

WMNJ

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed

Call Letters W M N JStation Location Madison, New JerseyName DREW UNIVERSITYTransmitter Location Tolley Hall, Campus of Drew University, Madison, N.J.Main studio location SAME AS TRANS. SITE

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPED-2716 HAAT: 75' (H&V) (L)	6/7/79	88.9mhz ERP: 8.4w (H&V) Class D Secondary Ch.# 205 CP FOR NEW ED-FM STATION	6/7/80
BPED-2715 (1)	8/13/79	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED	& EBSA ISSUE
BLED-791029AP	6-1-81 License to cover mod for	88.9 ERP: 8.4 w (H&V) HAAT: 75 feet (H&V) to cover BPED-2716 as new station.	6-1-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMNJ
NEW EDUC FMName DREW UNIVERSITY
Madison, New Jersey (PO Madison Ave., Madison, New Jersey 07940)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-2716 R&F PRESS: JAN 31 1979	6-13-78	Construction permit for new Educational FM on: Frequency: 88.9MHz #205 ERP: 8.35KW HAAT: plus 75' ant: PHELPS DODGE ECFM-2,2 sections TL&SL: Tolley Hall campus of Drew University Madison, New Jersey 40 45 30 74 25 48	GRANTED	6/7/79
BLED-791029AP PRESS JAN 24 1980		License to cover (BPED-2716, as mod.) for new station.	GRANTED	4-30-80
BRED810202F6 PN filed PRESS MAR 25 1981 (39) 10/29/79		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	<i>gr</i>	7-31-81 ISSUED

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.

