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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 3-1-62

Call letters W R A B

Station location Arab, Alabama

Name of licensee MARSHALL COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter location Arab-Guntersville Hwy., 2 miles NE of Arab, Alabama (BP 4-12-61)

Main studio location Arab-Guntersville Hwy., 2 miles NE of Arab, Alabama (BP 4-12-61)



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BP-11088	4-12-61	1380kc	1kw	Day	6-12 12-12-61
	CP for a new standard broadcast station.				
BP-11088 (1)	7-3-61	Mod. of CP(BP-11088) to			assign Call Letters.
BMP-9696 (2)	9-1-61	Mod. of CP(BP-11088) to change type transmitter (GATES BC-1T).			
BL-8889	3-1-62	1380kc	1kw	DAY	3-1-62 -4-1-64
	Lic. to cov. CP(BP-11,088, as mod.) which auth. a new Standard Broadcast Station.				
BR-4070	3-17-64	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-67
BR-4070	3-31-67	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-70
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
BR-4070(S) EBSA	4-1-70 6-12-72	Renewal			4-1-73
BR-4070(L)	3-30-73	Renewal of License			4-1-76
BR-4070(S)	3-9-76	Renewal			4-1-79
LTR.	3-13-78	TRANS: HARRIS MW-1A now installed as MAIN & GATES BC-1T now installed as AUXILIARY (FORMER MAIN)			
BZ-9696(L)	5-31-78	Direct Measurement (Main & Aux.)			4-1-79
BR781201WD (S)	3-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-82



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

Call  
Letters NEW WRABName MARSHALL COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
(P.O. - Box 17, Huntsville, Alabama)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-11,088 Rec'd Filed	2-9-57 2-11-57 2-11-57	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1380kc Power - 1kw Hours of operation - Daytime Transmitter location - Arab-Guntersville Hwy. 2 miles northeast of Arab, Alabama Studio location - Same as transmitter  Engr. - George C. Davis	GRANTED	4-12-61  After Hearing Docket No. 12230 Order Issued.
--- BMP-9696 R & F	8-13-61 8-14-61	Mod of CP (BP-11088 which auth a new standard B/C station) to chg type trans (Gates BC-1T)	GRANTED	9-1-61
--- BL-8889 R & F	10-11-61 10-12-61	License to cover C.P. (BP-11,088 as modified) which authorized a new Standard Broadcast Station.  Atty. McKenna and Wilkinson	GRANTED	3-1-62



GATES BC 1J



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

CARD #2

Call  
Letters ..... WRAB .....Name ... MARSHALL COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. ....  
ARAB, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4070 R & F	1-2-64 1-6-64	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-17-64
BR-4070 R & F	12-31-66 1-4-67	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-31-67
BR-4070 R & F #568153 \$75. P.N.	1-2-70 1-5-70 1-5-70 1-5-70	Renewal of License  FEB 1 1970	GRANTED	4-1-70
The Commission by letter of 8-9-72 notified station WRAB of apparent liability of \$500 forfeiture for violation of Section 73.93 of the rules.				



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Letters WRABName MARSHALL COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
Arab, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4070 R & F P.N. PRESS FEB 8 1975	12-31-72 1-2-73 1-2-73	Renewal of License  Atty.: Carl R. Ramey AMENDED 3-12-73 re: commercial practices	GRANTED	3-30-73
BR-4070 R & F PN PRESS FEB 4 1976	11-26-75 12-1-75 12-1-75	Renewal of license Atty- John J. Smith (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner)	GRANTED	3-9-76
BZ-9696 R & F DM PRESS MAY 19 1978	3-6-78 3-15-78 4-28-78	Direct Measurement	GRANTED	5-31-78
BR 781201WD PRESS JAN 29 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE R.M. Senkowski, Atty.	GRANTED	3-30-79

## 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.

