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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed June 28, 1938

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LOCATION: GALESBURG, ILLINOIS

GALESBURG BROADCASTING CO. (AL 3-30-73 EFF: 3-30-73)

Name of licensee X GALESBURG BROADCASTING COMPANY

387 South Farnham, Galesburg, Ill. (redescription) (BL 3-14-57)

x S. Farnum and South Streets, Galesburg, Illinois (CP 7-16-56)

x 312 Hill Arcade, Main and Kellogg Sts., Galesburg, Illinois (Lic. 6-28-38)

Transmitter location x S.W. Corner Main and Kellogg Sts., Galesburg, Illinois (C.P. &amp; MP-B 5-2-38)

154 East Simons, Galesburg, Illinois (BS 2-23-72)

x 60 South Kellogg Street, Galesburg, Illinois (BL 12-21-59)

xx 312 Hill Arcade Building, Galesburg, Illinois (CP-7-16-56)

x 312 Hill Arcade, Main and Kellogg Sts., Galesburg, Illinois (Lic. 6-28-38)

Main studio location x S.W. Corner Main and Kellogg Sts., Galesburg, Illinois (C.P. &amp; MP-B 5-2-38)

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	DATE ISSUED	Freq.	Power	TIME Div.	Period	
					From	To
Letter B4-P-1698	1-19-38 Eff. 1-29-38	1500	250w	D	Subject to approval of trans. site. C.P. for new station at Galesburg, Illinois.	
-	2/10/38	Use oscillator of 50w on 1500 kc in and about Galesburg 12mid. to 6am CST 2/15 to 3/16-connection field intensity measuring set, to determine location for trans. site. No operation during monitoring schedule.				
B4-P-1698 B4-MP-639	5-2-38	1500	250w	D	7-2 1-2-39 C.P. for new station; Mod. C.P. for approval of trans. site; chg. equip.	
B4-L-808	6-28-38	1500	250w	D	6-28 1-1-39 Lic. to cover C.P. for new station	
B4-S-964	10-27-38	Opr. frm 7:30 to 9:30 pm, CST. 10-27-38 brdcast. community chest public mass meeting program				
B4-S-964	12-19-38	Extension of license			1-1	2-1-39
B4-R-964	1-24-39	1500	250w	Day	1-24	7-1-39
B4-S-964	6-20-39	Extension of license			7-1	8-1-39
B4-R-964	7-26-39	1500	250w	Day	7-26	1-1-40
B4-MI-888	11-20-39	1500	250w	U	11-20	1-1-40
		Mod. license increase hours of operation				
B4-S-964	12-25-39	Extension of license			1-1	2-1-40
B4-S-964	12-26-39	Extension of license			1-1	3-1-40
B4-R-964	1-29-40	1500	250w	U	1-29	8-1-40
B4-S-964	7-24-40	Extension of license			8-1	10-1-40
Order	9-10-40	Extension of license			10-1	3-29-41
B4-S-964	1-16-41	1500	250w	U	1-16	7-29-41
		Determine operating power by direct method				
MARBA REALLOCATION						
B4-R-964	3-24-41	1400	250w	U	3-29	12-1-41

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed .....

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Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

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APPL. No.	DATE ISSUED	FREQ.	POWER	TIME Div.	Period	
					From—	To—
B4-Z-961	9-18-41	1400	250w	U	9-18	12-1-41
Determine operating power by direct method.						
B4-S-964	11-18-41	Extension of license			12-1	1-1-42
B4-S-964	12-16-41	Extension of license			1-1	2-1-42
B4-R-964	1-27-42	1400	250w	U	1-27	8-1-43
B4-J-964	11-6-42	1400	250w	U	12-1	8-1-43
Mod. Lic. in accordance with Order #107						
B4-R-964	7-27-43	1400	250w	U	8-1	8-1-45
B4-S-964	7-24-45	Extension of license			8-1	10-1-45
B4-S-964	9-25-45	Extension of license			10-1	12-1-45
Order 107-A						
B4-S-964	11-21-45	Extension of license			12-1	2-1-46
B4-R-964	1-23-46	1400	250w	U	1-23	8-1-47
BS-964	7-31-47	Extension of license			8-1	10-1-47
BS-964	9-25-47	Extension of license			10-1	12-1-47
BS-964	11-28-47	Extension of license			12-1	2-1-48
BS-964	2-27-48	Extension of license			3-1	6-1-48
BS-964	5-27-48	Extension of license			6-1	9-1-48
BTC-576	6-2-48	Invol. transfer of control of licensee Corp. from O. N. Custer, deceased and S. Nirdlinger, deceased to Galesburg Printing and Publishing Company				
EFF:	6-28-48					
BR-964	7-21-48	1400	250w	U	7-21	8-1-50
BZ-2908	7-28-48	1400	250w	U	7-28	8-1-50
Determine cpr. power by direct method.						
BZ-2908	7-28-48	1400	250w	U	7-28	8-1-50
Superseding lic. issued as of same date to correct geographic coordinates						
BR-964	7-21-50	1400	250w	U	8-1	8-1-53
BP-7740	7-21-50	1400	250w	U	9-21	3-21-51
CP to install new T.						
BL-4182	9-22-50	1400	250w	U	9-22-50	8-1-53
Lic. cover CP(BP-7740) which auth. installation new T						

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Name of licensee GALESBURG BROADCASTING COMPANY

387 S. Farnham, Galesburg, Ill. (redescription) (BL 3-14-57)  
 x S. Farnham and South Streets, Galesburg, Illinois (CP 7-16-56)  
 Transmitter location x 312 Hill Arcade, Main and Kellogg Sts., Galesburg, Illinois

154 East Simmons, Galesburg, Illinois (BS-2-23-72)  
 x 312 Hill Arcade Building, Galesburg, Illinois (Redescr) (CP 7-15-56)  
 Main studio location x 312 Hill Arcade, Main and Kellogg Sts., Galesburg, Illinois

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BR-964	7-8-53	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-53 12-1-55
<del>BR-964</del>	<del>11-9-55</del>	<del>Renewal of license</del>			<del>12-1 12-1-58</del>
BP-10534	7-16-56	1400	250w	Un.	9-16-56 3-16-57
	CP to change antenna-trans. location to: S. Farnum & South Sts., Galesburg, Ill., make chg. in antenna (Inc. Ht.) and ground system, and opr. trans. by Remote Control from 312 Hill Arcade Bldg., Galesburg, Ill. (redescription of studio loc.)				
BL-6514	3-14-57	1400kc	250w	Un	3-14-57 12-1-58
	License to cover Construction Permit (BP-10534)				
BR-964	11-5-58	Renewal of license			12-1 12-1-61
BP-13210	7-21-59	1400kc	250w	U	9-21 3-21-60
	CP to install a new transmitter (GATES RADIO CO. BC-1T).				
BL-7674	12-21-59	1400kc	250w	U	12-21-59 12-1-61
(1)	Lic. to cover CP (BP-13210) to install new trans.				
BP-13668	4-26-61	1400kc	250w, 1kw-LS	U	6-26 12-26-61
	CP to increase daytime power to 1kw (Cond'1).				
BL-8498	8-30-61	License to cover CP (BP-13668) which			
(2)	auth. increase daytime power. (Cond'1)				
BR-964	11-22-61	1400kc	250w, 1kw-LS	U	12-1 12-1-64
BR-964	5-10-65	Renewal of License			5-10 12-1-67
BZ-6318	5-14-67	Auth. to determine operating power by			
(1)	direct meas. of antenna power.				
BR-964	11-24-67	1400kc	250w; 1kw-LS;	Un	12-1 12-1-70
BR-964	11-30-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE & NDEA			12-1-73
BZ-7937(1)	12-28-71	Direct Measurement			12-1-73
BS-964(2)	2-23-72	M. to change main studio loc.			
EBSA	5-25-72	-----			
BAL-7843	3-30-73	VOL AL	EFF:	3-30-73	
BR-964(1)	11-28-73	Renewal of License			12-1-76
BTC-7414	Vol. TC.	10-30-74	EFF:	11-1-76	

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Station location Galesburg, Illinois

Name of licensee GALESBURG BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
Ltr.	1-28-76	Trans. now installed GATES MW-1 (Main) GATES BC-1T(Auxiliary)			
BR-964(L)	12-13-76	Renewal Main & Aux.			12-1-79
BTC-8164	3/7/77	Vol TC EFF: 3/17/77			
BR-790727UP BZ-791002AE(L)	1-10-80	Renewal of License and Direct Measurement			12-1-82

## APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

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Name GALESBURG BROADCASTING CO.

FILE No.	DATED	P.O. 210 Weinberg Arcade, Galesburg, ILL. APPLICATION FOR—	ACTION	
			NATURE	DATE
B4-P-1698	3-11-37	C.P. new station to be operated on: Frequency - 1500 kc Power - 250w Time - daytime. Studio & Trans.- to be determined, Galesburg, Illinois.	Docket No. 4582 GRANTED Min. 1-19-38 Effective 1-29-38 Trans. site to be deter. Letter written. Issued with MP-639	5-2-38
B4-MP-639	2-26-38	Modification of construction permit (B4-P-1698) to make changes in authorized equipment, for approval of vertical antenna and approval of transmitter and studio sites at S.W. Corner Main & Kellogg Streets, Galesburg, Illinois.	Granted	5-2-38

Mr. Russell attorney- (Percy H.)

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B4-L-808	6-6-38	License to cover construction permit (B4-P-1698) as modified, for a new station.	Granted	6-28-38
B4-R-964	11-4-38	Renewal of license	Granted	1-24-39
B4-R-964 Resubmitted	4-29-39 "	Renewal of license ( <del>see B4-P-1698-2</del> )	Returned Granted	<del>6-28-39</del> 7-26-39
B4-ML-888	10-10-39	Modification of license to change hours of operation from Daytime to Unlimited using 250 watts day and night.	Granted	11-20-39
B4-R-964	12-28-39	Renewal of license	Granted	1-29-40
B4-R-964	7-10-40	Renewal of license	Granted	3-24-41 1400kc, 250w, U

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Action
				Date
B4-2-631 Rec'd.	12-26-40 12-28-40	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	Granted	1-16-41
B4-2-961 Rec'd	5-15-41 5-19-41	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement.	Granted	9-18-41
B4-R-964 Resub.	9-30-41 "	Renewal of license and Forms 335  Add'l copy filed 1-15-42	<del>Ret'd</del> Granted	<del>10-16-41</del> 1-27-42
B4-R-964 Rec'd	6-7-43 6-11-43	Renewal of license	Granted	7-27-43
B4-R-964 Rec'd	5-26-45 5-29-45	Renewal of license (Par. 5e, 6, 8, 6, 7, 8, 18, 13b, 303-A)	Ret'd	6-5-45
Resub.	6-21-45	Original program logs for week May 13 thru 19th filed 8-8-45 Add'l inf. filed 10-29-45 <del>copy in dupl. re financial info. filed 8-17-45</del>	Granted	1-23-46

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Name GALTSBURG BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-764 Rec'd	7-16-47 7-21-47	Renewal of license	Granted	7-21-48
BTC-576 Rec'd Filed	1-31-47 9-29-47 9-29-47	Involuntary Transfer of Control of licensee corporation from O.N. Custer, deceased and S. Nirdlinger, deceased <u>to</u> Galesburg Printing and Publishing Company. (60 shares of common stock-60%) Rodney L. Stuart, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	6-2-48 6-28-48
BZ-2206 Rec'd Filed	7-19-48 7-20-48 7-20-48	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	7-28-48

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-964 Rec'd	6-5-50 6-7-50	Renewal of license Filed by Charles F. Duvall atty.	Granted	7-21-50
BP-7740 Rec'd Resubm. Rec'd Filed	6-19-50 6-22-50 7-5-50 7-10-50 7-10-50	Construction permit to install new trans- mitter (Collins 300-G) Filed by Atty, Chas. V. Wayland,	Returned-6-29-50 Section-VA-dtd. -after-section-one. GRANTED	7-21-50
BL-4182 Rec'd Filed	8-22-50 8-31-50 8-31-50	License to cover construction permit (BP-7740) which authorized the installation of a new transmitter.	GRANTED	9-22-50
BR-964 Rec'd Filed	5-12-53 5-14-53 5-14-53	Renewal of License Filed by Charles F. Duvall, Atty.	GRANTED	7-8-53
BR-964 Rec'd Filed	8-31-55 9-1-55 9-1-55	Renewal of license Charles F. Duvall	GRANTED	11-9-55

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Name **GALESBURG BROADCASTING COMPANY**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-10,534 Rec'd Filed	4-17-56 <del>4-24-56</del> 4-24-56	Construction Permit to change antenna-trans. location from 312 Hill Arcade, Main & Kellogg Sts., Galesburg, Ill. to S. Farnum & South Sts Galesburg, Illinois; make changes in antenna (increase height) and ground system and operate transmitter by Remote Control from 312 Hill Arcade Bldg., Galesburg, Illinois.  Atty. - Charles J. Duvall Engr. - Craven, Lohnes & Culver	GRANTED  (Cond'l permittee accept any interference caused by subsequent grant of CP(BP-10429) at Clinton, Ohio)	7-16-56
BL-6514 Rec'd Filed	1-23-57 1-29-57 1-29-57	License to cover Construction Permit BP-10,534 <del>which</del> which authorized to change antenna-transmitter location, make changes in antenna(increase height) and ground system and operate trans. by Remote Control.  Atty's: Fisher, Wayland, Duvall and Southmayd.	GRANTED	3-14-57

Station now represented by **Cohn & Marks, Attys** per letter dated 6-24-57



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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
ER-964 Rec'd Filed	8-31-58 9-8-58 9-8-58	Renewal of License.  Marcus Cohn, Atty.	GRANTED	11-5-58
BP-13,210 R. & F.	6-28-59 6-29-59	C.P. to install new transmitter (Gales Radio Co. BC-1T).  Marcus Cohn, Atty.	GRANTED	7-21-59
BL-7674 Rec'd Filed	9-22-59 9-24-59 9-24-59	License to cover construction permit (BP-13210) which authorized installation of a new transmitter. (chg. Studio & RC location)	GRANTED	12-21-59
BP-13,668 Rec'd Filed	10-28-59 11-12-59 11-12-59	Construction Permit to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw and change studio remote control location from 312 Hill Avenue Ridge, Galesburg, Illinois to 60 South Kellogg Street, Galesburg, Illinois.  Atty.- Marcus Cohn Engr.- E. W. Jacker, Lombard, Ill.	GRANTED	4-26-61 Cond'l re: Permittee shall accept such interf. as may be imposed by other existing 250 watt Class IV stations. Permittee shall submit with the application for lic. antenna resistance meas.

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Salem, Illinois 61401

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-9499 R. & F.	5-1-61 5-2-61	License to cover C. P. (CP-13, (CP) which auth. increased antenna power. Engr. Edward W. Jackson	GRANTED Cond'l same as CP	8-30-61
BR-964 R. & F.	9-2-61 9-6-61	Renewal of License. Atty: Cohn and Marks	GRANTED	11-22-61
BR-964 Rec'd Filed	4-10-65 9-6-64 7-6-64	Renewal of license with J. Putbrese, Atty.	GRANTED	5-10-65
BZ-6318 R & F	12/8/66 12/8/66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. Atty: J. L. Shrinsky Engr: T. A. Giles, St. Louis, Mo.	GRANTED	2-14-67
BR-964 R & F SEP 14 1957	8/25/67 9/1/67	Renewal of license Atty: B. J. Baraff (Putbrese & Fisher) F. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.	GRANTED	11-24-67

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GALESBURG BROADCASTING CO.

Name XGALESBURG BROADCASTING COMPANY  
GALESBURG, ILLINOIS 61401

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-964 R & F PN Recd. PRESS <b>OCT 1 1970</b>	8-24-70 9-2-70 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Robert W. Healy, Atty. (Putbrese, Fletcher) AMENDED 10-30-70 re: commercial policy	GRANTED	11-30-70
BZ-7937 R & F DM PRESS	11-11-71 11-16-71 11-23-71	Direct Measurement. Atty: <u>Putbrese</u> and Healy	GRANTED	12-28-71
BAL-7843 R & F FEE PD: \$250 # 167507 CODE 053 (Form 316) ALSO SEE WGIL-FM <b>MAR</b>	3-23-73 3-27-73	Voluntary assignment of license to GALESBURG BROADCASTING CO. Atty - Keith Putbrese	GRANTED EFF:	3-30-73 3-30-73

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Name GALESBURG BROADCASTING CO.  
GALESBURG, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-964 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	8-20-73 8-27-73 <b>SEP 11 1973</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE K.E.Putbrese, Atty.	GRANTED	11-28-73
BTC-7446 Rec'd FEE PD: \$1000 CODE 047 (ALSO FILED Pub. notice JUN 14 1974	2-4-74 3-29-74 #298300 SEE FM WAAG) 5-29-74 filed 5-20-74	Voluntary transfer of control of Galesburg Printing and Publishing Company (majority stock holder of lic corp) from Burrel Barash, Charles M. Morrow and Ethel C. Pritchard, Trustees; to Burrel Barash, Charles M. Morrow and Lester Pritchard, Trustees  Atty - Keith Putbrese Legal data re ownership filed 9-23-74 AMENDED 10-18-74 - legal data AMENDED 10-29-74 - bank ltr re voting rights	GRANTED No Grant	10-30-74 EFF: 11-1-74 Fee Req.

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Name Galesburg Broadcasting Co.  
Galesburg, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC -8164 R & F FEE PD: \$400 #619591 CODE 047 (INCLUDES FM WAAG) NOV 3 1976 Pub notice filed 11-2-76	9-20-76 9-29-76	Voluntary transfer of control of Galesburg Printing and Publishing Company (majority stock- holder of lic corp) from Burrel Barash, Charles M. Morrow and Lester Pritchard, Trustees; to Lester Pritchard, Sally C. Day, and John Pritchard, Trustees  Atty - Donald Ward AMENDED 3-1-77 - legal data re parent corp	GRANTED EFF:	3/7/77 3/17/77
BR-964 Recd. PN Recd. FILED PRESS	7-9-76 9-13-76 9-13-76 <b>OCT 12 1976</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. TRANS.)  Donald E. Ward, Atty. AMENDED !@_!_& RE: programming	GRANTED	12-13-76

## APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

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Name: GALESBURG BROADCASTING CO.

Station Location: GALESBURG, ILLINOIS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR 790727 UP PRESS SEP 14 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. TRANS.) m Eric S. Kravetz, Atty.	GRANTED 11-30-79 issued with BZ-791002AE
BZ-791002AE R & F DM PRESS DEC 21 1979	10-2-79 10-19-79	Direct Measurement Atty: Eric S. Kravetz (Donald E. Warr)	GRANTED 1-10-80 issued with RENEWAL

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

