JR.				
Telegram	7-31-53	Action on renewal deferred 7-29-53 and continued operation authorized until final determination on renewal.				
BRC-264	1-12-54	To operate transm by RC from 102 Gault Ave. So., Fort Payne, Ala.				
	Issued with Renewal 1-10-57					
BR-2455	1-10-57	1400kc	250w	U	1-10	4-1-58
TELEGRAM	3-28-58	No action taken, continued operation authorized until final determination on application for renewal of license.				
BR-2455	9-2-59	Renewal of license			9-2	4-1-61

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Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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BR-2455	3-8-61	Renewal of license			4-1 4-1-64	
BAL-4547 EFF:	9-24-62 12-3-62	Voluntary assignment of license to Robert H. Johnson.				
BS-2455	11-22-63	1400kc	250w	Unl.	11-22 4-1-64	

BP-16010	1-29-64	1400kc	250w, 1kw-LS	U	3-29 9-29-64	
CP to increase daytime power to 1kw, and install a new transmitter (GATES BC-1G) (Cond'1).						
BR-2455	3-13-63	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-67	
BL-10602	6-12-64	1400kc	250w-1kw-LS	U	6-12 4-1-67	
lic to cover CP(BP-16,010) which auth incr day power and install new transmitter.						
BR-2455	3-31-67	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-70	
BR-2455(S)	4-1-70	RENEWAL			4-1-73	
BAL-7303	5-26-71	VOL. AL	EFF: 4-;9-71			
EBSA	5-22-72					
BR-2455(L)	3-30-73	RENEWAL			4-1-76	
BR-2455(S)	3-30-76	RENEWAL			4-1-79	

BBTC790409GO	5-29-79	VOL. TC	EFF:		6-4-79	
BR781121UD (S)	3-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-82	

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters NewName JAMES L. KILLIAN
(PO 609 Grand Avenue, Fort Payne, Alabama)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-6748	4-12-48	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1260kc 1290kc Power: 250w 500w Hours of operation: Daytime only Trans. location: To be determined- Fort Payne, Alabama Studio location: To be determined- Fort Payne, Alabama R. L. Easley, Engr.	Docket # 9177	
Rec'd	5-3-48		Granted 7-28-49 after	
Filed	5-3-48		being removed from hearing docket ; subj. filing Mp for approval T site and antenna	
			Ltr. 8-2-49	
			Issued with MF 4791	
AMENDED	10-22-48	AMENDED to change frequency from 1260kc to		
Recd.	10-25-48	1290kc		
Filed	10-25-48			
AMENDED	3-31-49	AMENDED TO change power from 250w to 500w		
Recd.	5-31-49			
Filed	6-10-49			

Transmitter-Gates 250-C1

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-4791 Recd. Filed	9-14-49 9-21-49 9-21-49	Modification of construction permit (BP-6748, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna and transmitter locations as Northeast on US Highway 11 1.90 miles from Courthouse , Fort Payne, Alabama and specify studio location as Gault Ave at 1st Street, Fort Payne, Alabama and change type transmitter (Collins 20-T). Milton J. Kibler, Atty.	GRANTED	12-30-49
AMENDED Recd. Filed	10-29-49 10-31-49 10-31-49	AMENDED to change transmitter location from Northeast U.S. Highway 11, 1.90 miles from courthouse, Fort Payne, Alabama, <u>to</u> 1.17 miles airline N0 98° E of Fort Payne courthouse atop Lookout Mountain and 600 feet east of Scenic Highway, Fort Payne, Alabama, and make changes in antenna and ground system.		

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLA3937 Rec'd Filed	1-5-50 1-6-50 1-11-50	License to cover C.P. (Br-6748, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. (Milton J. Kibler, Atty.)	GRANTED	5-18-50
BP-7510 Rec'd Filed	1-26-50 1-31-50 1-31-50	Construction permit to change frequency from 1290kc to 1400kc, decrease power from 500w to 250w, change hours of operation from daytime to unlimited and install new transmitter (Collins 300-G). Andrew Bennett, Atty.	GRANTED	7-8-50

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
HL-4140 Rec'd Filed	7-26-50 7-27-50 7-28-50	License to cover construction permit (EP-7510) which authorized change in frequency, decrease in power, change in hours of operation and installation of a new transmitter.	GRANTED	8-21-50
BAL-1449 Rec'd Filed	9-26-52 10-6-52 10-6-52	Voluntary assignment of license to George A. Gothberg, Jr.	GRANTED EFF	12-10-52 1-12-53
BR-2455 Rec'd Filed	5-20-53 5-27-53 5-27-53	Renewal of License	GRANTED	1-10-57
PET. FILED 7-20-53 BY W. ERVIN JAMES ON BEHALF OF WZOB TO DESIGNATE APPLICATION FOR HEARING & SHOW CAUSE WHY LICENSE SHOULD NOT BE REVOKED.				
PET. FILED 9-28-53 BY W. ERVIN JAMES ON BEHALF OF WZOB TO DESIGNATE APPLICATION FOR HEARING TO BE HELD IN FORT PAYTE, ALABAMA.				

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Letters W P P AName GEORGE A. GOTHBERG, JR.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRC-264 Rec'd Filed	12-9-53 12-21-53 12-21-53	Modification of license to operate transmitter by Remote Control from 102 Gault Avenue, South, Fort Payne, Alabama.	GRANTED Issued	1-12-54 with Renewal 1-10-57
		Station now represented by Leo Resnick Letter dated August 15, 1955.		
BR-2455 Rec'd Filed	3-24-58 3-26-58 3-26-58	Renewal of license. Leo Resnick, Atty.	GRANTED	9-2-59
BP-13,929 Rec'd Filed	2-16-60 2-23-60 2-23-60	Construction Permit to increase daytime power from 250w <u>to</u> 1kw and install a new transmitter (Gates BC-1T) Atty.- Leo Resnick Eng.- Ralph J. Bitzer, St. Louis, Mo.	DISMISSED Section 1.312(b) Change to file revised Section 1-A.	8-11-61

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Name ROBERT H. JOHNSON
GEORGE A. GOTHBERG, JR.
FORT PAYNE, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
ER-2455 Rec'd & Filed	1-9-61 1-12-61	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-8-61
BAL-4547 Rec'd Filed	6-7-62 6-14-62 6-14-62	Voluntary assignment of license to Robert H. Johnson.	GRANTED EFF:	9-24-62 12-3-62
BP-16,010 R. & F.	9-18-63 9-20-63	CP to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw, and install a new transmitter (Gates BC-16)	GRANTED Cond I re: 250w Class IV station. & measmts re Section 73.54	1-29-64
BR-2455 Rec'd Filed	12-31-63 1-2-64 1-2-64	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-13-64
EL-10,602 Rec'd Filed	4-24-64 4-27-64 4-29-64	Lic to cover CP(BP-16,010) which auth incr day power and install new transmitter.	GRANTED	6-12-64

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W.F.P.A., INC.

Name ROBERT H. JOHNSON

FORT PAYNE, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2455 R & F	12-29-66 1-2-67	Renewal of License	GRANTED Cond. re.	3-31-67 Class IV
BR-2455 R & F #566851 \$75. PN PRESS FEB 13 1970	12-26-69 1-2-70 1-2-70 1-2-70	Renewal of License	GRANTED	4-1-70
HAL-7303 Rec'd FEE PD: \$50 #501180 CODE 053 Filed FEE PD: \$200.00 #006794 MAY 21 1971	5-19-71 4-28-71 5-14-71	Voluntary assignment of license to W.F.P.A., INC.	GRANTED EFF:	5-26-71 4-19-71

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Name WFPA, INC.
Ft. Payne, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2455 R & F P.N. PRESS	12-26-72 12-29-72 12-29-72 JAN 11 1973	Renewal of License AMENDED 2-26-73 re: commercial matter	GRANTED	3-30-73
BR-2455 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-24-75 11-28-75 " " JAN 27 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-30-76
BAL 760818EC (FORM 3114) PN filed 9-14-78 +	SEP 10 1978	Vol AL to EDWARD KEITH BAKER and EVELYN H. BAKER (JOINT OWNERS) dba BAKER BROADCASTING CO. (SEE OVER) Atty - Fletcher, Heald etc	DISMISSED Request of Atty.	10-16-78
BR781121UD PRESS: JAN 22 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-30-79

RE: BAL Atty was called 9-6-78 - signed agreement
nec. (re assignee) *filed*

AMENDED ⁹⁻¹⁵⁻⁷⁸ BAL780818EC re: Partnership agreement filed;
chge. all (JOINT OWNER) to "partner" ; bal. sheet is now
for partnership, etc.

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Name WFPA, Inc.
Fort Payne, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC 790409GO Form 315 PRESS PN FILED	APR 20 1979	Vol TC from Robert H. Johnson, Beatrice Johnson and Martha J. Wolfe to James A. Dick and C. Alfred Dick (over)	GRANTED	5-29-79
	5-14-79		EFF:	6-4-79

BTC790409GO Amended 5-14-79 re: Appointment of Pres.
(who is not a stockholder); state, re: EEOP & financial
data

AMENDED 5-21-79 - re contract; statement re U/C int

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 a few sets of microfiche 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.

