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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed October 26, 1954Call letters W.R.G.S.
Station Location: Rogersville, Tennessee

W R G S, INC., (AL 11-25-59, EFF: 12-31-59)

x JOHN E. BEAL, CHARLES W. BEAL, FRED T. BEAL AND HARRY M. BEAL

Name of licensee d/b as ROGERSVILLE BROADCASTING COMPANYTransmitter location On Buren Rd., 0.8 mi. NE of city limits of Rogersville, Tennessee (CP & MP 5-4-54) Lic. 10-26-54Main studio location On Buren Rd., 0.8 mi. NE of city limits of Rogersville, Tennessee (CP & MP 5-4-54) Lic. 10-26-54

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BP-8807	1-13-54	1370	1kw	day	
Ltr.	1-19-54	CP for a new standard broadcast station subl. filing MP approval of ant. & trans. site.			
BP-8807	5-4-54	1370	1kw	Day	7-4 1-4-55
EMP-6472				(COND'L CLAUSE)	
	C.P. for a new Standard Broadcast Station and MP approv. ant. T&S sites and chg. type trans.				
HL-5465	10-26-54	1370	1kw	Day	10-26 8-1-55
	Lic. cover CP (BP-8807, as mod) for new station.				
BZ-3653	3-14-55	Authority to determine operating power by (1) direct measurement of antenna power.			
HP-9937	8-5-55	1370	1kw	Day	10-5 4-5-56
	CP install new transmitter.				
Telegram	7-29-55	Oper. Gates BC-LJ Trans. period 30 days			
BR-3024	7-27-55	1370	1kw	Day	8-1 8-1-58
BL-5836	9-8-55	Lic. to cover CP(9937) to install a (1) new trans.			
BR-3024	7-16-58	1370	1kw	Day	8-1 8-1-61
BAL-3669	11-25-59	Voluntary assignment of license to			
EFF:	12-31-59	W R G S, INC			
	7-26-61	Comm deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-3024	5-11-62	1370	1 kw	Day	5-11 8-1-64
BZ-5231	6-1-64	Authority to determine operating power by (1) direct measurement of antenna power.			
BR-3024	7-15-64	1370kc.	1kw,	Day	8-1 8-1-67
BR-3024	7-31-67	Renewal of License Renewal of NDEA			8-1 8-1-70
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
BR-3024(S)	8-26-70	Renewal & NDEA			8-1-73
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-3024(S)	7-31-73	RENEWAL			8-1-76
ETC-7148	11-9-73	VOL. TC			8-1-76
EFF:	12-20-73				
BZ-8252	(L) 3-8-74	Direct Measurement			8-1-76
BR-3024(S)	7-12-76	Renewal			8-1-79

CARD 2

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed SEE CARD 1

Call Letters W R G S

Station Location ROGERSVILLE, TENNESSEE

Name SEE CARD 1

Transmitter Location SEE CARD 1

Main studio location SEE CARD 1

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BR-790322UK(S)	7-18-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	8-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call **W R G S**JOHN E. BEAL, CHARLES W. BEAL, FRED T. BEAL AND HARRY M. Letters **x New**Name **BEAL, d/b as ROGERSVILLE BROADCASTING COMPANY**

(PO c/o John E. Beal, 207 N. Clay St., Rogersville, Tennessee)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-8807	2-26-53	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1490kc 1370kc Power: 250w 1kw Hrs. of operation: Unlimited Daytime Trans. Location: To be determined Rogersville, Tennessee Studio Location: To be determined Rogersville, Tennessee R. L. Easley, Engr.	GRANTED	1-13-54
Rec'd	3-16-53		subj. filing MP approval	
Filed	3-16-53		of ant. & trans. site.	
			Ltr. 1-19-54	
			Issued with EMP-6472	
AMENDED	12-7-53	AMENDED to change frequency to 1370kc, power to 1kw, and hours of operation to daytime only and change type transmitter (GATES BC-1F). George Gautney, Engr.		
Rec'd	12-8-53			
Filed	12-8-53			

Gates BC-250-D

250w

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JOHN E. BEAL, CHARLES W. BEAL, FRED T. BEAL AND HARRY M.

Call W R G S

Letters UNASSIGNED

Name BEAL, d/b as ROGERSVILLE BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BNP-6472 Rec'd Filed	3-13-54	Modification of construction permit (EP-8807 which auth. a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna, transmitter and studio location to 0.8 mi. NE of Rogersville city limits on Burem Rd., Rogersville, Tennessee and change type transmitter (Composite). Harry J. Daly, Atty. George E. Gautney, Engr.	GRANTED	5-4-54 Cond'l re before prog. tests are auth., permit-tee shall submit meas. accord. 3.47 to show T complies with Sec. 12 of Standards
	3-16-54			
	3-16-54			
BL-5465 Rec'd Filed	8-14-54	License to cover construction permit (EP-8807, as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station Harry J. Daly, Atty.	GRANTED	10-26-54
	9-16-54			
	9-16-54			
BZ-3653 Rec'd Filed	2-10-55	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	3-14-55
	2-11-55			
	2-11-55			

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FORMERLY FCC FORM 94 W R G S, INC

x **JOHN E. BEAL, CHARLES W. BEAL, FRED T. BEAL AND HARRY M.** Call Letters **W R G S**Name **BEAL d/b as ROGERSVILLE BROADCASTING COMPANY**
ROGERSVILLE, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3024	5-2-55	Renewal of license.	RETURNED	5-25-55
Rec'd	5-4-55		Not filed in partnership	
Resubmitted	6-7-55		name	
Rec'd & Filed	6-9-55		GRANTED	7-27-55
HP-9937	7-23-55	Construction permit to install a new transmitter (GATES BC-1J).	GRANTED	8-5-55
Rec'd	7-25-55			
Filed	7-25-55			
BL-5836	8-22-55	License to cover construction permit (HP-9937) which authorized installation of a new transmitter.	GRANTED	9-8-55
Rec'd	8-24-55			
Filed	8-24-55			
BR-3024	4-17-58	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-16-58
R. & F.	4-21-58			
BAL-3669	10-8-59	Voluntary assignment of license to W R G S, INC	GRANTED EFF:	11-25-59 12-31-59
Rec'd & F.	10-14-59			
BR-3024	5-27-61	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	5-11-62
R. & F.	5-29-61			

FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1370kHz

Call
Letters **W R G S**

Name **W R G S, INC.**

ROGERSVILLE, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-5231 Rec'd Filed	4-7-64 4-10-64 4-16-64	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	6-1-64
BR-3024 R & F	5-12-64 5-15-64	Renewal of License	GRANTED	7-15-64
BR-3024 Rec'd Filed	4-20-67 4-26-67 5-23-67	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	7-31-67
BR-3024 R & F \$75 #597153 PN Recd. PRESS	4-24-70 4-29-70 " MAY 27 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 8-17-70 re: commercial policy	GRANTED	8-26-70
BTC-7148 Rec'd NOTICE SENT 1-14-73 FEE \$1000 #178936 FEE PD: \$1000 #178936 CODE 047 FILED 4-24-73 MAY 25 1973	3-17-73 3-21-73 1-14-73	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from John Edward Beal to Charles Philip Beal (SEE OVER)	GRANTED grant fee \$1,440.00 EFF PD 048 12-28-73 W 263885	11-9-73 12-20-73

RE: BTC-7148 - OK TO ACCEPT PER QSP (unauthorized TC??)
AMENDED 9-17-73 - re stock TC & consideration; staff;
ref to renewal for past programming; (no chge for proposed
Form 323.

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W R G SName WRGS, INC.
ROGERSVILLE, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3024 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAY 29 1973	4-26-73 5-3-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-31-73
BZ-8492 R & F DM PRESS 27 FEB 1974	12-27-73 1-4-74 1-17-74	Direct Measurement	GRANTED	3-8-74
BR-3024 R & F PN Recd. PRESS APR 20 1976	3-24-76 3-29-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-12-76

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APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W R G S

Name: WRGS, INC.

Station Location: ROGERSVILLE, TENNESSEE

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR790322UK PRESS JUN 13 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED 7-18-79

Form BC-121
March 1979

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.

