

WBKY

NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL
BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Official No. 3

Date first licensed 3-13-41

Call letters W B K Y
LOCATION: LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

Name of licensee UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Near Kentucky Hwy 25/421; 0.4 mi. S of Clays Ferry, Kentucky (PED-4-9-71)

~~McVey Hall, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky~~

Elementary School Bldg., (Ren. 5-19-42)

Transmitter location High School Building, Beattyville, Kentucky (C.P.2-20-40)

MCVEY HALL— UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY— LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

Main studio location Elementary School Bldg., Beattyville, Kentucky (Ren. 5-19-42)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

APPL. No.	DATE ISSUED	FREQ.	POWER	TIME Div.	PERIOD	
					From—	To—
B2-PED-12	2-20-40	41900	100w A-3	Sec.4.135	4-20	10-20-40
C.P. for new non-commercial educational broadcast station at Beattyville, Kentucky.						
BP-PED-17	1-14-41	42900	100w	S. 4.135	3-14	9-14-41
C.P. for reinstatement of above C.P. & chg. frequency.						
B2-LED-5	3-13-41	same	same	S.4.135	3-13	5-1-42
License to cover C.P. (B2-PED-17)						
B2-SED-3	4-21-42	Extension of license			5-1	6-1-42
B2-RED-3	5-19-42	42,900	100w A3	S. 4.135	5-19	5-1-43
Renewal of license.						
B2-SED-3	4-20-43	Extension of license			5-1	6-1-43
B2-RED-3	5-11-43	42,900	100w A3	S.4.131 4.132 4.135	5-11	5-1-44
Renewal of license						
B2-PED-30	6-27-44	42,900	500w	S.4.131, 4.132, 4.135	By 8-27-44 2-27-45	
Emiss: Special C.P. to move transmitter; make changes in equipment & antenna; increase power and change emission.						
B2-NPED-20	1-22-45	same	same	same	By 8-27-44 to 3-23-45	
make changes in antenna system & extension of						
Mod. of C.P. (A2-PED-30) time (60 days from grant)						
B2-LED-10	3-5-45	same	same	S.4.135	5-1-45	5-1-46
Emission: Special for FM Lic. to cover C.P. (B2-PED-30)						
Letter	4-4-46	Assigned frequency 31.3 mcs. (Ch. #217)				
B2-SED-3	4-26-46	Extension of license			5-1	7-1-46
BB2-SED-3	6-20-46	Extension of license			7-1	9-1-46
B2-RED-3	8-29-46	Renewal of license			8-29	5-1-47
B2-PED-75	9-10-46	Construction Permit to specify frequency to change transmitter and antenna system.			11-10	5-10-47
change power, and make changes in						

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Telegram	12-20-46	Temporary assignment effective			1-1-47 or as soon thereafter as equipment may be modified in no event later than 2-1-47.
BSED-3	1-3-47	STA to use oscillator with maximum power of 40w on 91.3 mc. and freq. tol. of 1% for purpose of developing an antenna			1-23 2-21-47
BSED-3	2-21-47	Ext. STA for same as above			2-22 3-23-47
BSED-3	4-17-47	Renewal of license			4-17-47 5-1-48
	6-26-47	91.3 (No. 217)			freq. assignment accord. Do. 6769
BLED-12	5-27-47	Lic. to cover C.P. (B2-PED-75) which authorized a new non-commercial educational broadcast station			By 5-27-47 to 5-27-48
		91.3	2.3		
BLED-12	5-27-47	91.3	2.3	U	5-27 5-1-48
		Lic. to cover C.P. (B2-PED-75)			
		Superseding C.P. issued to correct expiration date.			
BRED-3	4-28-48	Renewal of license			5-1-48 to 9-1-50
		Freqs. 44.9 and 91.3			
BRED-3	4-28-48	Renewal of license			5-1-48 to 9-1-50
	(mailed 5-11-48)	Freqs. 44.5 and 91.3 mcs.			
BSED-3	4-29-49	Change type of transmitter			To 9-1-50
	Mod. - Re Memo. dated 4-29-49				
<u>BRED-3</u>	<u>8-31-50</u>	<u>Renewal of license</u>			<u>to 9-1-53</u>
BPED-225	1-28-53	C.P. to change transmitter			3-28-53
		91.3 mcs	2.3 kw		9-28-53
BLED-137	8-24-53	License to cover BPED-225			to 9-1-53
BRED-3	8-26-53	Renewal of license to			9-1-56
BRED-3	8-29-56	Renewal of license to			8-1-58 (S)
	Terr: 170ft.	91.3 mcs.	2.3 kw, U.		
BPED-339	9-27-57	91.3	3.0 kw	U	11-27 5-27-58
		CP to incr. ERP to 3.0 kw, Terr. 165'			
BLED-233	4-9-58	License to cover CP(339)			4-9-58
					8-1-58
BRED-3	7-30-58	Renewal of license to			8-1-61
BRED-3	7-6-61	Renewal of license to			8-1-64

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CARD #3

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
Ltr. dated 1-31-64 & rec'd 2-5-64 giving notification per Sect. 73.550(a)(5) Rules that a Collins 830D-1A trans. is now installed & in oper.					
BRED-3	5-31-64	91.3mcs.	3kw.	U	8-21-64 - 8-1-67
BRED-3	7-18-67	<u>Renewal of License</u>			8-1-70
BRED-3 (S)	7-31-70	Renewal			8-1-73
BPED-1, 180 HAAT: 540 (h&v)	4-9-71	91.3mc Ch# 217	ERP: 50kw (h&v) TPO: 18.5kw RC		6-9-71 - 4-9-72
CP chg. trans loc. operate remote control from studio loc. install trans & ant. chg. TPO, ERP and HAAT.					
BSCA-1, 051	6-17-71	SCA on 67 kcs.			8-1-73
BMPED-881 (1)	4-21-72	MP(BPED-1180) Extension			time 10-9-72
EBSA	5-15-72				
BLED-981(L)	7-14-72	91.3mc. Lic.(BRED-1180, as mod.) for Changes.			8-1-73
BRED-3(S)	7-31-73	RENEWAL			8-1-76
BRSCA-1051		RENEWAL OF SCA			
BRED-3 (s)	9-30-76	Renewal of License			8-1-1979
BRSCA-1051		" SCA			
BRED790403YK(S)	7-18-79	Renewal of License			8-1-82
BRSCA790403YK	"	Renewal of SCA			"

APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

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Name UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY (P.O. Lexington, Ky.)

FILE No.	DATED	APPLICATION FOR—	ACTION	
			NATURE	DATE
B2-PED-12	9-21-39	Construction permit for new non-commercial educational broadcast station to be located High School Bldg., Beattyville, Kentucky, to be operated on 41,900 kilocycles with power of 100w, A-3 Emission.	Returned	9-29-39
RESUBMITTED	10-24-39		See 4-5-57 - June 6	Granted
B2-LED-3	10-17-40 Recd. 10-19	License to cover above C.P. for new station	Returned Sec. 9(b)	10-22-40 -frequency
B2-PED-17	10-25-40 Recd. 10-28	Reinstatement of construction permit (B2-PED-12) with change in frequency from 41900 kcs. to 42900 kilocycles.	Returned 10-29-40	(New resolution)
Resubmitted Recd.	11-25-40 11-27-40		GRANTED	1-14-41

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-LED-5	1-30-41	License to cover C.P. (B2-PED-17) for a new non-commercial education station.	GRANTED	3-13-41
B2-RED-3	1-15-42	Renewal of license	GRANTED	5-19-42
B2-RED-3 Recd Resubmitted	2-8-43 2-25-43 3-5-43	Renewal of license	Ret: 3-1-43; Sec 10(e) GRANTED	5-11-43
B2-PED-30 Recd	4-13-44 4-15-44	Construction permit to move transmitter from Elementary School Building, Beattyville, Ky., to McVey Hall, University of Kentucky Campus, Lexington, Ky., make changes in equipment and antenna, increase power from 100 w to 500w and change emission from A3 to Special .	GRANTED	6-27-44

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-MPED-20 Rec'd. Filed	12-7-44 12-9-44 12-9-44	Modification of construction permit (B2-PED-30) to make changes in antenna system, and extension of time from 2-27-45 to 60 days from date of grant.	GRANTED	1-22-45
B2-LMD-10 Rec'd. Resubmitted Rec'd. Filed	2-3-45 2-5-45 2-3-45 2-15-45 2-15-45	License to cover C.P. (B2-PED-30 as modified, which authorized move of trans; changes in equipment and antenna, increase in power and change in emission.)	Ret. - 2-8-45 re-hours-of-operation-under-9(b) GRANTED	3-5-45
B2-RED-3 Rec'd Filed	4-5-46 4-8-46 4-8-46	Renewal of license	GRANTED	8-29-46
BRED-3 Rec'd. Filed	3-9-48 3-11-48 3-11-48	Renewal of license		

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-PED-75 Rec'd Filed	1-15-46 8-16-46 8-16-46	Construction permit to specify Ch. #217, 91.3 mc, to change power from 500 watts <u>to</u> 1 kw, to change transmitter and make changes in antenna system. (COMPOSITE Max. 1000 w)	GRANTED	9-10-46
BRED-3 Rec'd Filed	3-6-47 3-10-47 3-10-47	Renewal of license	GRANTED	4-17-47
BLED-12 Rec'd Filed	5-7-47 5-12-47 5-12-47	License to cover C. P. (B2-PED-75) for ^{which authorized} a new noncommercial educational broadcast station.	GRANTED	5-27-47
BRED-3 Rec'd Filed	3-9-48 3-11-48 3-11-48	Renewal of license	GRANTED	4-28-48

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BRED-3 Recd & Filed	5-9-50 5-18-50	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	8-31-50
BPED-225 Recd & Filed	1-16-53 1-19-53	C.P. to make changes in licensed station - Change type of transmitter to REL, Model 706 Exciter and 4-400A final amplifier.	GRANTED	1-28-53
BRED-3 Recd & Filed	7-31-53 8-3-53	Renewal of license	GRANTED	8-26-53
BLED-137 Recd & Filed	7-31-53 8-3-53	License to cover C.P. (BPED-225) which auth. changes in licensed station	GRANTED	8-24-53
BRED-3 Recd & filed	8-8-56 8-13-56	Renewal of license	GRANTED	8-29-56
BPED-339 Recd & filed	8-23-57 8-26-57	CP to increase effective radiated power from 2.3 to 3.0 kw.	GRANTED	9-27-57
BLED-233 Rec'd Filed	12-9-57 12-12-57 12-12-57	License to cover construction permit (BPED-339), which authorized an increase in effective radiated power to 3.0kw.	GRANTED	4-9-58

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-3 Rec'd Filed	7-8-58 7-11-58 7-11-58	Renewal of license	7-30-57	
BRED-3 Rec'd & Filed	4-5-61 4-14-61	Renewal of License	GRANTED	7-6-61
BRED-3 Rec'd Filed	6-18-64 6-22-64 6-22-64	Renewal of license	GRANTED	8-31-64
BRED-3 R & F	5-1-67 5-3-67	Renewal of license	GRANTED	7-18-67
BRED-3 R & F	5-4-70 5-8-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-31-70
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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BPED-1,180 Rec'd NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: NOV 18 1970 PN FILED: 12-2-70	11-5-70 11-9-70 12-2-70	CP chg. trans loc. Near Kentucky Hwy. 25/421; 0.4 mile South of Clays Ferry, Kentucky, Operate remote control from studio loc. University of Kentucky Campus, McVey Hall, Lexington, Kentucky. Install Trans(Gates-FM- 20H-3); Ant(Gates-FMC-6,6sects); make chgs in ant system.(Incr. Hght); Chg. TPO: 20kw; ERP: 50kw & HAAT: 539 feet. 37° 52' 45" 84° 19' 33" Atty-None. Engr. William R. VanArsdall.	GRANTED	4-9-71
BSCA-1,051 Rec'd & Filed: NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: NOV 30 1970	11-12-70 11-16-70	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authoriza- tion on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kilo- cycles. Atty-None	GRANTED	6-17-71

publication notice mailed: 11-17-70.

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BMPED-881 R & F No Fee Required Press APR 14 1972	3-30-72 4-3-72	MP (BPED-1,180) ext. time to 6-1-72. (For Changes)	GRANTED	4-21-72
BLED-981 R & F PTA PRESS JUL 3 1972	5-9-72 5-15-72 5-22-72 JUL 3 1972	Lic.(BPED-1180, as mod.) for changes.	GRANTED	7-14-72
BRED-3 R & F P.N. PRESS MAY 24 1973	5-2-73 5-4-73 5-4-73 MAY 24 1973	Renewal of License	GRANTED	7-31-73
BRSCA-1051 R & F	5-2-73 5-4-73	Renewal of SCA		
BRED-3 BRSCA-1051 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-25-76 " 3-29-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA	Granted	9-30-76

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED 790403 BRSCA " PRESS MAY	16 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA	GRANTED	7-18-79

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.

