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FM BROADCAST

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed JANUARY 12, 1965

Call letters WDBL-FM

Station location SPRINGFIELD,
TENNESSEE

Name of licensee MIDDLE TENNESSEE ENTERPRISES, INC. (ALH 12-2-69 Eff: 1-1-70)
MRS. HOYTEBELL AND WILLIAM N. LOCKED/b as SPRINGFIELD BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location Hwy. #49, 1.69 mi. SW of Springfield, Tenn. (PH 12-11-63) (LH 1-12-65)

Main studio location Hwy. #49, 1.69 mi. SW of Springfield, Tenn. (PH 12-11-63)(LH 1-12-65)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-3788 HAAT: 215'	12-11-63	94.3mcs Ch. 232	ERP: 3kw TPO: 880w	Unl.	2-11-64 8-11-64 (Cond'1)
CP for a new Class A FM broadcast station					
BMPH-7846 HAAT: 215'	6-11-64	94.3mcs Ch. #232	ERP: 3kw TPO: 900w	Unl.	2-11-64 8-11-64
Mod. of CP(BPH-3788) to chg. type trans. (RCA BTF-1D); chg. type ant. (RCA BFA-4A, 4 secs.); & incr. TPO. (Cond'1)					
BMPH-7911 (1)	8-24-64	Mod. of CP(BMPH-7846 as mod.) for ext. of completion to 10-10-64.			
BLH-2620 HAAT: 215'	1-12-65	94.3mcs Ch. #232	ERP: 3kw TPO: 903w	Unl.	1-12-65 8-1-67
Lic. to cover CP(BPH-3788, as mod.) which auth. a new FM broadcast station.					
BRH-1581	7-18-67	Renewal of License			8-1-8-1-70
BRH-1581	12-2-69	Vol. ALI			
BRH-1581(D)	9-30-70	Renewal			
Comtel	2-2-71	Delete antenna marking requirement			
EBSA	5-22-72				
BRH-1581(L)	7-31-73	RENEWAL			8-1-76
BPH-8853 HAAT: 300ft	9-13-74	94.3mhz (H&V)	ERP: 3kw(H&V) CP install new trans, new ant, chg TPO, HAAT, add circular polarization to ERP		9-13-75
BPH-10148 HAAT: 215' {H&V} {L}	8-24-76	94.3MHz CP chg TPO, ERP, HAAT, Ant & Transmitter			8-24-77
BRH-1581(S)	7-12-76	RENEWAL			8-1-79
BTC-8332	5/26/77	Invol TC EFF:			"Cond'1"
BLH-7549 HAAT: 215'	3-27-78 (H&V)	94.3MHz #232	ERP: 3kw (H&V) U		8-1-79
Lic. (BPH-10148) for changes.					
BRH790402UG (S)	7-18-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-82

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters new W D B L-FM

MRS. HOYTE BELL AND WILLIAM N. LOCKE d/b as
Name SPRINGFIELD BROADCASTING COMPANY
Springfield, Tennessee (P.O. Box 464, Springfield, Tennessee)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-3788 Rec'd Filed	5-30-62 6-4-62 6-4-62	Construction permit for a new FM B/C Station to be operated on: Frequency- 93.7mc CH-229- 94.3mc CH 232 ERP- 17.01kw 3kw TPO- 3kw 0.881kw HAAT 215 ft Collins 830D-1A Type transmitter- 4TA-FM-5000-B 37M-4,4sections Type antenna- Collins 37M-6,6-sections Trans. location- Hwy. 49, 1.69 mi. S.W. of Springfield, Tennessee Studio loc.- same as transmitter	GRANTED Cond'l re WDBL-FM submit measurements	12-11-63
Amendment Rec'd	8-17-62 8-20-62	Engr.- Walter A. Duke, Hendersonville, Tennessee Amend rec'd to chge frequency to 102.5mc CH 273 RETURNED 8-28-62 does not meet mileage spacing re new rules.		
See p.2 for amendment F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.				

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MRS. HOYTE BELL AND WILLIAM N. LOCKE d/b as

Name SPRINGFIELD BROADCASTING COMPANY

SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-3788 AMENDMENT R & F	Continued 8-12-63 8-14-63	AMENDED to change frequency to 94.3mc CH 232; decrease ERP to 3kw; decrease TPO to 0.881kw; change type transmitter to Collins 830D-1A; change type antenna to Collins 37M-4, 4 sections; and make changes in antenna.	See card #1	
BMPH-7846 R & F	5-18-64 5-20-64	Mod. of CP (BPH-3788 which auth a new FM B/C station) to chg type trans (RCA-BTF-1D) and type ant (RCA-BFA-4A, 4 sect) and incr TPO to .903kw.	GRANTED	6-11-64
BMPH-7911 R&F	7-22-64 7-27-64	Mod of CP (BPH-3788 as mod which auth a new FM B/C station) for ext comple date from 8-11-64 to 10-10-64.	GRANTED to	8-24-64 10-10-64
BLH-2620 R&F	8-14-64 8-19-64	License to cover CP (BPH-3788 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station.	GRANTED	1-12-65

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LettersW.D.H.I.-FM.....

MIDDLE TENNESSEE ENTERPRISES, INC.

Name x MRS...ROYTE.BELL.&WILLIAM.N...LOCKE.d/h.as.SPRINGFIELD.....
BROADCASTING COMPANY (Springfield, Tennessee)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1581 R & F	4-29-67 5-2-67	Renewal of License	GRANTED	7-18-67
BALH-1252 R & F FEE PD: \$75 - #535042 (also see WDBLam)	8-7-69 8-12-69 1969	Voluntary assignment of license to MIDDLE TENNESSEE ENTERPRISES, INC. Atty - McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED Eff: 1-1-70	12-2-69
BRH-1581 R & F #598634 \$75 PN PRESS MAY 28 1970	4-20-70 5-4-70	Renewal of License Atty- James Vooke AMENDED 7-20-70 re: programming: proposed commercial practices	GRANTED	9-30-70
BRH-1581 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAY 17 1973	4-24-73 5-3-73 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 5-21-73 re: engineering data	GRANTED	7-31-73

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Name Middle Tennessee Enterprises, Inc.
Springfield, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-8853 R & F #287143 \$50 Code 057 Press	2-15-74 3-4-74 3-6-74 MAR 22 1974	CP to install new trans. (Gates FM-2.5H3); install new ant. (Gates FMC-3A, 3 sects. (H&V); make chg. ant. system (incr. hght.); chg. TPO; HAAT: 300' (H&V) and add circular polarization to ERP. Atty: James R. Cooke (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner)	GRANTED COND'L CANCELLED	9-13-74 9-27-77
BRH-1581 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-29-76 3-31-76 " JUN 7 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-12-76
BPH-10,148 R & F 575608 \$100 CODE 001 PRESS	3-9-76 6-3-76 6-4-76 AUG 13 1976	CP install new Trans {CCA FM-2500E}; install new Ant {PHELPS DODGE FMC-LP- 3, 3 sects H&V}; chg TPO; add circular polarization to ERP {3kw H&V}; & HAAT: {215' H&V} Atty James R. Cooke F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C. Engr. Hayes, James H.	GRANTED COND'L	8-24-76

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94.3mhz

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Letters W.D.H.I.-FMName MIDDLE TENNESSEE ENTERPRISES, INC.SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BTC-8332 R & F Also see WDBL(AM) FORM 316 MAY 20 1977	5/5/77 5/12/77	Involuntary transfer of control of lic corp from William Jonathan Webster to H.A.(Bam) Webster, Executor of the Estate of William Jonathan Webster, deceased Atty - McKenna, Wilkinson, etc (James Cooke)	GRANTED EFF:	5/26/77
BLH-7549 R & F PTA PRESS DEC 8 1977	6-23-77 7-14-77 8-31-77	Lic. (BPH-10148) for changes Atty. James R. Cooke Engr. Jay Alley	GRANTED	3-27-78
BRH790402UG PRESS APR 20 1979		Renewal of License Atty. R. Michael Senkowski	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.

