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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 12-6-46 Call letters W G F S (12-27-53)
WMOC

Location: Covington, Georgia

NEWTON BROADCASTING INC. (AL gr 6/11/76 EFF: 7/1/76

x R. WILLIAM HOFFMAN & BETTY JEAN HOFFMAN (AL 5-1-57; EFF: 6-1-57)

x GEORGIA BROADCASTING SERVICE, INCORPORATED (APL 12-17-53 EFF: 12-27-53)

x WMOC, INC. (AL 7-15-53 EFF: 8-31-53)

Name of licensee x THE COVINGTON NEWS, INCORPORATED

Transmitter location U.S. Hwy. 278 - 1-3/4 mi. W. of city (EP-11-563)
x 602 Monticello St., Covington, Ga. (CP 4-3-46)

Main studio location U.S. Hwy. 278 - 1-3/4 mi. W. of city (EP-11-563)
x 602 Monticello St., Covington, Ga. (CP 4-3-46)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
B3-P-3923	4-3-46 C.P. for a new station	1490	250w	U	6-3 12-3-46
B3-MP-2078	9-6-46	Mod.C.P. (3923)	for change in type of transmitter & extension C & C dates 11-5 5-4-47		
B3-L-2103	12-6-46	1490	250w	U	12-6 8-1-48
B3-Z-1920	Lic. to cover CP (3923 as mod.) for new station and determine operating power by direct method (Conditional Clause)				
BS-1333	3-11-47	1490	250w	U	3-11 8-1-48
	Mod. Lic. to delete conditional clause				
BS-1333	7-28-48	Extension of License			8-1 12-1-48
BR-1333	11-22-48	1490	250w	U	11-22 8-1-51
BZ-2966	11-30-48	1490	250w	U	11-30 8-1-51
	Determine opr. power by direct method.				
BS-1333	7-25-51	Extension of license			8-1 11-1-51
BR-1333	10-4-51	1490	250w	U	10-4 4-1-52
BR-1333	3-26-52	1490	250w	U	4-1 4-1-55
BP-8228	9-3-52	1430	1kw	Daytime	11-3 5-3-53
	CP change frequency, power, hours of operation, and new T (CONDITIONAL CLAUSE)				
B.P-6050	11-18-52	Mod. of CP (BP-8338) to change type of trans. (COND'L CLAUSE)			1-18-53 7-18-53
BAL-1569	7-15-53	Vol. assignment of license to WROC, Inc.			
EFF:	8-31-53				
BAP-215	8-24-53	Vol. assignment of construction permit to WROC, Inc.			
EFF:	8-31-53				
Tele.	10-6-53	Auth. to remain silent for period of 60 days for purpose of reorganization			
BAPL-92	12-17-53	Vol. assignment of CP and license to Georgia Broadcasting Service, Inc.			
EFF:	12-27-53				
Telegram	12-9-53	Ext. auth. remain silent for period 60 days from 12-6-53			
BL-4818	3-1-54	1430	1kw	Day	3-1 4-1-55
	Lic. cover CP (8228) as mod., for chg. in freq., incr. in power, chg. hrs. oper. and new trans.				
BR-1333	3-30-55	Renewal of license			4-1 4-1-58

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June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters W.G.F.S.

CARD #2

Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Day	Period From To
BAL-2606 EFF:	5-1-57 6-1-57	Voluntary assignment of license to: R. William Hoffman & Betty Jean Hoffman			
BP-11,563	10-10-57	1430kc	1kw	Day	12-10-57-6-10-58
Construction permit to change studio, antenna-transmitter location and make changes in antenna & ground system					
BR-1333	3-19-58	1430kc	1kw	Day	4-1-58-4-1-61
WIRE	5-16-58	Sign Off 6 PM to 9-30-58			
BP-12,052	7-1-58	1430 kc	1kw	Day	9/1/58-3/1/59
Construction permit to replace expired CP (BP-11,563)					
WIRE	1-28-59	Permission sign-off 6PM for period beginning 2-1-59 and ending 9-30-59, except for special events.			
BL-7312	1-9-59	1430kc	1kw	Day	1-9-59/4-1-61
Lic. to cover CP(BP-12052) to change ant. & trans., studio loc., antenna & ground system.					
Wire	12-29-59	Sign-off 6PM period beginning Feb. 1, 1960 and ending 9-30-60 exc. special events.			
- - -	3-29-61	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-1333	10-26-61	Renewal of license		10-26-61 4-1-64	
Ltr. dated 12-16-63 & rec'd 12-18-63 giving notification per Sect. 73.48(a)(5) Rules that a Gates BC-1G trans. is now installed & in oper. (Eff: 12-14-63)					
BR-1333	3-17-64	1430kc	1kw	Day	4-1-64-4-1-67
BR-1333	3-29-67	Renewal of license		4-1-67-4-1-70	

TED. GRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
BR-1333(S)	4-1-70	Renewal		4-1-73	

EBSA	6-12-72				
BR-1333(S)	3-30-73	Renewal		4-1-76	
BR-1333(I)	1-9-76	RENEWAL		4-1-79	
BAL-2600	6/11/76	Vol AL EFF: 7/1/76			
BZ-9446(L)	8-22-77	Direct Measurement		4-1-79	

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Station location

Name of licensee See Card #1

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To
Main Transmitter now Harris MW-1, Auxiliary former Main Gates BC-1G per Applic. dated 12-4-78					
BR781204UP (S)	3-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name THE COVINGTON NEWS, INCORPORATED

(P.O. 112-122 Pace St., Covington, Ga.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B3-P-3923	7-22-45	Construction Permit for a new standard broad-	Docket No. 7067 Granted petition for reconsideration and grant of application without hearing. Order issued 4-3-46	
Rec'd	8-8-45	cast station to be operated on:		
Filed	8-17-45	Frequency: 1490 kc		
		Power: 250w		
		Hours of Operation: Unlimited time		
		Trans. & Studio Locations: 602 Monticello St. Covington, Ga.		
		(Filed by John P. Southmayd, Atty.)		

RCA 250-G Transmitter

W. J. Holey (Atlanta, Ga.), Engr.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Card #2

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Letters W H O CName THE COVINGTON NEWS, INCORPORATED

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B3-MP-2078	8-6-46	Modification of c.p. (B3-P-3923, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter (WE 451 A-1), for extension of commencement and completion dates from 6-3-46 and 12-3-46 to 60 days after grant and 180 days thereafter respectively. John P. Southmayd, Att'y.	GRANTED	9-6-46
Rec'd	8-14-46			
Filed	8-14-46			

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Letters W M O CName THE COVINGTON NEWS, INCORPORATED

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B3-L-2103	10-4-46	License to cover C.P. (B3-P-3923, as mod..) which authorized a new standard broadcast station	GRANTED (Conditional re Waiver 3.55(b) and 3.60)	12-6-46
Rec'd	10-7-46			
Filed	10-7-46			
B3-Z-1920	10-4-46	and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Charles F. Duvall, Atty.)		
Rec'd	10-7-46			
Filed	10-7-46			
BR-1333	6-1-48	Renewal of license (Retr-6-11-for-additional exhibits)-	Granted	11-22-48
Rec'd	6-29-48			

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Letters W M D CName THE COVINGTON NEWS, INCORPORATED

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-2966 Rec'd Filed	10-28-48 11-1-48 11-1-48	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	11-30-48
BR-1333 Rec'd Filed	5-31-51 6-1-51 6-1-51	Renewal of license	Granted	10-4-51
BP-8228 Rec'd Filed	8-14-51 8-16-51 8-16-51	Construction permit to change frequency from 1490kc to 1430kc, increase power from 250w to 1kw, change hours of operation from unlimited to Daytime, and install a new type transmitter (RCA BTA-1L). W. J. Holey, Engr. Atlanta, Ga.	GRANTED Conditional re blanketing	9-3-52

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Letters **WMOC**

Name **THE COVINGTON NEWS, INCORPORATED**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1333 Rec'd Filed	3-20-52 3-24-52 3-24-52	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-26-52
BL-4818 Rec'd Filed AMENDED Rec'd Filed	10-20-52 10-23-52 10-23-52 1-28-54 2-1-54 2-1-54	License to cover construction permit (BP-8228) which authorized change in frequency, increase in power, change in hours of operation from U to Daytime, and installation of a new transmitter. AMENDED to change name to GEORGIA BROADCASTING SERVICE, INCORPORATED	GRANTED	3-1-54
BMP-6050 Rec'd Filed	11-3-52 11-5-52 11-5-52	Modification of construction permit (BP-8228) which auth. change frequency; increase power, change hours of operation and installation of a new transmitter) to change type of transmitter. (Collins 20-7). W. J. Holey, Engr.	GRANTED	11-18-52

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-1569 Rec'd Filed	6-3-53 6-10-53 6-10-53	Voluntary assignment of license to WMOC, Inc. D. F. Prince, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	7-15-53 8-31-53
BAP-215 Rec'd Filed	8-10-53 8-12-53 8-12-53	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to WMOC, Inc. D. F. Prince, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	8-24-53 8-31-53
BAPL-92 Rec'd Filed	11-16-53 11-19-53 11-19-53	Voluntary assignment of construction permit and license to Georgia Broadcasting Service, Incorporated D. F. Prince, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	12-17-53 12-27-53

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name x R. WILLIAM HOFFMAN & BETTY JEAN HOFFMAN
 GEORGIA BROADCASTING SERVICE, INCORPORATED

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 Letters

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1333 Recd Filed	1-3-55 1-7-55 1-7-55	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-30-55
BAL- 2606 Rec'd Resub. Resub Rec'd Filed	1-25-57 1-31-57 2-13-57 3-11-57 3-13-57 3-13-57	Vol assignment of license to R. William Hoffman & Betty Jean Hoffman	RETURNED 2-6-57-- number of errors & omissions which require correction Legal Entity etc. Ret: 2-26-57; not- properly filled out. GRANTED EFF:	2-6-57-- 5-1-57 6-1-57

F. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Aug. 1955 #8

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Letters WGFSName R. WILLIAM HOFFMAN & BETTY JEAN HOFFMAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-11,563 Rec'd Filed	9-18-57 9-19-57 9-19-57	Construction permit to change studio and antenna-transmitter location from 602 Monticello Street, Covington Georgia TO U.S. Highway 278 West, Covington, Georgia and make changes in antenna & ground system.	GRANTED	10-10-57
BR-1333 Rec'd & Filed	12-27-57 12-31-57	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-19-58
BP-12,052 Rec'd Filed	6-13-58 6-16-58 6-16-58	Construction permit to replace expired c.p. BP-11,563 which authorized change antenna-transmitter and studio location from 602 Monticello Street, Covington, Georgia TO U.S. Highway 278 West, Covington, Georgia and make changes in antenna and ground system.	GRANTED	7-1-58
BL-7312 Rec'd Filed	11-20-58 11-21-58 11-21-58	License to cover construction permit (BP-12,052, which replaced expired cp BP-11,563) which authorized change antenna-transmitter and studio location and make changes in antenna and ground system.	GRANTED to 4-1-61	1-9-59

AUG. 1955

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Letters **W O F S**Name **R. WILLIAM HOFFMAN & BETTY JEAN HOFFMAN**
Covington, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1333 Rec'd Filed	12-31-60 1-3-61 1-3-61	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	10-26-61
BR-1333 R. & F.	12-30-63 12-31-63	Renewal of license. 4-1-64	GRANTED	3-17-64
BR-1333 h & f	12-30-66 1-4-67	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-29-67
BR-1333 R & F #568620 \$75. P.N.	12-30-69 1-5-70 1-5-70 1-5-70	Renewal of License AMENDED 3-23-70 re: Programming FEB 25 1970	GRANTED	4-1-70
BR-1333 Rec'd PN Recd. FILED PRESS FEB 26 1973	1-2-73 1-10-73 " 1-17-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	Granted	3-30-73

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W G F S

NEWTON BROADCASTING INC.

Name MR. WILLIAM HOFFMAN & BETTY JEAN HOFFMAN
COVINGTON, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1333 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-25-76 12-1-75 " JAN 15 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-9-76
BAL-8699 R & F Fee pd \$100 W 571381 Code 047 (FORM 316) JUN 9 1976	5/14/76 5/24/76 W 571381	Voluntary assignment of license to NEWTON BROADCASTING INC.	GRANTED EFF: NO FEE:	6/11/76 7/1/76
BZ-9446 R & F IM PRESS JUL 1 1977	6-7-77 6-10-77 6-22-77	Direct Measurement	GRANTED	8-22-77
BR781204UP PRESS JAN 22 1979		Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary)	GRANTED	7-20-79

RECORD OF APPLICATION REQUESTING FACILITIES OF BROADCASTING STATION X WMOC

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Licensee

File No.	Date	Call Letters	Name and Location of Applicant	Remarks	Disposition
BP-8300	11-5-51	New	Metropolitan Atlanta Broadcasting Company, Inc. Atlanta, Ga.	CP for ne w station 1490kc, 250w, U Contingent WMOC relinquishing 1490kc	

Renewal
Requested

Date
Received

Designated
for Hearing

Reason

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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.

