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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed January 2, 1952Call letters W N P TLocation: Tuscaloosa,  
Northport, Alabama

(ML 1-28-53)

THE WEST ALABAMA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (AL 7-28-52, EFF: 8-26-52)

x W. P. THIELENS, W. M. JORDAN and T. H. GAILLARD, JR. d/b as

Name of licensee WEST ALABAMA BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location North bank Warrior River, <sup>3rd St.,</sup> ~~end of School St.,~~ <sup>Nr.</sup> Northport, ~~Ala.~~ <sup>redescribed</sup> (BL-6312 12-14-56)  
E. end of School St., Northport, Alabama (MP 10-17-51) Lic. 1-2-52

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Main studio location North bank Warrior River, <sup>3rd St.,</sup> ~~end of School St.,~~ <sup>Nr.</sup> Northport, ~~Ala.~~ <sup>redescribed</sup> (BL-6312 12-14-56)  
E. end of School St., Northport, Alabama (MP 10-17-51) Lic. 1-2-52



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BP-7781	3-7-51 Ltr. 3-8-51. CP approval of site	1280	1kw	Day	sub. to filing MP for and antenna.
BP-7781 BMP-5527	10-17-51 CP for a new standard broadcast station and MP for approval ant., T&S sites (COND'L CLAUSE)	1280	1kw	Day	12-17 6-17-52
BL-4609	1-2-52 Lic. cover CP 7781 as mod., for a new standard broadcast station	1280	1kw (COND'L CLAUSE)	Day	1-2 4-1-52
BR-2679	3-26-52	1280	1kw	Daytime	4-1 4-1-55
BAL-1413 EFF	7-28-52 8-26-52	Vol. assignment of license to THE WEST ALABAMA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.			
BML-1531	1-28-53	Mod. of license to designate station location as Tuscaloosa, Alabama			
BP-8785	4-21-54 CP to change hours of operation, power, and make changes in antenna system (COND'L CLAUSE)	1280kc	500w 1kw-LS, U DA-N		6-21-54 12-21-54
BP-6727 (1)	12-23-54	Mod. of CP(8785) for extension of completion date to March 21, 1955			
Telegram	3-31-55	No action taken on renewal application Continued operation authorized until final determination on renewal.			
BL-5641	4-1-55 Lic. cover CP (BP-8785, as mod.) which auth. chg. hours of op., power & install DA-N	1280	500w* 1kw-LS, DA-N	U	4-1 4-1-58
BS-2679 (1)	6-23-55	Mod. of lic. to correct Monitoring Point #2			
BP-9986	2-24-56 CP to increase the daytime power to install a new transmitter for daytime operation.	1280	500*5kw-LS, U *DA-N		4-24-56 10-24-56
BMP-7137 (1)	4-4-56 transmitter. (DAY).	Mod. of CP(BP-9986) to change type of (COND'L CLAUSE)			
BMP-7345 (2)	8-29-56 type transmitter.	Mod. of CP(9986 as mod.) to change			



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Name of licensee THE WEST ALABAMA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BTC-2370 EFF:	12-12-56 10-6-56	Vol. transfer of control from W.P. Thielens, W.M. Jordan and T.H. Gaillard, Jr., to: Mrs. Edna Ruth L. Harris and Mrs. Allie W. Todd			
BL-6312	12-14-56	1280kc	500w*5kw-LS U *DA-N		12-14-56 4-1-58
		License to cover CP (BP-9986, as mod.) which auth. increase in day power and installation of a new transmitter for daytime operation.			
BR-2679	3-12-58	Renewal of license			4-1 4-1-61
BTC-2820 EFF:	6-27-58 9-9-58	Vol. acq. positive control by Edna Ruth L. Harris & William C. Harris through purchase of stock.			
- - -	3-29-61	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-2679	5-11-62	Renewal of license			5-11 4-1-64
BTC-4131 EFF:	11-6-62 11-8-62	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Edna Ruth L. Harris thru purchase of stock from William G. Harris.			
	3-25-64	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.			
BR-2679	7-16-64	Renewal of License			7-16 4-1-67
BR-2679	9-14-67	Renewal of License			9-14 4-1-70
Wire 6-27-68, rec'd 6-28-68 giving notification per Sect. 73.48(a)(5) Rules that a RCA BTM-5F trans. is now installed & in oper. (1 main trans.)					
BL-12,139(L)	10-31-68	Lic. to use former main trans. 4-1-70 for Alt-main-night - Aux.-day			
		1280kc	500w-1kw-LS	DA-N	ALT.MAIN-AUX.
BR-2679(L)	11-13-70	RENEWAL MAIN & ALT.Main			4-1-73
		AUX.			
EBSA	5-22-72				
BR-2679(L)	4-27-73	RENEWAL MAIN & AUX-ALT. MAIN			4-1-76
BR-2679	9-26-78	REN.OF LIC.(MAIN & AUX.-ALT.MAIN)			
		4-1-79			



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# BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

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Station Location .....

Name ... THE WEST ALABAMA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. ....

Transmitter Location .....

Main studio location .....



# Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BR781124UG(S)	6-15-79	Renewal of License (Main & Aux.)	4-1-82



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call W H P T  
Letters x NewName W. P. Thielens, W. M. Jordan and T. H. Gaillard, Jr.  
d/b as ~~THE~~ WEST ALABAMA BROADCASTING COMPANY  
(P.O. Box 261, Demopolis, Alabama)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-7781	8-2-50	Construction permit for a new standard broad-	GRANTED	3-7-51
Rec'd	8-4-50	cast station to be operated on:	subj. to filing MP for	
Filed	8-4-50	Frequency: 1280kc	approval of site and	
		Power: 1kw	antenna.	
		Hours of Operation: Daytime	Ltr. 3-8-51	
		Trans. Location: To be determined	Issued with MP-5527	
		Northport, Alabama		
		Studio Location: To be determined		
		Northport, Alabama		
		Claude M. Gray, Engr.		
		Birmingham, Alabama.		
AMENDED	3-1-51	AMENDED to change transmitter and studio	Returned 3-8-51 - not	
Rec'd	3-5-51	locations from To be Determined, Northport,	signed or	
		Alabama to Alabama Highway 13 at junction of	notarized. To be resub-	
		Jug Factory Road, 2.57 miles S.E. of City	mitted as modification a	
		Hall, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.	C.P. granted 3-7-51.	



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

 Call W N P T  
 Letters Unassigned

 Name W. P. THIELENS, W. M. JORDAN and T. H. GAILLARD, JR. d/b as  
THE WEST ALABAMA BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-5527	3-15-51	Modification of construction permit (BP-7781,	<del>RETURNED</del>	<del>3-23-51</del>
Rec'd	3-19-51	which authorized a new standard broadcast sta-	<del>Section 1 dated after it</del>	
Resub.	4-2-51	tion) for approval of antenna and change trans-	<del>was not filed</del>	
Rec'd	4-4-51	mitter and main studio locations from To be	Docket No. 10000	
Filed	4-4-51	determined, Northport, Alabama to Alabama Hwy.	GRANTED	10-17-51
		13 at junction of Jug Factory Road, 2.57 miles	After being Removed	
		S.E. of City Hall, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.	from Hearing Docket	
			Cond'l re blanketing	
		Claude M. Gray, Engr.		
		Birmingham, Alabama		
AMENDED	8-11-51	Amended to change transmitter and main studio		
Rec'd	8-15-51	locations from Alabama Hwy. 13 at Junction of		
Filed	8-16-51	Jug Factory Road, 2.57 miles S. E. of City		
		Hall, Tuscaloosa, Alabama to East end of		
		School Street, Northport, Alabama		



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W. P. THIELENS, W. M. JORDAN AND T. H. GAILLARD, JR. d/b as Letters W N P T

Name WEST ALABAMA BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-4609 Rec'd Filed	11-28-51 12-3-51 12-3-51	License to cover construction permit (BP-7781, as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and specify a new trans. (Collins 20-V). Neville Miller, atty.	GRANTED Cond'l re	1-2-52 blanketing
BR-2679 Rec'd	2-15-52 2-21-52	Renewal of license Filed by Neville Miller atty.	GRANTED	3-26-52
BAL-1413 Rec'd Filed	7-1-52 7-7-52 7-7-52	Voluntary assignment of license to West Alabama Broadcasting Co., Inc.  Miller & Schroeder, Atty's	GRANTED EFF	7-28-52 8-26-52
BML-1531 Rec'd Filed	11-10-52 11-25-52 11-25-52	Modification of license to designate station <del>XXXXXX</del> location as Tuscaloosa, Alabama instead of Northport, Alabama.  Neville Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	1-28-53



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Letters W N P TName THE WEST ALABAMA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-8785 Rec'd Filed	2-21-53 3-2-53 3-2-53	Construction permit to change hours of operation from daytime to unlimited, using power of 500w, night; install directional antenna (DA-N) and <del>make changes in the antenna system.</del> and make changes in the antenna system.  Arthur H. Schroeder, Atty. Claude M. Gray, Engr.	GRANTED	4-21-54
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	1123-53 11-30-53 11-30-53	AMENDED to make changes in the directional antenna system.		
BMP-6727 Rec'd Filed	12-13-54 12-15-54 12-15-54	Modification of construction permit (BP-8785) which auth. change hours of operation; install DA-N and make changes in the antenna system) for extension of completion date from 12-21-54 to 3-21-55.	GRANTED	12-23-54



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Letters W N P T

Name THE WEST ALABAMA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-5641 Rec'd Filed	2-14-55 2-15-55 2-15-55	License to cover construction permit (BP-8785, as mod.) which authorized change hours of operation; install directional antenna (DA-N) and make changes in the antenna system. Miller & Schroeder, Attys. Claude M. Gray, Engr.	GRANTED	4-1-55
BR-2679 Rec'd Filed	3-29-55 3-31-55 3-31-55	Renewal of License	DISMISSED unnecessary	4-7-55 as



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Letters **W N P T**

Name **THE WEST ALABAMA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-9986 Rec'd Filed	7-18-55 7-20-55 7-20-55	Construction permit to increase the daytime power from 1kw to 5kw and install a new transmitter (GATES BC-5E) for daytime operation. (Two main transmitters)  Claude M. Gray, Engr., Birmingham, Ala.	GRANTED	2-24-56
BMP-7137 Rec'd Filed	3-3-56 3-5-56 3-5-56	Modification of construction permit (BP-9986 which auth. increase in daytime power and install a new transmitter for daytime operation) to change type transmitter ( <del>RCA-BT-4840</del> ), (RCA 5C).	GRANTED Cond'l re submission of measurements re Sections 3.48 & 2.524 of Comm. Rules.	4-4-56
BMP-7345 Rec'd Filed	8-27-56 8-28-56 8-28-56	Modification of construction permit (BP-9986 as mod., which auth. increase in daytime power and install a new transmitter for daytime use) to change type transmitter (Collins 20V to be used as driver for RCA 5C linear amplifier).	GRANTED	8-29-56



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Letters

W.H.P.T.

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-6312 Rec'd Filed	8-20-56 8-23-56 8-23-56	License to cover Construction Permit BF-9986 as mod., which authorized increase in day power and installation of a new transmitter for daytime operation.	GRANTED	12-14-56
BTC-2370 Rec'd Filed	11-12-56 11-14-56 11-14-56	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from W. P. Thielens, W. M. Jordan and T. H. Gaillard, Jr. (original stockholders) to Mrs. Edna Ruth L. Harris and Mrs. Allie W. Todd (new stockholders).  Neville Miller, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	12-12-56 10-6-56
BR-2679 Rec'd & Filed	12-31-57 1-9-58	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	3-12-58



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Tuscaloosa, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-2820 Rec'd. Filed	5-8-58 6-16-58 6-16-58	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Edna Ruth L. Harris and William G. Harris thru purchase of stock (30 shares) from Mrs. Allie. W. Todd	GRANTED Eff:	6-27-58 9-9-58
BR-2679 Rec'd Filed	1-3-61 1-10-61 1-10-61	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	5-11-62
BTC-4131 Rec'd Filed	9-22-62 9-27-62 9-27-62	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Edna Ruth L. Harris thru purchase of stock from William G. Harris.  Harry J. Daly, Atty.	GRANTED: EFF:	11-6-62 11-8-62
BR-2679 R.&F.	1-23-64 1-27-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-16-64



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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1280kc

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Letters W.N.P.T.....

Name THE WEST ALABAMA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2679 R & F	12-31-66 1-3-67	Renewal of License	GRANTED	9-14-67
BL-12,139 Rec'd #451985 \$30 Filed PT OCT 28 1968	7/31/68 8/5/68 8/14/68 8/14/68 8/23/68	License to use former main trans. COLLINS 20V as an alt-main night-auxiliary day. (500w-1kw, LS: DA-N)	GRANTED	10-31-68
BR-2679 R & F #564473 \$75. #579520 \$30. P.N.	12-19-69 12-22-69 12-22-69 12-22-69 2-20-70	Renewal of License (Main & Alternate Main-Aux.) AMENDED 3-10-70 re: engineering data AMENDED 4-6-70 re: commercial matter AMENDED 5-20-70 re: commercial matter AMENDED 10-28-70 re commercial practices	GRANTED	11-13-70



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1280 kc

Call  
Letters W N P TName THE WEST ALABAMA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2679 R & F PN recd. PRESS	12-13-72 12-18-72	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTERNATE MAIN & AUXILIARY) AMENDED 4-16-73 re: ascertainment of community needs; commercial policy employment policy	GRANTED	4-27-73
BR-2679 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-21-75 12-1-75 FEB 9 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTER. MAIN & AUX. TRANS.) John A. Borsari, Atty.	GRANTED	9-26-78
BR 781124UG PRESS	JAN 26 1979	Renewal of License (Main & Alt. Main-Auxiliary)	GRANTED	6-15-79



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

