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AM

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 12-27-62

Call letters W J O R

Station location South Haven, Michigan

SPARTAN BROADCASTING, INC. (AL 8-26-81. EFF:

X X SOUND MEDIA INCORPORATED (BAL-9144 11-15-77 EFF: 12-1-77)

X VAN BUREN COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (AL 7-31-67 Eff: 8-15-67)

Name of licensee RICHARD M POMEROY AND BESSIE M. POMEROY d/b as RADIO 940

(BP 7-27-61)

Transmitter location West of Bailey St., North of Conger St., South Haven, Michigan

49090

Main Studio Location 559 Phoenix Street, South Haven, Michigan (BL-12-27-62)
X South Haven, Michigan

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

APPL. NO.	DATE ISSUED	FREQ.	POWER	TIME DIV.	PERIOD FROM TO
BP-12373	7-27-61	940kc	1kw-DA-D	Day	9-27 3-27-62
	CP for a new standard broadcast station (Cond'1).				
BP-12373 (1)	9-14-61	Mod. of CP(BP-12373) to		assign Call	Letters.
BL-9051	12-27-62	940kc	1kw-DA-Day		12-27 10-1-64
	Lic. to cover CP (BP-12,373) which auth. a new standard b/c station; spec. studio loc. as 559 Phoenix St., South Haven, Michigan.				
BR-4199	10-15-64	Renewal of License			10-15 10-1-67
BAL-6087	7-31-67	Voluntary assignment of license. to			
Eff: 8-15-67	VAN BUREN COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.				
BR-4199	9-15-67	940kc	1kw-DA-D	Day	10-1 10-1-70
TELEGRAM	10-19-67	PSA	61w	(CBM Protected station)	
BRC-3270(1)	9-13-68	Operate RC.			
BR-4199(L)	10-15-70	Renewal			10-1-73
EBSA	6-12-72				
BR-4199(S)	10-31-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			10-1-76
BS-4199(L)	11-20-74	chg antenna description and Daytime common point resistance (40ohms,)			
BR-4199(S)	9-15-76	RENEWAL			10-1-79
BAL-9144	11-15-77	VOL. AL. EFF: 12-1-77			
BR 790531	UF 9-21-79	(L) RENEWAL OF LICENSE			10-1-82
SUPERSEDED	5-5-80	ABOVE RE FREQUENCY			10-1-82
BAL810618	EC 8-26-81	VOL AL EFF:			

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RICHARD M. POMEROY and BESSIE M. POMEROY

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Name d/b as RADIO 940
 (P.O. - ~~820 E. Greenlawn Ave.~~, Lansing, Mich.)
 628 So. Park Blvd.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-12,373 Rec'd Filed	9-8-58	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 940kc Power - 1kw DA-D Hours of operation - Daytime Trans. location - West of Bailey St., North of Conger St., South Haven, Mich. Studio location - STATION LOCATION - SOUTH HAVEN, MICHIGAN Leo Resnick, <u>Atty.</u> (Letter 4-8-59).	GRANTED	7-27-61
	9-11-58		Cond'l re: Phase Mon., Field meas. equip., DA & complete non-DA proof.	
	9-11-58		After Hearing Docket No. 13233 Order Issued.	
AMENDMENT R & F	4-27-59	AMENDED to install directional antenna (DA-D) and make changes in ground system.		
	4-30-59			
BL-9051 R.&F.	12-19-61 12-21-61	Lic. to cover CP(BP-12,373 which auth. a new standard broadcast station & specify studio location as 559 Phoenix St., South Haven, Mich.	GRANTED	12-27-62
BR-4199 R&F	7-6-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	10-1-64
	8-27-64			

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Name **RADIO 940 (Richard M. Pomeroy and Bessie M. Pomeroy)**
South Haven, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-6087 R & F	6-12-67 6-12-67	Voluntary assignment of license to VAN BUREN COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. Atty for assignor - Leo Resnick for assignee - McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED Eff. ▲	7-31-67 8-15-67
BR-4199 R & F AUG 4 1967 SEP 19 1967	6-27-67 6-30-67	Renewal of license Atty- Leo Resnick AMENDED 9-12-67 to change name of applicant to "Van Buren County Broadcasting Company, Inc."	GRANTED	9-15-67
BRC-3270 R & F #442268 \$30 JUL 17 1968	7-2-68 7-8-68 7-8-68	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 559 Phoenix Street, South Haven, Michigan. (DA-D) Atty.: Vernon L. Wilkinson	GRANTED	9-13-68

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W J O RName VAN BUREN COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
SOUTH HAVEN, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4199 R & F \$75 #612433 PN Recd. PRESS	6-15-70 6-29-70 " " JUL 29 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Vernon L. Wilkinson, Atty. AMENDED 8-31-70 re: commercial policy; financial statement	GRANTED	10-15-70
10-1-70 Annual fee \$22.00		deducted from \$75.00 Renewal fee & (\$22.00 Extra) Credit to 1971. \$75		
BR-4199 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	6-26-73 7-12-73 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Vernon L. Wilkinson, Atty. AMENDED 9-27-73 re: financial statement; commercial policy	GRANTED	10-31-73
27 JUL 1973				
BR-4199 R & F P.N. Press	5-20-76 5-28-76 5-28-76 JUN 24 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Vernon L. Wilkinson (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner)	GRANTED	9-15-76

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SOUND MEDIA INCORPORATED

Name X Van Buren County Broadcasting Company, Inc.
South Haven, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-8742 R & F FEE PD: \$200 #592283 CODE 047 PN filed	7-9-76 7-14-76 90 JUL 1976 8/23/76	Voluntary assignment of license to IROQUOIS COUNTY BROADCASTING CO. (SEE OVER) Atty for assignor - McKenna, <u>Wilkinson</u> etc for assignee - Daly, Joyce, <u>Borsari</u> etc	DISMISSED REQUEST OF ATTY	11/23/76
BAL-9114 R & F FORM 314 PN Recd.	9-19-77 9-20-77 OCT 7 1977 10-14-77	Voluntary assignment of license to SOUND MEDIA INCORPORATED Atty for assignor - Vernon L. <u>Wilkinson</u> for assignee - E.T. Smith (see over)	GRANTED EFF:	11-15-77 12-1-77
BR 790531 UP PRESS JUL 2 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE Eugene T. Smith, Atty.	GRANTED	9-21-79

RE: BAL-8742 - Articles of Inc. etc on file with ^(AM-FM) WTKM (Ill. corp); assignee is also licensee of WTKM (AM-FM) Hartford, Wisc. **NOTED:** Cert of auth for Michigan not submitted
RE: Amended 11-9-77 By-laws, financial & EEOP data & prog.

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

SPARTAN BROADCASTING, INC.

Call Letters: WJOR

Name: ~~XXX~~ SOUND MEDIA INCORPORATED

Station Location: South Haven, Michigan

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BAL810618EC Form 314 Press PN filed 7-23-81	JUN 6 1981	Vol A1. to Spartan Broadcasting, Inc. Atty Thomas L. Root	GRANTED 8-26-81 EFF:

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.

