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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed ..... 11-9-62 .....

Call letters ..... W M E B-FM .....

Station location ..... Orono, Maine .....

Name of licensee ..... UNIVERSITY OF MAINE .....

Transmitter location ..... Stevens Hall, University of Main e , (CP-1-10-62) .....

Main studio location ..... Same as transmitter .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Channel & Freq.	ERP Power	Time Div.	Period From- To.
BPED-489 HAAT: 67ft.	1-10-62	91.9mc CH. 220	380w TPC: 250w	U	3-10-62 9-10-62
Construction permit for a new FM Broadcast Station.					
BLED-361 HAAT: 67ft.	11-9-62	91.9	380w TOP: 250w	U	11-9 4-1-63
Lic. to cover CP (BPED-489) which auth. a new non-com-ed B/C stations.					
BLED-361 (to correct Off. No.)	11-9-62	This authorization supersedes authori- zation as of the same date.			
<b>COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION</b>					
BRED-224	6-11-63	Renewal of License			6-11-4-1-66
BRED-224	3-21-66	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-69
BRED-224(S)	3-26-69	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-72
BRED-224	3-30-72	(LONG) RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-75
EBSA	5-15-72	-----			
Ltr.	9-25-72	Trans: GATES-FM-250Hz now installed,			
BRED-224(L)	3-31-75	Renewal of License			4--1-78
BRED-224	3-13-78	(S) RENEWAL OF LIC.			4-1-81

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call W M E B-FM  
Letters new-non-com-edName UNIVERSITY OF MAINE  
ORONO, MAINE (c/o Prof. Wofford G. Gardner, Orono, Maine)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-489 Rec'd Filed	10-27-61 10-30-61 10-30-61	CP for a new non-com-ed broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 91.9mc CH 220 ERP 375 watts Type transmitter - Gen. Elec. BT-1-A TPO - 250 watts Type Antenna - RCA-BFA-2A( 2 sections) HAAT 66.5 feet Trans. location - Stevens Hall, Univ. of Maine Orono, Maine Studio location - Same as transmitter  Eng. Roger W. Hodgkins, Cape Elizabeth, Maine	GRANTED	1-10-62
----- BLED-361 R & F	7-9-62 7-13-62	Lic. to cover CP (BPED-489) which auth a new non-com-ed B/C station	GRANTED	11-9-62

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call  
Letters ..... W M E B-FMName ..... UNIVERSITY OF MAINE  
.....  
Orono, Maine

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-224 R. & F.	12-18-62 12-26-62	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	6-11-63
BRED-224 R & F	12-13-65 12-23-65	Renewal of license  Atty- Dow, Lohnes & Albertson (Charles McKerns)	GRANTED	3-21-66
BRED-224 R & F No Fee Requ. PRESS JMN	12-11-68 12-19-68 2 - 1968	Renewal of license  Atty. Daniel W. Toohey	GRANTED	3-26-69
BRED-224 R & F PN PRESS JAN 7 1972	12-20-71 12-29-71 12-29-71	Renewal of License Atty-Daniel W. Toohey	GRANTED	3-30-72

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WMEB-FM

Name UNIVERSITY OF MAINE  
ORONO, MAINE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-224 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-15-74 11-29-74 " <b>DEC 20 1974</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE D.W.Toohy,Atty.	GRANTED	3-31-75
BRED-224 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-15-77 11-30-77 " <b>JAN 9 1978</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Frederick D.Cooke,Jr.,Atty.	GRANTED	3-13-78
BRED-801201C4 PRESS	<b>FEB 27 1981</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. Frederick D. Cooke, Jr.	GRANTED	3-31-81

## 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.

