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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-4-50 Call letters WZOB (Ltr. 9-29-49)
W H A G
 CENTRAL BROADCASTING COMPANY (APL 11-23-70 EFF: 12-1-70) LOCATION: FORT PAYNE, ALABAMA
 x MARGIE F. GRAVITT (AL 1-8-70, Eff: 1-12-70)
 x MARGIE F. GRAVITT, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF GLENN M. GRAVITT (DECEASED) (AL 7-31-69)
 x GLENN M. GRAVITT (AL 8-8-51, Eff. 8-16-51)
 Name of licensee x GLENN M. GRAVITT, COLONEL J. C. VESSELS, and H. V. ROBERTS, d/b as
 FORT PAYNE ON THE AIR

Highway 35, West, Fort Payne, Alabama (BP 1-5-70)
 Transmitter location x On U.S. Highway #35, Route #3, 1.7 miles West of business area,
 Fort Payne, Ala. (MP 1-16-50) (Lic. 8-4-50)

Same as transmitter (BP 1-5-70)

Main studio location x On U. S. Highway #35, Route #3, 1.7 mi. W. of business area, Fort
 Payne, Ala (MP 1-16-50) (Lic. 8-4-50)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BP-6863	8-11-49	1250	1kw	Day	
	Ltr. 8-16-49. CP for a new station granted subj. filing MP for approval T site and antenna.				
BP-6863	1-16-50	1250	1kw	Daytime	3-16 9-16-50
BMP-4779	Mod. CP (6863) to change type of T and approval of antenna, T and studio site.				
BL-4110	8-4-50	1250	1kw	Day	8-4 5-1-53
	Lic. to cover CP(6863 as mod) for a new station.				
AL-1204	8-8-51	Vol. assignment of license to GLENN H. GRAVITT			
	Eff. 8-16-51				
BR-2489	4-8-53	1250	1kw	Day	5-1-53 -4-1-55
BR-2489	3-30-55	Renewal of license			4-1 4-1-58
BR-2489	3-12-58	Renewal of license			4-1 4-1-61
	3-29-61	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-2489	5-3-61	Renewal of license			5-3 4-1-64
	3-25-64	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.			
BR-2489	10-30-67	1250kc	1kw	Day	10-30 4-1-70
	Renewal of NLEA				
TELEGRAM	10-25-67	PSA	500w		
BAL-6694	7-31-69	Invol. AL			
BP-18676	1-5-70	1250kc	1kw	Day	9-5-70 ground s
	CP to chg. ant-trans. & studio loc. & make chgs. in ant. &				
AL-6773	1-8-70	Vol. AL			
Comtel	4-21-70	Temp. auth. operate accord. pending receipt Form 302			BP-18676 exp. 5-26-70
BR-2489(L)	4-1-70	RENEWAL & NLEA			4-1-73
(L)		Lic. (2489) for chgs. 4-1-73			
BAPL-395	11-23-70	VOL. APL EFF: 12-1-70			
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-2489(L)	5-7-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-76
BR-2489(\$)	3-30-76	RENEWAL			4-1-79
BTC800215HQ	5-12-80	Vol	TC	EFF:	7-31-80

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name GLENN M. GRAVITT, COLONEL J. C. VESSELS and H. V. ROBERTS,
d/b as FORT PAYNE ON THE AIR
 (PO Box 255, Fort Payne, Alabama)

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-6863 Rec'd Filed	7-13-48	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1250kc Power: 100w , 250w LS 250w lkw Hours of operation: Unlimited daytime Trans. location: To be determined- Fort Payne, Alabama Studio location: To be determined- Fort Payne, Alabama	Docket # 9178 Granted 8-11-49 after being removed from hearing docket; subj. filing MP for approval T site and antenna. Ltr. 8-16-49 Issued with MP 4779	
	7-16-48			
	7-16-48			
AMENDED recd. Filed	2-2-49	AMENDED to change power from 100w 250w LS to 250w daytime only; hours of operation from unlimited to daytime.		
	2-3-49			
	2-3-49			
AMENDED Recd. Filed	5-17-49	AMENDED to change power from 250w to lkw and change type transmitter (Gates BC 1 E).		
	6-21-49			
	7-1-49			

Transmitter-Gates ~~250-C-20-1-B~~

~~W.E. 443-A~~ W.E. 443-A1

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GLENN M. GRAVITT, COLONEL J. C. VESSELS AND H. V. ROBERTS, Letters

x W H A G

Name d/b as FORT PAYNE ON THE AIR

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-4779 Rec'd Filed	9-16-49 9-19-49 9-19-49	Modification of construction permit (BP-6863, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter (W.E. 443-A) and for approval of antenna transmitter and studio locations as <u>South Gault Avenue on U.S. Highway #11, Fort Payne, Alabama.</u>	GRANTED	1-16-50
Amended Rec'd Filed	11-12-49 11-14-49 11-14-49	AMENDED to change type of transmitter (W.E. 443-A1) and change antenna, transmitter and studio locations from South Gault Avenue on U.S. Highway #11, Fort Payne Alabama <u>to</u> On U.S. Highway #35, Route #3, 1.7 miles west of business area, Fort Payne, Alabama.		
AMENDED Recd. Filed	1-6-50 1-9-50 1-9-50	AMENDED to change transmitter location (geog. coords. only)		

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Name ...x. GLENN M. GRAVITT (AL 8-8-51, Eff. 8-16-51)
 ...x. GLENN M. GRAVITT, COLONEL J. C. VESSELS, and H. V. ROBERTS,
 d/b as Fort Payne On the Air.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-4110 Rec'd Filed	6-28-50 6-29-50 6-29-50	License to cover C.P. (BP-6863, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED	8-4-50
BAL-1204 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	5-11-51 5-14-51 6-6-51 6-6-51 6-18-51 6-18-51	Voluntary assignment of license from Glenn M. Gravitt, Colonel J. C. Vessels and H. V. Roberts d/b as Fort Payne On The Air to Glenn M. Gravitt.	RETURNED Section I, Part I filed in name of individuals RETURNED Amended see, not dated. GRANTED Eff.	5-29-51 6-12-51 8-8-51 8-16-51
BR- 2489 Rec'd Filed	1-31-53 2-2-53 2-2-53	Renewal of license	Granted	4-8-53

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FORM A-170

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

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Name GLENN M. GRAVITT

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-9532 Rec'd Filed	10-21-54 10-27-54 10-27-54	Construction permit to increase power from 1kw to 5kw and install a new transmitter (RCA BTA-5F).	DISMISSED Per Sec.	2-28-55 1.381
BR-2489 Rec'd. Filed	12-31-54 1-4-55 1-4-55	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-30-55
BR-2489 Rec'd & Filed	12-31-57 1-2-58	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	3-12-58

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MARGIE F. GRAVITT, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF
GLENN M. GRAVITT (DECEASED)

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Name x GLENN M. GRAVITT
Fort Payne, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2489 Rec'd Filed	12-31-60 1-3-61 1-3-61	Renewal of license	GRANTED	5-3-61
BR-2489 R. & F.	12-28-63 12-31-63	Renewal of license. SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed as Amendment to renewal application 1-3-67	GRANTED (Cond'1 73.87 & 73.99)	10-30-67
BAL-6694 R & F FEE PD:\$30 (Form 316)	6-17-69 6-19-69 #523226 JUL 7 1969	Involuntary assignment of license to MARGIE F. GRAVITT, Executrix of the Estate of Glenn M. Gravitt(deceased)	GRANTED	7-31-69
EP-18,676 Rec'd. R&F \$30 #538339	8-20-69 8-22-69 8-20-69 9-25-69 8-27-69	CP to change antenna location approx. 10321 to Hwy. 35, West, Fort Payne, Alabama, make changes in antenna & ground systems and change studio location to Hwy. 35, West, Fort Payne, Alabama.	GRANTED	1-5-70

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DP-18,676 Amend. R&F 11-5-69 new V-A and map of site.
Amend. R&F 11-25-69 Add'l. engr.

FORM BC-121 #6
AUG. 1955

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1250kc

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Name MARGIE F. GRAVITT
MARGIE F. GRAVITT, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF GLENN M. GRAVITT (deceased)
Fort Payne, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-6793 R & F FEB FD: \$75 NOTICE SENT add'l \$30 rec for remotes FILED 11-17-69 #557099	10-14-69 10-20-69 -#550227 11-7-69 NOV 10 1969	Voluntary assignment of license to MARGIE F. GRAVITT	GRANTED EFF:	1-8-70 1-12-70
BR-2489 R & F #566008 \$75. P.N.	12-20-69 12-24-69 12-24-69 12-24-69	Renewal of License	GRANTED	4-1-70
BL-12,654 Rec'd #608818 \$30 Filed PTA PRESS Amended AMENDED	5-25-70 5-27-70 6-12-70 6-12-70 6-19-70 JUL 18 1970 6-25-70 7-14-70	License (BP-18,676) changes Section II-A Re: coordinates	GRANTED	7-21-70

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1250kc

CENTRAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

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Name MARDIE P. GRAVITT

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
EAPL-395 Rec'd #611526\$75 and \$30 - #616430 (remotes) Filed 23 1970 Pub. notice filed 8-3-70	5-6-70 6-25-70 6-25-70 7-16-70	Voluntary assignment of license and CP(BP-18676) CENTRAL BROADCASTING COMPANY McKenna & Wilkinson, Attys. (SEE OVER) (Norman P. Leventhal)	GRANTED EFF:	11-23-70 12-1-70
BR-2489 R & F P.N. PRESS JAN 1973	12-15-72 1-2-73 1-2-73	Renewal of License Atty.: Jonathan Schochor AMENDED 1-31-73 re: balance sheet AMENDED 2-21-73 re: programming AMENDED 4-23-73 re: programming; commercial practices	GRANTED	5-7-73
THE COMMISSION, by action of 11-14-74 notified the licensee that it has incurred an apparent liability for forfeiture in the amount of \$500 for the violation of Section 1304 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code by broadcasting lottery information.				

RE: BAPL-395 Ltr from atty filed 7-16-70 - include CP
LTR 7-21-70 - Bank ltr re ~~loan~~ *loan* ret'd (dated after applic)
to be filed as amendment

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Form BC-121
September 1969
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FORT PAYNE, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2489 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	10-31-75 11-28-75 " JAN 21 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Robert W. Coll, Atty. AMENDED 3-8-76 re: commercial matter	GRANTED	3-30-76
BR 781201 B4 PRESS	FEB 26 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Robert W. Coll, Atty.	<i>granted</i>	<i>3-30-76</i>
BTC-800215HQ FORM 315 PRESS: FEB 27 1980		Vol TC from C. Theodore Kirby to Peggy Kirby Atty - W.K. Keane (McKenna, Wilkinson etc) ^(over)	GRANTED EFF:	5-12-80 7-31-80

BTC800215HQ AMENDED 4-18-80 re: List of officers, directors and stockholders of station after grant

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.

