

W G S F

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

AM

First licensed

Call Letters W G S F

Station Location Arlington, Tennessee

Name DR. GEORGE FLINN, JR.

Transmitter Location 0.9 miles SE of city, Gallaway, Tennessee

Main studio location ..to.be.determined, Arlington, Tennessee

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BP-780727AJ (L)	11-17-80	1220khz -- 1kw DAYTIME CP FOR NEW AM STATION	11-17-81
BP-780727AJ (1)	4-6-81	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED & EBSA ISSUED.	

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call WGSF
Letters NEW AM

Name DR. GEORGE FLINN, JR.

Arlington, Tennessee (PO 500 Thorn Ridge Cove, Memphis, Tn 38117)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-780727AJ PRESS:	MAY 29 1979	Construction permit for new AM on: Frequency: 1220KHz Power: 1kw DA Hours of operation: Daytime TL: 0.9 mi SE of city, Gallaway, Tennessee SL&RC: to be determined 35 18 54 89 36 30 MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305 MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE WITH BP-21139 ATTY: Laruen Colby	DISMISSED	---5-30-80
			GRANTED Con'D	11-17-80
800708AD		PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION AMENDMENT RE ENGINEERING Power: 500 watts DA-D TL: On E. side of Griffin Rd., 0.33 mi. S. of Hickory Withe Rd., Arlington, TN. SL: Same as transmitter Atty: 35 17 28 89 39 14 John E. Florini III, (Smith & Pepper)		

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.

