

W T M R

Date first licensed

1-25-49

W T M R (Eff: 7-1-68)

Call letters

X W K D N

Eff: 7-2-48

LOCATION:

CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

THE ROBERT BROADCASTING GROUP, INC. (AL 6-13-80, EFF:

--THE-ROB

X ROBERTS BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 6-4-68 EFF. 7-15-68)

X SOUTH JERSEY BROADCASTING CO. (AP 10-5-48) EFF: 10-25-48)

Name of licensee X RANULF COMPTON, d/b as RADIO WKDN

2775 Ephraim

-2881 Mt. Ephraim Avenue, Camden, N. J. (L-3435, 1-25-49)

X On. W. side of Mt. Ephraim Rd., approx. 500' N. of Olympic Rd. Camden, N.J. (MF 7-16-48)

Transmitter location X Intersection of Fairview and Mt. Ephraim Avenues, Camden, New Jersey (CP 5-3-48)

2775 Ephraim

-2881 Mt. Ephraim Avenue, Camden, N. J. (Lic. 1-25-49)

Main studio location X To be determined, Camden, New Jersey (CP 5-3-48)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BL-P-4617	5-3-48	800	1kw	Daytime	7-3 1-3-49
	CP for new station. (COND. CLAUSE)				
BMP-4042	7-16-48	Mod. CP (4617)		to change transmitter	7-3 1-3-49
	site. (COND. CLAUSE)				
BAP-96	10-5-48	Vol. assignment of CP from Ranulf			
	Compton,	d/b as Radio WKDN to South Jersey B/Cing			
	Co.				
EFF: 10-25-48					
BMP-4296	11-30-48	800	1kw	Daytime	7-3 1-3-49
	Mod. CP (4617 as mod)		to change type of T.		
	(COND. CLAUSE)				
BL-3435	1-25-49	800	1kw	Daytime	1-25 11-1-49
	Lic. to cover CP (4617 as mod) to specify studio				
	location (Cond. Clause)				
BR-2192	10-28-48	800	1kw	Daytime	11-1 11-1-52
BR-2192	10-28-49	800	1kw	Daytime	11-1 11-1-52
	Superseding license issued as of same date to				
	correct antenna description. (COND. CL)				
BTC-1012	10-25-50	Voluntary relinquishment of control of			
		licensee corp. of Ranulf Compton to			
		William Ranulf Compton, Douglass M.			
		Compton, Alice True Giffen and Gordon			
EFF: 11-1-50		Giffen (230 shares of common stock)			
BR-2192	10-15-52	800kc	1kw	Daytime	11-1 6-1-54
BR-2192	5-19-54	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			6-1 6-1-57
TELEGRAM	5-31-57	Action on renewal deferred 5-29-57 and			
		continued operation authorized until			
		final determination on renewal applic.			
BR-2192	6-8-57	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			6-1 6-1-60
BP-12333	12-12-58	800kc	1kw	Day	2-12 8-12-59
	CP to change studio and antenna-transmitter lo-				
	cation TO 2775 Mt. Ephraim Ave., Camden, N.J. and				
	make change in antenna system (increase height).				
	(Cond'l).				

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed Call letters W.K.D.N.

Station location

Name of licensee See Card #1

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BP-12377	12-12-58	800kc	250w	Aux.	2-12 8-12-59
	CP to install a new type transmitter (RCA ET-4250) as an auxiliary transmitter to be located at 2775 Mt. Ephraim Ave, Camden, N.J. and to be operated on 800kc, 250w for auxiliary purposes only.				
BL-7628	11-5-59	800kc	1kw	Day	11-5 6-1-60
	Lic. to cover c.p. (BP-12,333) which auth. change antenna-transmitter and studio location and make changes in antenna system (increase height).				
BL-7629	11-6-59	800kc	250w	Aux.	11-6 6-1-60
	Lic. to cover CP (BP-12,377) which auth. install new type trans. as an auxiliary transmitter.				
BR-2192	5-25-60	800kc	250w	Aux.	6-1 6-1-63
BR-2192	5-25-60	RENEWAL OF LICENSE MAIN AND AUX.			6-1 6-1-63
BTC-4109	9-14-62	Voluntary transfer of control of licensed corporation from Ranulf Compton and Florence J. Compton to Ranulf Compton and Florence J. Compton, As Voting Trustees.			
EFF:	10-16-62				
	5-29-63	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.			
		Main & Aux			
BR-2192	11-15-63	Renewal of License			11-15 6-1-66
BTC-4279	11-22-63	Voluntary transfer of control of licensed corporation from Ranulf Compton and Florence J. Compton as Voting Trustees to Ranulf Compton and Florence J. Compton			
BZ-5656 (1)	9-22-65 (Aux)	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power			
BZ-5655 (1)	9-22-65 (Main)	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power			
BP-14986	11-10-65	800kc	5kw-DA-D	Day 1-10	7-10-66
	CP to increase daytime power to 5kw, install a new transmitter (RCA BTA-5T) (Cond'l).				

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters W K D N

Station location CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BMP-11,812 (1)	6-22-66	Mod. of CP(BP-14,986) for completion date to			ext. of 10-10-66
BR-2192	5-31-66	800kc	250w	Aux.	6-1 6-1-69
	5-31-66	800kc	1kw	Day	6-1-69
BP-14,986 (2)	9-16-66	Mod. of CP(BP-14,986) as mod) which chg. specify a MP in the distance of 230 (memo)			
BL-11,416	5-23-67	800kc	5kw DA	Day	5-23 6-1-69
		Lic to cover CP(BP-14,986 as mod) which auth incr. daytime power, install DA-D and install new trans GATES BC-5P-2			
BL-11,616	5-23-67	800kc	1kw DA	Aux.	5-23 6-1-69
		Lic to use former main trans RAYTHEON RA-1000 at main trans loc. as an aux. trans.			
BAL-0339	6-4-68	Vol. AL			
EFF.	7-15-68				
BR-2192 (L)	5-22-69	Renewal of License (Main-L & Aux.-L)			6-1-72
PSA,	11-23-70	500 watts			
BZ-7723(L)	1-11-71	Direct Docs. (Main & Aux.)			6-1-72
EBSA	6-12-72				
BR-2192(L)	7-11-72	RENEWAL MAIN & AUX.			6-1-75
BS-2192(L)	10-29-74	chg antenna description (p. 2) & monitor point and field strength.			
BR-2192(S)	10-16-75	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.)			6-1-78
BR-2192(L)	5-11-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			6-1-81
BL-790126A(L)	4-27-79	Lic. to cover BP-21061 for changes			XXXXXXDOCK 6-1-81
BP-21,061	1-24-78	800kHz 5kw	DA	Day	1-24-79
	CP chg.	ant. syn.			
BL-790126AA	4-27-79	Supersede page 1 to correct marking.			
BAL800522GU	6-13-80	VOL AL.		EFF:	

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call
LettersW K D N EFF:
7-2-48 NewName RANULF COMPTON, d/b as RADIO W K D N
(P.O. Middle Beach Road, Madison, Conn.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B1-P-4617 Rec'd	3-16-46	Construction Permit for a new Standard Broadcast Station to be operated on: Frequency - 820 kc Power - 1kw Hours of operation - Daytime Trans. location - Intersection of Fairview and Mt. Ephraim Aves, Camden, N. J. Studio location - To be determined, Camden, N. Y. (Filed by Arthur H. Schroeder, Atty.)	Docket # 7481 granted 5-3-48 after hearing, CONDITIONED UPON THE acceptance of inter- ference from the pro- posed opr. of Radio Station WAEB, Allentown, Pa. ORDER ISSUED. Granted for 800 kc.	
	3-19-46			

Rec'd - 6-16-48 [unclear] To Eugene 6-22-48

RCA BTA-1L transmitter

Garo Willard Ray, Engr., Bridgeport, Conn.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W K D NName RANULF COMPTON, d/b as RADIO WKDN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-4042 Rec'd Filed	7-9-48 7-12-48 7-12-48	Mod. of C.P. (B1-P-4617, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change transmitter location from Intersection of Fairview and Mt. Ephraim Avenues, Camden, New Jersey to On West side of Mt. Ephraim Road approx. 500' North of Olympic Road, Camden, New Jersey. (Filed by Andrew C. Haley, Atty.; Dixie B. McKey, Engr.)	GRANTED the authority granted herein is conditioned upon the acceptance of interference from the proposed operation of Radio Station WAEB, Allentown, Pa.	7-16-48
BMP-4296 Rec'd Filed	11-4-48 11-8-48 11-8-48	Mod. of C.P. (B1-P-4617, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter (Raytheon RA-1000). (Andrew G. Haley, Atty.)	GRANTED same cond. as above	11-30-48

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

SOUTH JERSEY BROADCASTING CO. (AP 10-5-48) EFF: 10-25-48

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Letters W K D NName x RANULF COMPTON, d/b as RADIO WKDN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAP-96 Rec'd Filed	9-15-48 9-20-48 9-20-48	Voluntary Assignment of Construction Permit from Ranulf Compton, d/b as Radio WKDN to South Jersey Broadcasting Co. (Filed by Vernon L. Wilkinson, Atty.)	GRANTED EFF:	10-5-48 10-25-48
BL-7435 Rec'd Filed	10-26-48 10-28-48 10-28-48	License to cover C. P. (Bl-P-4617, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast Station) and specify studio location as 2881 Mt. Ephraim Avenue, Camden, New Jersey. (Andrew G. Haley, Atty.)	GRANTED the authority granted herein is conditioned upon the acceptance of interference from the proposed opr. of WAEB	1-25-49

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W K D NName SOUTH JERSEY BROADCASTING CO.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2192 Rec'd	8-25-49 8-29-49	Renewal of license. (Filed by Vernon L. Wilkinson, Atty.)	GRANTED	10-28-49
BTC-1012 Rec'd Filed	10-11-50 10-16-50 10-16-50	Voluntary relinquishment of control of licensee corporation by Ranulf Compton to William Ranulf Compton, Douglass M. Compton, Alice True Giffen and Gordon Giffen. (230 shares of common stock) Vernon L. Wilkinson, Atty.	GRANTED Eff:	10-25-50 11-2-50
BR-3193 Rec'd Filed	7-19-52 7-25-52 7-25-52	Renewal of License Filed by Vernon L. Wilkinson, Atty.	GRANTED	10-15-52

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Letters W.K.D.N

Name SOUTH JERSEY BROADCASTING CO.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2192 Rec'd Filed	2-13-54 2-18-54 2-18-54	Renewal of License Filed by Vernon L. Wilkinson, Atty.	Granted	5-19-54
BR-2192 Rec'd Filed	2-18-57 2-26-57 2-26-57	Renewal of license Edward R. McKenna, Atty.	GRANTED	6-6-57
BP-12,333 Rec'd Filed	9-18-58 9-19-58 9-19-58	Construction permit to change studio and antenna-transmitter location from 2881 Mt. Ephraim Avenue, Camden, New Jersey TO 2775 Mt. Ephraim Avenue, Camden, New Jersey and make changes in antenna system (increase height).	GRANTED	12-12-58
AMENDMENT R & F	11-24-58 11-25-58	Atty's: McKenna & Wilkinson Engr. - A.D. Ring & Assoc. AMENDED to make changes in ground system.	Conditional that before program tests authorized data shall be submitted showing radiation does not exceed 184 mv/m/	

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Letters

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Name

SOUTH JERSEY BROADCASTING CO.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-12,377 Rec'd Filed	9-18-58 9-29-58 9-29-58	Construction permit to install a new type transmitter (RCA ET-4250) as an auxiliary transmitter to be located at 2775 Mt. Sparrow Ave., Camden, New Jersey and to be operated on 800Kc, 250W, for auxiliary purposes only (this application contingent on grant of BP-12,333). Atty's: McKenna & Wilkinson <i>By: A. D. King</i>	GRANTED	12-12-58
BL-7623 Rec'd Filed	8-7-59 8-10-59 8-10-59	License to cover construction permit (BP-12,333) which authorized change antenna-transmitter and studio location and make changes in antenna system (increase height). Vernon L. Wilkinson, Atty.	GRANTED	11-5-59
BL-7629 Rec'd Filed	8-7-59 8-10-59 8-10-59	License to cover construction permit (BP-12,377) which authorized install new type transmitter as an Auxiliary Transmitter. <small>F. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.</small> Vernon L. Wilkinson, Atty.	GRANTED	11-5-59

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Letters W.K.D.N.Name SOUTH JERSEY BROADCASTING CO.

Camden, New Jersey

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-2192	2-26-60	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	5-25-60
Reg'd & Filed	3-1-60	McKenna and Wilkinson, Attys.		
BP-2192	4-7-60	Renewal of license (Auxiliary)	GRANTED	5-25-60
Reg'd & Filed	4-13-60	McKenna and Wilkinson, Attys.		
BP-14,986	6-26-61	Construction permit to increase daytime power from 1kw to 5kw; to install DA-D; and install a new transmitter (RCA BTA-5T). Atty: Robert W. Coll Engr: Paul F. Godley, Jr.	GRANTED	11-10-65
Rec'd	7-14-61			
Filed	7-14-61			
		REQUEST WAIVER OF SEC 1.351 OF RULES - FILED 12-28-62	Cond'l re: Phase Mon., Field meas equip., DA & non-DA proof.	
AMEND	1-16-63	AMENDED 1-21-63 to reflect chg. in ownership		
R&F	1-21-63	per BTC-4109 Atty. McKenna & Wilkinson		

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W K D N

Name SOUTH JERSEY BROADCASTING CO.
CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-4109 Rec'd Filed	8-4-62 8-20-62 8-20-62	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Ranulf Compton and Florence J. Compton to Ranulf Compton and Florence J. Compton, As Voting Trustees. Vernon L. Wilkinson, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	9-14-62 10-16-62
BR-2192 R & F	2-18-63 2-28-63	Renewal of license. (Auxiliary and Main). Atty: McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED	11-15-63
BTC-4279 R & F	4-19-63 4-22-63	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Ranulf Compton and Florence J. Compton as Voting Trustees to Ranulf Compton and Florence J. Compton Atty. - McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED	11-22-63

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name SOUTH JERSEY BROADCASTING CO.
Camden, New Jersey

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-5655 R & F	6/23/65 6/25/65	Auth. to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Main) Atty: McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED	9-22-65
BZ-5656 R & F	6/23/65 6/25/65	Auth. to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Aux.) Atty: McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED	9-22-65
BR-2192 R & F	2-23-66 4-22-66	Renewal of license (Main & Auxiliary) Atty- McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED	5-31-66
BMP-11,812 R & F	5-27-66 5-31-66	Modification of CP(BP-14,986 which authorized increase daytime power from 1kw to 5kw; install DA-D and install new transmitter) for extension of completion date from 7-10-66 to 10-10-66. Attys- McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED to	6-22-66 10-10-66

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

800kc

Call W T M R
Letters X W K D N

Name X SOUTH JERSEY BROADCASTING CO.
Camden, New Jersey

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-11,416 Rec'd Filed PTA: 9-14-66	8/16/66 8/18/66 9/7/66	Lic. to cover CP (BP-14,986 as mod.) which auth. increase daytime power, install DA-D and install new trans., specify type trans. GATES BC-5P-2. Atty: McKenna & Wilkinson (Vernon L. Wilkinson) Engr: Paul F. Godley, Jr., Camden, N.J.	GRANTED	5-23-67
BL-11,616 R & F	10/20/66 10/21/66	Lic. to use former main trans. RATHEON RA-1000 at main trans. loc. as an aux. to be operated on 800kc 1kw for auxiliary purposes only. Atty: V. L. Wilkinson Engr: Paul F. Godley, Jr., N.J.	GRANTED	5-23-67
BAL-6339 R & F FEE PD: \$105 REFUND \$30 not nec. APR 17 1968	4-4-68 4-8-68 #419369	Voluntary assignment of license to ROBERTS BROADCASTING COMPANY Atty - McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED EFF.	6-4-68 7-15-68
Ltr.	11-13-68	Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, P.C., WASHINGTON, D.C.		

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W.T.M.R.

ROBERTS BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name X SOUTH JERSEY BROADCASTING CO.
Camden, New Jersey

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2192 R & F #494958 \$105. PRESS APR 16 1969	2-28-69 3-3-69 3-3-69	Renewal of license---(Main & Auxiliary) Atty. Joel Rosenbloom	GRANTED	5-22-69
BZ-7723 rec'd #567525 \$30. Amended & F DM PRESS JUN 6 - 1971	1-5-70 1-7-70 1-7-70 Refunded 7-2-70 11-30-70	Direct Meas. (Main & Aux. Trans.) skel. pr. of perf.	GRANTED	1-11-71
BR-2192 R & F PN PRESS MAR 16 1972	2-21-72 3-3-72 3-3-72	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Atty-Lawrence N. Cohn AMENDED 6-19-72 re: financial data; comm. policy	GRANTED	7-11-72

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Name ROBERTS BROADCASTING COMPANY
CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2192	1-15-75	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY)	GRANTED	10-16-75
Recd.	2-3-75	Lawrence N. Cohn, Atty.		
PN Recd.	"	AMENDED 5-30-75 re: financial data & EEO		
FILED	2-13-75	AMENDED 6-30-75 re: EEO		
PRESS	MAR 18 1975	AMENDED 10-20-75 re: financial data		

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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LettersW.T.M.R.....

Name ROBERTS BROADCASTING COMPANY
Camden, New Jersey

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-21, 061 R & F PRESS: DEC 16 1977	5-23-77 5-26-77	Construction permit to make changes in antenna system (increase height above insulators to accommodate FM antenna) Atty: L. Adrian Roberts	ACCEPTED and GRANTED	1-24-78
BR-2192 R & F PRESS: FEB 22 1978	1-31-78 2-1-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) Atty. Lawrence N. Cohn (Cohn & Marks)	GRANTED	5-11-78
BL-790126AA R & F PTA PRESS: MAR 12 1979	1-26-79 2-7-79	Lic. to cover BP-21,061 as mod. for changes Atty: Lawrence N. Cohn	GRANTED	4-27-79

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WTMR

Name: THE ROBERT BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.
 Robert Broadcasting Company

Station Location: Camden, New Jersey

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BAL800522GU Form 316 PRESS JUN 9 1980		Voluntary assignment of license to The Robert Broadcasting Group, Inc. Atty-Lawrence N. Cohn	GRANTED 6-13-80 EFF:
LETTER DATED PRESS (O) AUG 7 1980	5-22-80	Filed by Lawrence N. Cohn Request for Dual City As: WTMR, CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY-PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.	Identification Request denied 11-6-80
BR810202F4 PRESS MAR 27 1981		RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. Lawrence N. Cohn	GRANTED 5-29-81

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.

