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B S 1582

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 9-19-47

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Station Location: Macomb, Illinois

WKAI BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 6-11-58) EFF: (-30-58)

Name of licensee ~~THE MACOMB BROADCASTING COMPANY~~

Along US Hwy 67, 1.95 mi. N of N city limits of Macomb, Illinois (CP5-15-53)
(L 8-21-53)

Transmitter location U.S. Route #67, E. of city limits, Near Macomb, Illinois... (MP5-22-47)
(Lic. 9-19-47)

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119 West Carroll, Radio Centre, Macomb, Illinois (Ltr. 3-18-60)

Main studio location 113 E. Carroll Street, Macomb Illinois. (MP 5-22-47) (Lic. 9-19-47)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-	
34-P-4887	1-23-47	1510	250w	Daytime		
	Letter 2-26-47	- CP for new station granted subject to filing MP for approval of T site and antenna				
34-P-4887	5-22-47	1510	250w	Daytime	7-22 1-22-48	
BMP-2626	Mod. C.P. (4887) for approval of antenna, changes in T, approval of T & S location.					
EL-2544	9-19-47	1510	250w	Daytime	7-19 5-1-48	
BZ-2364	Lic. to cover CP (4887 as mod.) for a new station and determine operating power by direct method. (Cond. Cl.)					
BR-1582	4-27-48	1510	250w	Day	5-1 5-1-51	
BR-1582	4-12-51	1510	250w	Day	5-1 5-1-54	
BTC-1189	10-17-51	Vol. transfer of control of licensee corp. from James C. Bailey, Dorothy C. Bailey and Lyle R. Landis to WILLIAM E. SCHONS, DR. EDWARD SCHONS, THEODORE L. COCK and CHARLES S. HARRIS				
	EFF: 11-7-51					
HP-8812	5-15-53	CP change T site			7-15 1-15-54	
BL-5087	8-21-53	1510	250w	Day	8-21 5-1-54	
	Lic. cover CP (HP-8812) change trans. site.					
Telegram	4-30-54	Action on renewal deferred 4-30-54 and continued operation auth. until final determination on renewal				
BRC-398	5-27-54	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 113 East Carroll Street, Macomb, Illinois				
BTC-1755	7-21-54	Vol. acquisition of negative control by both Dr. Edward Schons & William E. Schons				
	EFF: 8-11-54					
BR-1582	8-18-54	1510	250w	Day	8-18 12-1-55	
BTC-1953	4-27-55	Vol. acquisition of negative control by A. G. Bush				
	EFF: 6-2-55					
BR-1582	11-9-55	Renewal of license			12-1 12-1-58	
BAL-3046	6-11-58	Voluntary assignment of license to WKAI Broadcasting Company.				
	EFF:					

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location

Name of licenseeSee Card #1.....

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BP-12126	8-6-58	1510kc	250w	D	10-6 4-6-59
	CP to install a new type transmitter (GATES BC-250T).				
BL-7219	11-7-58	1510kc	250w	D RC	11-7 12-1-58
	License to cover CP BP-12,126 which authorized installation of a new type transmitter (GATES BC-250 T).				
BR-1582	11-19-58	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1 12-1-61
Wire	5-1-59	Sign-off 6:05 PM CST period ending 9-30-59 except for special events.			
BRC-1648 (1)	4-1-60	Modification of license to change Remote Control Point from 113 1/2 East Carroll Street, Macomb, Illinois to 117 West Carroll Street, Macomb, Illinois			
Wire	4-18-60	Sign-off 6:15PM CDST period beginning 4-24 and ending 10-22-60 except for special events.			
BR-1582	1-1-61	1510kc	250w	Day	12-1 12-1-64
BP-13902	5-14-62	1510kc	1kw-250w	Day (CH)	7-14 1-14-63
	CP to increase power to 1kw (except during critical hours) and install a new transmitter (GATES BC-1T)				
Letter	9-11-62	Oper. with non-DA, 250w from sunrise at Nashville, Tenn until final decision in Docket #14,419 or until directed to terminate pursuant Sec. 3.87			
BL-9594	10-26-62	1510kc	1kw-250	Day	10-26 12-1-64
	Lic. to cover CP (BP-13,902) which auth. incr. power and instl. new trans.				
BL-9687	2-11-63	1510kc	1kw-250w	Aux. Alt. M	2-11 12-1-64
	Lic. to use old main trans. (GATES BC-250T) at main trans. loc. operated on 1510kc, 250w for Aux. Purp. Only, Daytime (desig. Alt. Main trans. during CH) with RC from studio				
BR-1582	11-9-64	Renewal of License			12-1 12- -67
	Main and Aux Alt Main				

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Name of licensee SEE CARD #1

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div	Period From- To
BZ-5997 (1)	6-22-66 (Main)	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power.			
BZ-5998 (1) Alt. & Aux.	6-22-66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power.			
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	20w	(W/LAC Protected Station)	
BR-1582	11-24-67	1510kc	1kw-250w	Day	12-1-12-1-70
		1510kc	250w	(Aux.)	12-1-12-1-70
		(Aux. & Alt. Main Tran.) (CH)			
BR-1582(S)	11-30-70	Renewal of Main & Aux-Alt			M. 12-1-73
EBSA	6-12-72				
BR-1582(S)	11-28-73	RENEWAL OF MAIN & AUX-ALT.			12-1-76
BR-1582(L)	11-15-76	RENEWAL (MAIN)			12-1-79
BR-1582(L)	11-15-76	RENEWAL (ALT. & AUX.)			12-1-79
BR-790730UI(S)	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-82
BZ-800805AB(L)	8-29-80	DIRECT MEASUREMENT			12-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name THE MACOMB BROADCASTING COMPANY
(P.O. 119 North Randolph St., Macomb, Ill.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B4-P-4887	5-16-46	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1520 kc 1510 kc Power: 250w Hours of Operation: Daytime only. Trans. Location: To be determined - Macomb, Illinois. Studio Location: Same. (Filed by Frank Stollenwerck, Atty.)	Docket No. 7785	
Rec'd	5-27-46		Granted without hearing	1-23-47
Filed	5-27-46		subject filing MP for approval of T site and antenna	Letter 2-26-47
AMENDED	11-30-46	AMENDED to change frequency from 1520 kc to 1510 kc	Issued with MP 2626	
Rec'd	12-5-46			
Filed	12-13-46			

Gates 250-C Transmitter

Fred Grimwood (Engr) St. Louis

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-2626	3-12-47	Mod. of C.P. (B4-P-4887, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna, to make changes in transmitting equipment, for approval of transmitter location at U.S. Route #67, E. of City Limits, Near Macomb, Illinois and to specify studio location as 113 E. Carroll Street, Macomb, Illinois. (Frank Stollenwerck, Atty. - Fred O. Grimwood, Engr.)	GRANTED	5-22-47
Rec'd	3-17-47			
Filed	3-17-47			

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-2544 Rec'd Filed	6-30-47 7-2-47 7-2-47	License to cover C.P. (B4-P-4887, as mod..) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Frank Stollenwerck, Atty.)	GRANTED waiver 3.60	9-19-47
B2-2364 Rec'd Filed	6-30-47 7-2-47 7-2-47			
BR-1582 Rec'd	2-26-48 3-1-48	Renewal of license	GRANTED	4-27-48
BR-1582 Rec'd	2-26-51 3-1-51	Renewal of License	GRANTED	4-12-51

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-1189 Rec'd Filed	9-5-51	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation by James C. Bailey, Dorothy C. Bailey and Lyle E. Landis to William E. Schons, Dr. Edward Schons, Theodore L. Cook and Charles S. Harris through sale of 150 shares of stock (100%) Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED Eff.	10-17-51
	9-12-51			11-7-51
	9-13-51			
BP- 8812 Rec'd Filed	4-21-53	Construction permit to change transmitter location from U.S. Route #67 E. of city limits Nr. Macomb, Illinois to Along U.S. Hwy. #67, 1.95 Miles North of North City Limits of Macomb, Illinois. Samuel Miller, Atty. J. E. Hyde, Engr.	GRANTED	8-15-53
	4-24-53			
	4-24-53			

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-5087 Rec'd Filed	7-10-53 7-28-53 7-28-53	License to cover construction permit (BP-8812) which auth. change in transmitter location. Samuel Miller, Atty. Fred O. Grimwood & Co., Inc., Engrs.	GRANTED	8-21-53
BR-1582 Rec'd Filed	3-25-54 3-31-54 3-31-54	Renewal of License Filed by Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	8-18-54
BRC-398 Rec'd Filed	5-5-54 5-7-54 5-7-54	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 113 East Carroll, St., Macomb, Illinois Filed by Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED (Issued with BR-1582, Granted 8-18-54)	5-27-54
BTC-1755 Rec'd Filed	6-3-54 6-22-54 6-22-54	Voluntary acquisition of negative control by both Dr. Edward Schons and William E. Schons thru purchase of stock from Charles S. Harris and 5 others. Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	7-21-54 8-11-54

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-1953 Rec'd Filed	3-3-55 4-1-55 4-1-55	Voluntary acquisition of negative control of licensee corporation by A. G. Bush thru purchase of 75 shares of stock from William E. Schons and Edward Schons. Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	4-27-55 6-2-55
BR-1582 Rec'd Filed	9-9-55 9-13-55 9-13-55	Renewal of license Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	11-9-55
BP-11,239 Rec'd Filed	4-10-57 4-12-57 4-12-57	Construction permit to change frequency from 1510kc to 1250kc; change power from 250w to 1kw; install directional antenna(DA-D) and new transmitter (RCA BTA 1MX); make changes in antenna and ground systems and delete remote control point. Atty. - Samuel Miller Engr. - Lynne C. Smeby	DISMISSED Order -	7-17-58 Vocket 12440

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-3046 Rec'd Filed	5-13-58 5-16-58 5-16-58	Voluntary assignment of license to WKAI Broadcasting Company. Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	6-11-58 6-30-58
BP-12,126 Rec'd Filed	7-21-58 7-21-58 7-21-58	Construction permit to install a new type transmitter (GATES BC-250T). Atty; Kirkland, Fleming, Green, Martin & Ellis (Percy H. Russell)	GRANTED	8-6-58
BR-1582 Rec'd Filed	8-29-58 9-3-58 9-3-58	Renewal of License. Percy H. Russell, Atty.	GRANTED	11-19-58

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Letters W.R.A.I.Name WBAI BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-7219 Rec'd Filed	8-26-58 8-29-58 8-29-58	License to cover c.p. 3P-12,126 which authorized installation of a new type transmitter (GATES BC-250T). Atty's: Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters	GRANTED	11-7-58
BP-13,902 Rec'd Filed AMENDMENT R & F **SEE BARD #9	2-10-60 2-11-60 2-11-60 5-15-61 5-19-61	Construction Permit to increase power from 250w to 1kw (except during critical hours 500w) and install a new transmitter (Gates BC-1T) AMENDED to decr. power during CH to 250w. Atty. Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters Eng.- Carl Jones	GRANTED Cond'l re: Permittee as may result in the event of a grant of an applic. File No. BP-14329 (2) D-14419 Sect. 3.87	5-14-62
BRC-1648 Rec'd Filed	3-28-60 3-31-60 3-31-60	Modification of license to change Remote Control Point from 113 1/2 East Carroll Street, Macomb, Illinois to 119 West Carroll Street, Macomb, Illinois	GRANTED	4-1-60

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Macomb, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1582 R. & F.	9-9-61 9-12-61	Renewal of License. Atty: Aloysius B. McCabe	GRANTED	11-1-61

IN RE BP-13,902 MOTION TO DELETE PRE-SUNRISE CONDITION filed 8-14-62 by Percy Russell for WKAI - GRANTED IN PART AND DENIED IN PART 9-11-62 - LETTER See Buff Card				
BL-9594 R. & F.	8-16-62 8-20-62	License to cover CP (BP-13,902) which auth. incr. power and install a new transmitter. Atty: Percy H. Russell Engr: Robert D. Wille	GRANTED	10-26-62

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MACOMB, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-9687 R.&F.	9-12-62 9-17-62	Lic to use old main trans(GATES BC-250T) at main trans. loc, to be operated on 1510kc,250w for Auxiliary Purposes only,Daytime(designated as an alt. main trans. during critical hours) with remote control from studio. Atty:Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters	GRANTED	2-11-63
BR-1582 Rec'd Filed	7-24-64 7-28-64 7-28-64	Renewal of license---(Main & Alt-Aux. Main) Atty. Aloysius B. McCabe	GRANTED	11-9-64
BZ-5997 R & F	5/5/66 5/9/66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. (Main) Attys: Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson etc.	GRANTED	6-22-66
BZ-5998 R & F	5/18/66 5/23/66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. (Aux/alt-main) Attys: Kirkland, Ellis etc.	GRANTED	6-22-66

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MACOMB, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1582 R & F SEP 14 1967	9-1-67 9-5-67	Renewal of license (Main & Aux.-Alt. Main) Atty/ Erwin C. Krasnow (Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson etc.)	GRANTED	11-24-67
BR-1582 R & F PN Recd. PRESS OCT 1 1970	9-1-70 9-2-70 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX.-ALT.MAIN) E.G.Krasnow, Atty. (Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson) AMENDED 11-13-70 re: programming	GRANTED	11-30-71
Annual filing fee \$89.60 paid 11-16-70 #644064 & 644065. Credit \$44.80 to 1971 fees, Combined with FM Rates.				
BR-1582 R & F PN Recd. PRESS 8 OCT 1973	8-23-73 8-29-73 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX.-ALT.MAIN)	GRANTED	11-28-73

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Form BC-121

May 1976

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MACOMB, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1582 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-20-76 7-26-76 " OCT 6 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. -ALT.MAIN) AMENDED 11-6-76 re: programming	GRANTED	11-15-76

		TAX CERTIFICATE ISSUED 8-6-79 PURSUANT TO SEC. 1071 (re divesture of newspaper) (COMM. ACTION 8-1-79)		
BR790730UI PRESS	SEP 14 1979	Renewal of License Atty.: James R. Bayes	GRANTED	11-30-79
BZ-800805AB R & F PRESS	AUG 19 1980 8-5-80	DIRECT MEASUREMENT Atty: James R. Bayes(Kirkland & Ellis)	GRANTED	8-29-80

W K A I - RECORD OF DENIAL OF INFORMAL APPLICATIONS

Telegram 9-11-47 to opr. from 8:00 pm, CST to end of Macomb high school and college football games, Sep 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3 & 4, 1947, to b/c said games only.

BS-1582 2-13-48 To opr. add'l time from 8:00 pm, CST, to conclusion of local high school and college basketball games February 12, 14, 17, 18, 20, 24, March 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, 1948, in order to broadcast said games, only.

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.

