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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

4237

Date first licensed 5-15-63Call letters WSEMSEMINOLE BROADCASTING CO. (AL 12-13-68 EFF: 1-24-69) Station location Donalsonville, Ga.

x WSEM RADIO, INC. (AL-3-24-65; EFF: 6-25-65)

x WILLIAM M. FORSHEE, ESTHER W. SHEPHERD and MAXINE E. ROBINSON, dba

RADIO DONALSONVILLE (AL-2-9-65; EFF: 2-9-65)

x WILLIAM M. FORSHEE, ESTHER W. SHEPHERD AND DONALD H. WINGATE d/b as

Name of licensee RADIO DONALSONVILLETransmitter location Georgia State Road #91, Donalsonville, Georgia (BP-7-18-62)

(Delete RC)

X Georgia State Rd. #91, Donalsonville, Georgia (per tele. 7-6-73)

X 209 S. Wolfolk Street, Donalsonville, Georgia (BRC 7-15-65)

Main studio location X Same as transmitter.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BP-14604	7-18-62	1500kc	1kw	Day	9-18 3-18-63
	CP for a new standard broadcast station (Cond'1)				
BP-14604 (1) 6	8-27-62	Mod. of CP(BP-14604) to assign Call Letters.			
BL-9961	5-15-63	1500kc	1kw	Day	5-15 4-1-64
	Lic. to cover CP(BP-14,604) as modified, which auth. a new standard B/C station. Specify type trans. as Gates BC-1G. (Cond'1)				
BZ-5011	8-23-63	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power			
BR-4237	3-13-64	1500kc	1kw	Day	4-1 4-1-67
BAL-5324 EFF:	2-9-65 2-9-65	Voluntary assignment of license to William M. Forshee, Esther W. Shepherd & Maxine E. Robinson dba Radio Donalsonville			
BAL-5364 Eff:	3-24-65 6-25-65	Vol. assignment of license to WSEM Radio, Inc.			
BRC-2699	7-15-65	1500kc	1kw	Day	7-15 4-1-67
	Mod. of lic. to change studio loc. to 209 S. Woolfolk St., Donalsonville, Ga. & operate trans. by RC from Studios				
BR-4237	7-11-67	1500kc	1kw	Day	7-11 4-1-70
BTC-5233 Eff:	7-11-67 8-23-67	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from W. M. Forshee, Esther W. Forshee and Maxine E. Robinson to Hudson J. Owen and D. F. Wurst			
BAL-6530 EFF:	12-13-68 1-24-69	Vol. AL			
BR-4237(L)	4-1-70	RENEWAL			4-1-73
BZ-7615 (1)	8-31-70	Direct Measurement			
BTC-6676 EBSA	3-13-72 6-12-72	VOL. TO of negative control			
BR-4237(L)	4-13-73	Renewal			4-1-76
BR-4237(L)	4-13-73	Superseded to show the correct month & studio loc.			
BR-4237(S)	4-19-76	Renewal			4-1-79

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BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed 5-15-63

Call Letters W S E M

Station Location DONALSONVILLE, GEORGIA

Name

Transmitter Location

Main studio location

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BTC790824GQ	8-30-79	VOL. TC EFF:	
BR781204WF (S)	5-25-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	4-1-82
BZ-800514AA(L)	6-10-80	DIRECT MEASUREMENT	4-1-82
BZ-810116AA(1)	2-5-81	DIRECT MEASUREMENT	4-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

Call

Letters NEW WSEMName WILLIAM M. FORSHEE, ESTHER W. SHEPHERD AND DONALD H.WINGATE, d/b as RADIO DONALSONVILLEDONALSONVILLE, GEORGIA (P.O. William M. Forshee, Box 7, Ashburn, Georgia)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-14,604	10-26-60	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1500kc Power - 1kw Hours of operation - Daytime Trans. location - Georgia State Road #91 Donalsonville, Georgia Studio location - Same as transmitter Eng.- Emerson W. Browne, Tallahassee, Fla.	Replied	11-25-60
Rec'd	11-8-60		No. 14-3	Exhibit
Resub	12-6-60		Replied	12-23-60
Rec'd	12-15-60		No. 0,025	mv/c contour
Resub	1-4-61		GRANTED	7-18-62
R & F	1-6-61		Cond'l re: D-14419 Section 3.87 of the Comm. Rules.	
Received	1-28-63 2-5-63	Mod. of CP (BP-14,604 which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to change type trans. to Gates BC 1G.	RETURNED	3-4-63 Unnecessary

RCA BTA-1R

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955 #2

WSEM RADIO, INC.

Call
Letters WSEM

x William M. Forshee, Esther W. Shepherd and Donald H. Wingate

Name d/b as RADIO DONALSONVILLEDonalsonville, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
b1-9961 R & F	1-28-63 2-5-63	Lic to cover CP(BP-14,604 as mod) which auth a new standard broadcast station, specify type transmitter as Gates BC-1-G.	GRANTED Cond'l	5-15-63 re: pre-sunris
BZ-5011 R. & F.	6-25-63 7-5-63	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	8-23-63
BR-4237 Rec'd Filed	12-30-63 1-3-64 1-3-64	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-13-64
EAL-5324 Rec'd RESUB R & F	11-25-64 12-2-64 12-15-64 12-21-64	Voluntary assignment of license to William M. Forshee, Esther W. Shepherd and Maxine E. Robinson dba Radio Donalsonville	REF'D incomplete, fee due GRANTED EFF:	12-10-64 2-9-65 2-9-65
EAL-5364 R & F	2-18-65 2-23-65	Voluntary assignment of license to WSEM RADIO, INC.	GRANTED Eff:	3-24-65 6-25-65

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W S E MName WSEM RADIO, INC.
Donalsonville, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRC-2699 Rec'd Filed 6-28-65	6-24-65 6-28-65	Modification of license to change Studio location to 209 South Woolfolk Street, Donalsonville, Georgia and operate transmitter by Remote Control from Studios	GRANTED	7-15-65
BTC-5233 Rec'd Filed	8-22-66 9-6-66 12-30-66	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from W.M. Forshee, Esther W. Forshee and Maxine E. Robinson to Hudson J. Owen, Dale Smith and D.F. Wurst	GRANTED Eff:	7-11-67 8-23-67
AMENDMENT R & F	2-3-67 2-7-67	AMENDED to chge transferees to Hudson J. Owen and D.F. Wurst		
BR-4237 Rec'd Filed	12-29-66 1-3-67 2-23-67	Renewal of license	GRANTED (Condi'l re: pre sunrise & BTC-5233)	7-11-67

FORM BC-121

AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1500kc

Call
Letters WSEM

SEMINOLE BROADCASTING CO.

Name X WSEM RADIO, INC.
Donalsonville, Ga. 31745

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-6530 R & F FEE PD: \$30 - (Form 316) DEC 4 1968	11-12-68 11-21-68 #473985	Voluntary assignment of license to SEMINOLE BROADCASTING CO. Atty - Welch & Morgan	GRANTED EFF.	12-13-68 1-24-69
BR-4237 R & F \$75 #569038	12-31-69 1-6-70 1-6-70	Renewal AMENDED 3-13-70 re: balance sheet 5-18-70	GRANTED	4-1-70
BZ-7615 R & F DM PRESS	8-11-70 8-13-70 8-21-70 AUG 28 1970	Direct Measurement.	GRANTED	8-31-70
EC-6676 Rec'd Filed Fee: \$1,000 Code 047, WOO Pub. notice filed	5-18-71 9-21-71 9-21-71 9-23-71 5942. SEP 27 1971 3-2-72	Voluntary transfer of negative control of licensee corporation from Hudson J. Owen to: Gilbert M. Kelley. (SEE OVER)	GRANTED Req. grant fee \$319.26 Eff: 4-21-72. Grant Fee Paid: 048 4-27-72 k 067431	3-13-72

RE: BTC-6676 - Sec. VI mailed 10-15-71
10-21-71

RE: BTC-6676 - re; correct par shares of stock & re;
promming - Section VI (replied to letter 11-5-71)

RE: BTC-6676 - AMENDED 2-17-72 to show revised forms
Section IV-A Page 4, Exhibits 11 and 12

Statement re prog. rec'd 3-7-72 - SET'D 3-10-72 to be
filed as amendment - NOT SIGNED OR DATED 4-3-72

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1500 kc

Call
Letters W S E MName SEMINOLE BROADCASTING CO.
DONALSONVILLE, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4237 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	12-22-72 12-28-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 3-29-73 re: balance sheet	GRANTED	4-13-73
BR-4237 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-25-75 12-1-75 " JAN 15 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 4-19-76 re: programming	GRANTED	4-19-76
BR781204WF PRESS:	FEB 14 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	5-25-79

Name: SEMINOLE BROADCASTING CO.

Station Location: Donalsonville, Georgia

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BTC790824GQ Form 316 PRESS	8-20-79 AUG 30 1979	Vol. TC from Gilbert M. Kelley and D. F. Wirst to GILBERT M. KELLEY (100%) Atty - Richard Zaragoza (Fisher, Wayland, etc.)	GRANTED 8-30-79 EFF:
BZ-800514AA R & F PRESS	5-14-80 MAY 29 1980	DIRECT MEASUREMENT	GRANTED 6-10-80
BZ-810116AA R & F PRESS	1-16-81 JAN 29 1981	DIRECT MEASUREMENT	GRANTED 2-5-81

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.

