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NON COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL FM

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 4-8-57

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LOCATION: WILLIAMSTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

Name of licensee THE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES OF WILLIAMS COLLEGE

Transmitter location Baxter Hall, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass. (CP 7-11-56)

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Main studio location Baxter Hall, Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts (CP 7-11-56)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPED-306	7-11-56	CP for new NON-Comm. Ed. Fm 90.1mcs.	TPO 10watts		9-11-56 3-11-57
WIRE	1-8-57	AUTH. PROGRAM TEST pend. act. on license			
BLED-201	4-3-57	License to cover above to			4-1-60
BRED-145	3-30-60	Renewal of license			to 4-1-63
BPED-429 HAAT:	7-7-60	91.3mc CH 217	TPO:10w	U	9-7-60 3-7-61
Construction permit for a change in frequency.					
BLED-307 (1)	5-26-61	License to cover CP(BPED-429) which authorized chg. in freq.			
	3-27-63	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.			
BRED-145	7-10-63	91.3 mcs.	TPO 10w	U	7-10 4-1-66
BPED-594 HAAT:-760'	12-12-63	91.3mcs Ch.217	ERP:34w TPO:50w	Unl.	2-12 8-12-64
CP to incr. ERP & TPO; install new trans. (Gates BFE-50C); & chg. HAAT.					
BLED-442 (1)	8-17-64	Lic. to cover CP(BPED-594) which auth. chgs. to ERP, HAAT, TPO & type trans.			
BRCED-32 (2)	12-8-64	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from Baxter Hall, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.			
BRED-145 HAAT: Minus 760'	3-25-66	91.3mcs.	TPO 50w ERP: 34w	U	4-1 4-1-69
BRED-145(S)	4-17-69	Renewal of License			4-17 4-1-72
BPED-1,133 HAAT: -750'	10-6-70	91.9mc.	ERP: 440 watts TPO: 250 watts		12-6-70 10-6-71
CP chg. freq., trans, ant, TPO:, ERP:, &HAAT:					
(L)	3-5-72	Lic. (BLED-1,133) for changes. 4-1-72			
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRED-145 (S)	5-31-72	Renewal of License			4-1-75
BRED-145(S)	3-31-75	Renewal of License			4-1-78
BRED-145	3-13-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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WMS, OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF FRESHMEN, WILLIAMS COLLEGE, WILLIAMSTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
ADD: Baxter Hall, Williamstown, Mass.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-306 Recd & filed 6-20-56	6-15-56	C. P. for a new Educational FM B/c Stations: Frequency: 90.1 mcs. Ch. 211 ERP: 0.01 kw. U. Ant. ht. above average Terr: 80 ft. T-L BAXTER HALL, Williams College, Williamstown, 323 Massachusetts S-L: SAME (GATES BFE-10A 0.01 kw) TPO: 0.01 kw.	GRANTED 90.1mcs. CH. 211 TPO 10 watts filed	7-11-56
BPED-201 Recd & filed 1-8-57	12-19-56	License to cover the above.	GRANTED	4-8-57
BRED-145 Rec'd Filed	12-22-59 12-28-59 12-28-59	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	3-30-60

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BPED-429 Rec'd Filed	1-21-60 4-12-60 4-12-60	Construction permit to change frequency from 90.1mcs, Ch. #211 to 91.3mcs, Ch. #217. CONTINGENT ON GRANT OF BPED-428, BPED-430, BPED-431 and BPED-432. John V. L. Ellicot, Atty.	GRANTED	7-7-60
BLED-307 R & F	12-21-60 12-29-60	License to cover C.P. (BPED-429) which authorized a change in frequency.	GRANTED	5-26-61
BRED-145 R. & F.	12-20-62 12-28-62	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	7-10-63
BPED-594 R & F	11-15-63 11-22-63	Construction permit to incr ERP from 6.3w to 34w; incr TPO from 10w to 50w and install new trans (Gates-BFE-200), HAAT <u>760.9 Ft.</u>	GRANTED	12-12-63
BLED-442 R & F	4-1-64 4-3-64	Lic. to cover CP (BPED-594) which auth chgs in ERP, TPO & HAAT & install new trans.	GRANTED	8-17-64

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BRCED-32 Rec'd Filed	11-30-64 12-1-64 12-1-64	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from Baxter Hall, Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts,	GRANTED	12-8-64
BRED-145 R & F	1-28-66 2-2-66	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-25-66
BRED-145 R & F No Fee Requ. PRESS	12-20-68 12-24-68 JAN 3 - 1969	Renewal of license	GRANTED	4-17-69
BPED-1,133 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED PRESS: JUL 28 1970 PN REC'd: 170-2-71	6-24-70 7-6-70	CP chg. freq. to 91.9mc. #220; chg. trans (Gates-250-H3); Ant(Gates-FMA-2, 2 sects); make chgs. in ant. System(incr. hght); TPO: 250watts; ERP:0.444watts. Atty---- Engr-Lohnes and Culve	GRANTED	10-6-70

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BLND-865 R & F PTA PRESS FEB 17 1971	1-30-71 2-3-71 2-8-71	Lic.(BPED-1,133) for changes.	GRANTED	3-5-71
BRED-145 R & F PRESS JAN 19 1972 PN 3-20-72	12-21-71 1-3-72	Renewal of License AMENDED 4-5-72 re: employment policy	GRANTED	5-31-72
BRED-145 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-18-74 11-27-74 JAN 28 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-31-75
BRED-145 R & F PN PRESS	11-23-77 11-28-77 JAN 3 1978	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-13-78

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THE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES OF WILLIAMS COLLEGE

Name

WILLIAMSTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BRED801201VC PRESS	JAN 14 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	M	3/30/81

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.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) 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 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). Prior to that move, 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.

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.

