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EDUCATIONAL FM

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 4-3-72

Call letters W J H D

Station location Portsmouth, Rhode Is.

Name of licensee THE ORDER OF ST. BENEDICT IN PORTSMOUTH, RHODE ISLAND (PORTSMOUTH ABBEY SCHOOL)

Transmitter location Cory's Lane, Portsmouth Abbey School, Portsmouth, Rhode Island

*02871*  
Main studio location Same as transmitter

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPED-1259 HAAT: -	7-14-71 CP for a new ED FM station.	90.7mc #214	TPO: low ERP: -		7-14-72
BPED-1259(1)	9-7-71	Call Letters Assigned.			
BLED-948 HAAT: -	4-3-72 Lic. (BPED-1259, as mod.)	90.7mc	ERP: -	U	4-1-75 FM B/c Sta.
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRED-534(S)	4-25-75		RENEWAL		4-1-78
BRED-534(L)	4-6-78	Renewal			4-1-81
BPED-791231AX HAAT: 80'(h) (L)	5-15-81 CP to incre. ERP; & chg. HAAT.	90.7mhz	ERP: 36kW(h)	U	5-15-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call W J H D  
Letters X NEW-EDUC-FM

Name The Order of St. Benedict In Portsmouth Rhode Island (Portsmouth Abbey School)  
Portsmouth, Rhode Island (PO Cory's Lane, Portsmouth, Rhode Island 02871)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-1,259 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: APR 26 1971 PN REC'd: 7-12-71	4-3-71 4-19-71	CP for New Educ. FM on: 90.7mc. #214 TPO: 10 Watts. Trans: RCA-BTE-10CT; Ant: Cush-Craft Corp. ABW-C-FM-2 sections. T-SL: Portsmouth Abbey School, Cory's Lane, Portsmouth, R. I. 41° 36' 06" - 71° 16' 20"  Atty--- Engr- Norman L. Rivers (Fitchburg, Mass.)	GRANTED	7-14-71
BLED-948 R & F PTA PRESS MAR 8 1972	1-27-72 1-31-72 2-7-72	Lic. (BPED-1259, as mod.) for New Educational FM Broadcast Station.	GRANTED	4-3-72
BRED-534 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JAN 9 1975	1-14-75 1-15-75	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 1-24-75 re: EEO	GRANTED	4-25-75

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Portsmouth, Rhode Island

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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters W J H DName THE ORDER OF ST. BENEDICT IN PORTSMOUTH RHODE ISLAND (PORTSMOUTH ABBEY SCHOOL)  
PORTSMOUTH, RHODE ISLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-534 R & F P.N. PRESS	11-18-77 11-22-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	4-6-78
ACCEPTED JAN 3 1978 INT OFF				
BPED-791231AX (C) JAN 29 '81 PN RECD.	1-21-80 MAR 13 '81	CP incr ERP: 360 watts; HAAT: plus 80'	GRANTED:	5-15-81
BRED-801128UX PRESS		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

