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BR-1479

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 3-31-47

Call letters W T B F

Location: Troy, Alabama

Name of licensee TROY BROADCASTING CORPORATION

On Hwy. 29, 3 mi. NE of Troy, Ala. (BP- 8-4-58 L 12-12-58)

x Hwy. 15, 3.3 miles NE of business district of Troy, Ala. (L 4-3-57)

Transmitter location x College Drive, Troy, Ala. (CP 5-24-46) Lic. 3-31-47

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Main studio location College Drive, Troy, Alabama (CP 5-24-46) Lic. 3-31-47

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div	Period From- To
33-P-4446 C.P. FOR NEW STATION	5-24-46	1490	250w	U (Conditional Clause)	7-24 1-24-47
33-MP-2067	10-1-46	Mod. CP (4446) for changes in antenna, change type transmitter and extension C & C dates (Conditional Clause)			10-31 4-29-47
BL-2320 BZ-2133	3-31-47	1490kc	250w	U	3-31 8-1-48
	Lic. to cover C.P. (4446, as mod) for new station & determine operating power by direct method. (Conditional Clause)				
BR-1479	7-6-48	1490	250w	U	8-1 8-1-51
ER-1479	7-25-51	1490	250w	U	8-1 4-1-52
BR-1479	3-16-55	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1 4-1-58
BP-9696	3-14-56	970kc	500w, 5kw-LS (DA-2)	Un	5-14-56 11-1-56
	CP to change freq., power, install new trans., and directional antenna, and change transmitter location (COND'L CLAUSE)				
BMP-7408 (1)	10-26-56	Mod. of CP (9696) for extension of completion date to 1-15-57.			
BMP-7484 (2)	12-31-56	Mod. of CP (9696 as mod.) for extension of completion date to 3-15-57.			
BL-6530	4-3-57	970kc	500w, 5kw-LS	U DA-2	4-3-57 4-1-58
	License to cover BP-9696 as mod, to change freq. change power, install new trans. and DA-2 change xmtr. location.				
BR-1479	3-12-58	Renewal of license			4-1 4-1-61
BP-12085	8-4-58	970kc	250w	Aux.	10-4 4-4-59
	CP to install old main transmitter (W.E. 451A-1) as an auxiliary transmitter at present location of main transmitter to be operated on 970kc, 250 for auxiliary purposes only. (DA-2)				
BL-7268	12-12-58	970kc	250w	Aux. (DA-2)	12-12 4-1-61
	Lic. to cover CP BP-12,085 which auth. old main trans. as auxiliary trans. at present location of main trans. for aux. purposes only.				
3-29-61 Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration					

Form BC 126
June 1954

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed ~~3-9-47~~

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Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.		Period		
						From	To	
BR-1479	7-27-61	970kc	500,5kw	LS	Un	7-27	4-1-64	
	88-Renewal	of Lic.		AUX	to		4-1-64	
BR-1479	3-17-64	Main and Aux Renewal of License				4-1	4-1-67	
BR-1479	3-29-67	Renewal of License Main & Aux.				4-1	4-1-70	
BP-17468	7-14-67	970kc	500w,5kw	DA-N	U	9-14	3-14-68	
	CP to change to DA-N, request remote control from main studio loc. (daytime only) Cond'l.							
BL-11,763	10-31-67	970kc	500w-5kw	DA-N	U	10-31	4-1-70	
	Lic. to cover CP (BP-17,468)							
PSA	4-23-69	Operate presunrise		500w				
BR-1479(S)	4-22-70	Renewal of MAIN & AUX &		NDEA		4-1	4-1-73	
BR-1479(L)	4-22-70	Renewal of AUXILIARY				4-1	4-1-73	
EBSA	5-25-72							
EP-19,228	6-6-72	970kc	500w 1kw	DA-N	Aux.	6-6-73		
	CP to install new aux. trans. increase power and operate by RC.							
BL-13,362(L)	1-18-73	Lic (EP-19,228)		for changes of aux. trans.			4-1-73	
BR-1479(L)	4-23-73	RENEWAL (Main & Aux.) correct				4-1	4-1-76	
BR-1479(L)	Supersedes to/Aux. transmitter & Power							
BR-1479(S)	5-10-76	Renewal (Main & Aux.)				4-1	4-1-79	
ERC791127AG(I)	1-24-80	to operate RC						

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters x NewName TROY BROADCASTING CORPORATION
(P.O. Carroll Bldg., Troy, Alabama.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B3-P-4446 Rec'd	12-29-45 1-2-46	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1490 kc Power - 250 w Hours of operation - Unlimited time Trans. location - College Drive, Troy, Alabama Studio location - College Drive, Troy, Alabama	Docket No. 7381 Removed from hearing docket and granted without a hearing Order 5-24-46 Conditional re satisfying legitimate complaints of blanket-ing within the 250 mv/m contour including external cross modulation	

Gates 250-C transmitter

Filed by Ewell C. Orme, Troy, Ala., Atty.

C. I. Shelkofsky, Montgomery, Ala., Engr.

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Name TROY BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B3-MP-2067 Rec'd Filed	5-29-46 7-25-46 7-25-46	Modification of c.p. (B3-P-4446, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to make changes in antenna and to change type transmitter to (WE 451-A1) and extension of commencement and completion dates from 7-24-46 and 1-24-47, respectively to 30 days after grant and 180 days thereafter.	GRANTED Conditional re waiver 3.55(b) and 3.60 and satisfying legitimate complaints of blanketing	10-1-46
BL-2320 Rec'd Filed	2-18-47 2-24-47 2-24-47	License to cover C.P. (B3-P-4446, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. and	GRANTED (Conditionally re waivers 3.55(b) and 3.60 and Blanketing Clause)	1-31-47
B2-2133 Rec'd Filed	2-18-47 2-24-47 2-24-47	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.		

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#3APPLICATION ~~RENEWAL~~ BROADCASTINGCall
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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1479 Rec'd	5-28-48 6-1-48	Renewal of License	GRANTED	7-6-48
BR-1479 Rec'd Resubmitted Rec'd Filed	5-25-51 5-28-51 5-25-51 6-8-51 6-8-51	Renewal of license	RESUBMITTED signed by Gen. Mgr. Ltr. written 5-31-51 GRANTED	7-25-51
BR-1479 Rec'd Filed	12-28-51 1-4-52 1-4-52	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-19-52
BR-1479 Rec'd Filed	12-24-54 12-29-54 12-29-54	Renewal of License	Granted	3-16-55

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-9696 Rec'd Filed	2-9-55 2-14-55 2-14-55	Construction permit to change frequency from 1490kc, to 970kc; increase power from 250w night and day to 500w, night and 5kw, day; install a new transmitter (Collins 21E) and directional antenna (DA-2) and change antenna-transmitter location from College Drive, Troy, Ala. to Alabama Hwy. 15, 3.3 miles N.E. of Troy business district, Troy, Ala. Claude M. Gray, Engr.	DOCKET NO. 11476 GRANTED	3-14-56 Cond'l re phase monitor and before program tests authorization will be issued must submit & have accepted both DA and non-DA proofs. ORDER ISSUED
BMP-7408 Rec'd Filed	10-12-56 10-15-56 10-15-56	Modification of construction permit (BP-9696, which authorized changing frequency, increase power, install new transmitter and directional antenna and change antenna-transmitter location) for extension of completion date from 11-14-56 to 1-15-57. Robert E. Hodson, Atty.	GRANTED	10-26-56

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-7484 Rec'd Filed	12-11-56 12-12-56 12-12-56	Modification of construction permit (BP-9696, as mod., which authorized changing frequency, increase power, install new transmitter and directional antenna and change antenna-transmitter location) for extension of completion date from 1-15-57 to 3-15-57. Robert E. Hodson, Atty.	GRANTED	12-31-56
BL-6530 Rec'd Filed	12-17-56 12-19-56 12-19-56	License to cover Construction Permit (BP-9696 as mod.,) which authorized change in frequency, change in power, install new trans- and directional antenna and change antenna-transmitter location. Atty: Robert E. Hodson	GRANTED	4-3-57
BR-1479 Rec'd & Filed	1-8-58 1-10-58	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	3-12-58

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-12,085 Rec'd Filed	6-28-58	Construction permit to install old main transmitter (W.E. 451A-1) as an auxiliary transmitter at present location of main transmitter and to be operated on 970kc, 250w for auxiliary purposes only.	GRANTED	8-4-58
	6-30-58			
	6-30-58			
Amendment Rec'd&Filed	7-18-58	amended to specify same directional antenna system as main transmitter (DA-2)		
	7-21-58			
BL-7268 Rec'd Filed	10-21-58	License to cover s.p. BP-12,085 which authorized installation of old main trans. as an auxiliary trans. at the location of the main transmitter for aux. purposes only.	GRANTED	12-12-58
	10-26-58			
	10-23-58			

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TROY, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1479 Rec'd & Filed	12-26-60 1-3-61	Renewal of License (MAIN AND AUXILIARY)	GRANTED	7-27-61
BR-1479 R. & F.	12-26-63 12-27-63	Renewal of license (Main and Auxiliary)	GRANTED	3-17-64
BP-17,468 Rec'd Filed	10-12-66 10-17-66 10-17-66	CP to change from DA-2 to DA-N, request remote control from main studio location (Daytime only). Engr: Claude M. Gray, Birmingham, Ala.	GRANTED Con'd I re: Permittée shall submit with the applic. for lic. ant. resist. meas. Pre-sunrise oper.	7-14-67
BR-1479 R & F	12-24-66 12-27-66	Renewal of License (Main and Auxiliary)	GRANTED	3-29-67
BL-11,763 R & F PTA-8/25/67	8/16/67 8/17/67 OCT 13 1967	Lic. to cover CP(BP-17,468) which auth. chng. to DA-N, remote control from studio loc. (daytime only) MAIN Engr: Calude M. Gray, Birmingham, Ala.	GRANTED Con'l. pre-sunrise	10-31-67

CONTACT: MR. E. C. ORME
PHONE: CODE 205; 566-1286
ADDRESS: CARROLL BUILDING
TROY, ALABAMA 36081

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters H. A. B. P.

Name TROY BROADCASTING CORPORATION
TROY, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1479 R & F #506036 \$30 #506034 \$75 F. W.	12-27-69 12-29-69 12-29-69 12-29-69 12-29-69	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) AMENDED 3-16-70 re: Programming AMENDED 4-6-70 re: balance Sheet JAN 27 1970	GRANTED	4-22-70
BP-19,228 R & F \$50-064361 AC-060 PRESS: JUN 2 1972	4-12-72 4-17-72 4-17-72	Construction permit to replace present auxiliary transmitter with a new auxiliary transmitter CCA, AM-1000D and increase power to 500w, 1kw, DA-N, Unlimited, and operate by remote control from the main studio location.	GRANTED	6-6-72
BL-13,362 R & F W 139301-\$50. PTA PRESS	12-22-72 12-27-72 12-27-72- 1-5-73 JAN 18 1973	Lic. (BP-19,228) for changes of Auxiliary transmitter. AC-067	GRANTED <i>g/v</i>	1-18-73 <i>73</i>

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September 1969

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TROY, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1479	12-21-72	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	4-23-73
R & F PN Recd. PRESS	12-29-72 "	AMENDED 4-9-73 re: ascert. of comm. needs		
BR-1479	4-11-73	Renewal of Auxiliary Transmitter		
R & F	4-16-73			
BR-1479	11-25-75	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. TRANS.)	GRANTED	5-10-76
R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-28-75 "	AMENDED 3-26-76 re: comm. leaders survey (BR8111230M) SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 11-23-81 as an amendment to pending renewal application. PRESS:		
BR 781120 UF PRESS	FEB 7 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. TRANS.)		

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING
970KHz.

Call Letters: W T B F

Name: TROY BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Station Location: TROY, ALABAMA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRC791127AG PRESS (0)	DEC 11 1979	Modification of License to change Main Studio Location to: College Drive, Troy, Alabama & Operate Transmitter by Remote Control from Proposed Studio Location (NIGHTTIME).	GRANTED 1-24-80
BZ-791128AF R & F DM PRESS	11-28-79 8-29-80 SEP 14 1980	DIRECT MEASUREMENT	

W T B F - RECORD OF DETAILS OF INFORMAL APPLICATIONS

Wire 5-1-58 Requesting oper. of daytime power night of
5-7-58 for electrical meters not authorized
in license.

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.

