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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 3-25-53

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Station Location: Geneva, Alabama

GENEVA COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (BAL 12-18-62 EFF: 12-21-62)
X RADIO SOUTH ALABAMA, INC. (AL 7-11-56) (B/F 8-13-56)Name of licensee xC. W. SCOTT, H. G. SCOTT AND A. N. SCOTT, A partnership d/b as GENEVA
COUNTY REAPERTransmitter location South of Pea River on Westville Road, Geneva, Alabama (MP 12-24-52
(Lic. 3-25-53)Main studio location South of Pea River on Westville Road, Geneva, Alabama (MP 12-24-52
(Lic. 3-25-53)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period		
					From	To	
BP-8407 Ltr. 10-30-52	10-23-52 C.P. granted	1150	1kw	Day		subject to filing MP for approval of T site and antenna	
BP-8407 BMP-6040	12-24-52 CP for approval of antenna, transmitter and studio locations. (Cond'l Clause)	1150	1kw	Day	2-24-53	8-24-53 MP for approval	
BL-4950	3-25-53 Lic. cover CP(8407, as mod.)	1150kc	1kw	Day	3-25-53	4-1-55 for new station (C.C)	
BR-2791	3-16-55	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1	4-1-58	
BAL-2359 EFF: 7-13-56	7-11-56	Vol. Assignment of license to: Radio South Alabama, Inc.					
TELEGRAM	3-28-58	Action on renewal deferred 3-27-58 and continued operation authorized until final determination on application.					
BR-2791	6-26-58	1150kc	1kw	Day	6-26	4-1-61	
BPC-3004 EFF: 1-16-59	1-8-59	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Miles E. Ferguson thru purchase of stock from Howard E. Pili					
	3-29-61	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.					
BR-2791	7-12-61	renewal of License				7-12	4-1-64
BAL-4656 EFF: 12-21-62	12-18-62	Voluntary assignment of license to GENEVA COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.					
BR-2791	3-25-64	1150kc	1kw	Day	4-1	4-1-67	
BR-2791	3-29-67	Renewal of License				4-1	4-1-70
TELEGRAM	10-24-67	PSA	439w				
BR-2791 (L)	6-25-70	Direct Measurement					
BR-2791 (L)	6-25-70	Renewal of License & N				4-1-73	
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Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BR-2791 (S)	5-31-73		RENEWAL		4-1-76
BR-2791(S)	4-13-76	RENEWAL	OF LIC.		4-1-79
BR781128VG (S)	6-13-80	RENEWAL	OF LICENSE		4-1-82

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Name d/b as GENEVA COUNTY REAPER

P.O. c/o Orsen Spivey, Geneva, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-8407	1-1-52	Construction permit for a new standard broad-	RETURNED	2-15-52
Rec'd	2-11-52	cast station to be operated on:	All copies of appli.	
Resub.	2-21-52	Frequency: 1150ks	are photostats of affidavits	
Rec'd	2-25-52	Power: 1kw	not signed by applicant	
Filed	2-25-52	Hours of Operation: Daytime	partnership member.	
		Trans. Location: To be determined	GRANTED	10-23-52
		Geneva, Alabama	Subject filing MP for	
		Studio Location: To be determined	trans. site and antenna.	
		Geneva, Alabama	Letter 10-30-52	
		Claude M. Gray, Engr.	Issued with MP-6040	

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-6040 Rec'd Filed	10-27-52 10-29-52 10-29-52	Modification of construction permit (BP-8407 which auth. a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna, transmitter and studio location as South of Pea River on Westville Rd. Geneva, Alabama. Claude M. Gray, Engr.	GRANTED Blanketing Clause	12-24-52
BL-4950 Rec'd Filed	3-9-53 3-10-53 3-10-53	License to cover construction permit (BP-8407 as mod.,) which auth. a new standard broadcast station. Claude M. Gray, Engr.	GRANTED re blanketing	3-25-53

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RADIO SOUTH ALABAMA, INC.

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d/b as GENEVA COUNTY REAPER

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2791 Rec'd. Filed	12-27-54 12-30-54 12-30-54	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-16-55
BAL-2359 Rec'd Filed	5-24-56 6-13-56 6-13-56	Voluntary assignment of license to Radio South Alabama, Inc.	GRANTED EFF:	7-11-56 8-13-56
BR-2791 Rec'd & Filed	12-30-57 1-6-58	Renewal of license	GRANT	6-26-58
BTC-3004 Rec'd. Filed	12-23-58 12-30-58 12-30-58	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Miles H. Ferguson thru purchase of stock from Howard E. Fill. Russell Rowell, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	1-3-59 1-16-59

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GENEVA COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Name RADIO SOUTH ALABAMA, INC.
Geneva, Alabama

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			Nature	Date
BR-2791 Rec'd Filed	12-28-60 12-30-60 12-30-60	Renewal of license	GRANTED	7-12-61
BAL-4656 Rec'd Filed	10-18-62 11-6-62 11-6-62	Voluntary assignment of license to Geneva County Broadcasting Company, Inc. Russell Rowell, Atty.	GRANTED: EFF:	12-18-62 11-21-62
BR-2791 Received Filed	12-23-63 1-3-64 1-3-64	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	3-25-64
BR-2791 R. & F.	12-30-66 1-3-67	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	3-29-67
BZ-7363 R & F DM	8-23-69 8-25-69 9-3-69	Direct Measurement	GRANTED	1-29-70

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GENEVA, ALABAMA

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			Nature	Date
BR-2791 R & F	12-12-69	Renewal of license	GRANTED	6-25-70
#565648 ✓75	12-19-69	AMENDED 5-1-70 re: programming		
P. N.	12-19-69	AM 2-3-1970		
BR-2791 R & F PN Recd. PRESS FEB 7 8 1973	12-29-72 1-2-73 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 5-17-73 re: programming	GRANTED	5-31-73
BR-2791 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JAN 7 1976	11-26-75 12-22-75 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	6-13-76
BR 781128 VO PRESS FEB 26 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTRD	6-13-80

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.

