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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

W D C G (Eff 5-21-74)

Official No. #263

SEE CARD # 2.

Call letters x W D N C - FM
LOCATION: DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Date first licensed 2-23-49

Name of licensee DURHAM RADIO CORPORATION

Terrell's Mt. County Road #1942, rural Bingham township, NC (PH-2-22-82)

3941 Shoccoree Drive, Durham, North Carolina (Redes. 3-18-74)

Transmitter location x 4.5 mi. W of bus. area on US Hwy #70 Durham, N. C. (BLH 2-23-49)
x 2 miles N.W of Durham, North Carolina

138½ East Chapel Hill Street, Durham, N.C. (RCH 1-14-76)

X Same as transmitters site (MLH 4-18-74)

27702
Main studio location 138½ East Chapel Hill Street, Durham, North Carolina

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Mos. Freq.	E.R.P. Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
B3-PH-144	10-19-45	99.3	21 kw		
Letter	7-23-46	No. 257	Subject to Comm. approval of antenna and transmitter details.		
B3-PH-144	8-9-46	99.3	21 kw	U	By 10-9-46 to 4-9-47
C.P. issued for new FM broadcast station					
BMPH-274	3-31-47	99.3	21 kw.	U	By 10-9-46 To 6-9-47
Mod. C.P. to change completion date					
	6-26-47	105.1	(No. 256)		
Freq. assignment accord. Do. 6768					
BMPH-452	6-9-47	99.3	21 kw	U	By 10-9-46 To 9-8-47
Mod. for ext. of completion date.					
BMPH-405	7-24-47	105.1	36 kw	U	By 7-25-47 To 1-25-48
Mod. to change ERP; make changes in antenna system, & change C & C dates.					
BMPH-1255	1-15-48	Ext. of completion date			to 4-25-48
Telegram	2-18-48	Relet 16. Auth. granted period ending April 25, 1948 operate using facilities specified in CP BMPH-1255 for purpose FM program service. Notify Comm. when program service has commenced.			
BMPH-1727	4-9-48	Ext. of completion date			to 6-25-48
Telegram	4-23-48	Relet atty. 23. Auth. extended period ending June 25, 1948 operate using facilities specified in CP BMPH-1727 for purpose FM program service.			
Telegram	6-21-48	Relet atty. Auth. extended period ending Sept. 25, 1948 operate using facilities specified in CP BMPH-2075 for purpose FM program service.			
BMPH-2075	6-14-48	Ext. of completion date			to 9-25-48
BLH-293	2-23-49	License to cover C.P. (BPH-144 as mod)			2-23-49 to 12-1-50
BRH-203	11-22-50	Renewal of License 12-1-50 to 12-1-52			

B.S. CARD No. 2

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

7-15-82 on-the-air-I.D. as: "DURHAM-PALEIGH-CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA"

Date first licensed

Call letters **WDNC-JM**

Name of licensee **DURHAM RADIO CORPORATION**

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BRH-263	11-13-52	Renewal	of license	to	12-1-54
BRH-263	11-3-54	Renewal	of license	to	12-1-57
BRH-263	11-13-57	Renewal	of license	to	12-1-60
	11-30-60	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BRH-263	7-20-61	Renewal	of license		7-20 12-1-63
Wire	9-5-62	Auth.	remain silent	thru	10-15-62
BPH-3863	9-7-62	105.1mcs	ERP:36kw	Unl.	11-7 5-7-63
HAAT:380'		Ch.286	TPO:9.1kw		
		CP to chg. type trans. (Gates FM-10B) and chg. type ant. (Gates FMA-5B, 5 secs.); chg. TPO. Cond' 1.			
Wire	10-17-62	Ext. auth.	remain silent	thru	11-15-62
Wire	11-16-62	Ext. auth.	remain silent	thru	12-13-62
BLH-2272	12-26-62	Lic. to cover CP(BPH-3863) which auth. low			
(1)		chg. type trans.	& ant.	TPO chg. to 9.2	
BRH-263	11-6-63	105.1mvs.	36kw	U	12-1 12-1-66
BRH-263	12-21-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-21 12-1-69
Wire	7-21-67	Auth. oper. by RC from temp. studio (59-1st Ave., Prestonsburg, Ky. pending receipt & act. 301A filed to chg. RC pt. loc. thru			
BRH-263(3)	6-25-70	Renewal			9-15-67 12-1-72
EBSA	5-22-72				
BRH-263(1)	11-14-73	Renewal	of license		12-1-75
BMLH-489	4-18-74	ML to change	SL		
(1)					
BSH-263(2)	5-21-74	ML to change	call letters		
EBSA	5-21-74				
BSCA-1,367	8-7-74	SCA	67 kHz		
BRH-263	(L) 11-12-75	Renewal	of License		12-1-78
BRSCA-1367		Renewal	of SCA		
BRCH-1278(1)	1-14-76	ML chg	SL; operate by	RC from	SL
BRH 780731	VH 11-20-78	(L)	REN. OF	LIC.	12-1-81
BRSCA	"	(L)	REN. OF	SCA	12-1-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

 Call W D N C - FM
 Letters New
Name DURHAM RADIO CORPORATIONP.O. 138 East Chapel Hill Street, Durham, N. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B3-PH-144 Rec'd Filed	9-28-43	Construction permit for new high frequency (FM) broadcast station. Facilities and equipment not specified. Studio: 138 E. Chapel Hill St., Durham, N.C.	Granted	10-19-45
	9-30-43		for Met. type station-	
	9-30-43		Conditional - Type 1 letter mailed 11-6-45	
Amended Rec'd Filed	5-3-45	Amended to specify Frequency: 46,900 kcs.; Coverage: 14,200 Sq. Mi. and Transmitter site as 2 mi. Northwest of City of Durham, Durham County, North Carolina. and antenna specifications	Basic Engr. approved	7-11-46.
	5-5-45		Program analysis	approved 7-11-46
	5-5-45		C.P. issued	8-9-46.
		Filed by Richard C. O'Hare, Att'y Amendment re Comm. letter of 9-7-45 recd. 10-1-45. Balance sheet submitted. (Metropolitan) Engineering Statement re Comm. letter of 12-20-45 rec'd 2-9-46. Program analysis rec'd 4-2-46 Engr. info. rec'd 8-5-46 re Comm. letter 7-27- 46 specifying type of transmitter and antenna system.		

Raymond M. Wilmore, Engineer

CARD #2

Call

Letters

W D N C - FMName DURHAM RADIO CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-274 Rec'd Filed	3-20-47 3-21-47 3-21-47	Mod. of C. P. (B3-PH-144 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 4-9-47 to 6-9-47. Filed by Frederick H. Walton, Jr., Attorney	GRANTED	3-31-47
BMPH-405 Rec'd Filed	5-16-47 5-19-47 5-19-47	Mod. of C. P. (B3-PH-144 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station to change effective radiated power to 35.9 kw and make changes in antenna system. AND change commencement and completion dates from 10-9-46 and 6-9-47 to 1 days from date of grant and 180 days thereafter, respectively. Filed by William A. Kehoe, Jr., Attorney	GRANTED	7-24-47
BMPH-452 Rec'd AMENDED Rec'd Filed	6-3-47 6-4-47 6-6-47 6-9-47 6-9-47	Mod. of C. P. (B3-PH-144 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 6-9-47 to "date specified in application (BMPH-405) for mod. of C. P. when that application is granted.." AMENDED to specify completion date as 9-8-47.	GRANTED	6-9-47

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Letters W D N C - FM

Name DURHAM RADIO CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-1255 Rec'd Filed	12-20-47 12-22-47 12-22-47	Mod. of C. P. (B3-PH-144 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 1-25-48 to 4-25-48. Filed by William A. Kehoe, Jr., Attorney	GRANTED	1-15-48
BMPH-1727 Rec'd. Filed	3-22-48 3-24-48 3-24-48	Mod. of C. P. (B3-PH-144 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 4-25-48 to 6-25-48. Filed by William A. Kehoe, Jr. Att'y	GRANTED	4-9-48
BMPH-2075 Rec'd. Filed	5-24-48 5-25-48 5-25-48	Mod. of C. P. (B3-PH-144 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 6-25-48 to 9-25-48. Filed by William A. Kehoe, Jr., Att'y.	GRANTED	6-14-48
BLH-293 Rec'd. Filed	9-15-48 9-20-48 9-20-48	License to cover C. P. (B3-PH-144 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station. Filed by William A. Kehoe, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	2-23-49 to 12-1-50

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WDNC-FM

Name **DURHAM RADIO CORPORATION**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-263 Rec'd & Filed	9-22-50 9-25-50	Renewal of license Filed by Frederick Walton, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	11-22-50
BRH-263 Rec'd. & Filed	8-14-52 8-20-52	Renewal of license. Filed by Frederick H. Walton, Jr. att'y	GRANTED	11-13-52
BRH-263 Rec'd. & Filed	7-30-54 8-11-54	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-3-54
BRH-263 Rec'd Filed	8-15-57 8-16-57 8-16-57	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-13-57
BRH-263 Rec'd Filed	8-30-60 9-1-60 9-1-60	Renewal of license	GRANTED	7-20-61

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters ...N.D.N.C...EM.....

Name DURHAM RADIO CORPORATION
Durham, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-3863 Received Resubmitted Filed	8-3-62 8-20-62 8-22-62	Construction permit to chg type trans (Gates-FM-10B) and type ant (Gates-FMA-5B, 5 sec).	Ret'd 8-9-62 re: Sect V-B dated after signature of applicant. GRANTED Cond'l re WDNC submit 302s	9-7-62
BLH-2272 R & F	11-9-62 11-13-62	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-3863) which auth a chg in type trans and type ant.	GRANTED	12-26-62
BRH-263 Rec'd Filed	8-20-63 8-21-63 8-21-63	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-6-63
BRH-263 R & F	8-22-66 8-25-66	Renewal of License	GRANTED	12-21-66

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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DURHAM RADIO CORPORATION

Name
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-263 R & F #538346075. PRESS	8-20-69 8-27-69 8-27-69 S F P 1363	Renewal of license AMENDED 9-8-69 re: Section IV-A resubmitted re signature AMENDED 11-3-69 re: Programming	GRANTED	6-25-70
BRH-263 R & F PN PRESS SEP 9 1972	8-31-72 9-5-72 9-5-72	Renewal of License AMENDED 11-15-72 re: business interests; employment practices	GRANTED GRANTED Not issued (RESCINDED)	11-14-73 12-6-72 12-14-72
BMLH-489 R & F #292564 \$50 Code 057 Press	3-13-74 3-18-74 3-19-74 APR 2 - 1974	Mod. of license to change studio location outside the city limits to: 3941 Shoccoree Drive, Durham, North Carolina.	GRANTED	4-18-74

Re: BRH-263-Section IV-A returned, 9-3-69, for signature.

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WDCGName Durham Radio Corporation
Durham, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BSCA-1,367 R & F #322064 \$50 Code 057 Press	6-26-74 7-3-74 7-5-74 JUL 23 1974	Request for Subsidiary Communications on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kilohertz.	GRANTED	8-7-74
BRH-263 BRSCA-1367 R&F PN PRESS	7-28-75 7-28-75 8-1-75 8-1-75 SEP 9 1975	Renewal of license Renewal of SCA Atty- Lee W. Shubert (Bilger & Blair)	GRANTED	11-12-75
BRCH-1278 R & F #504294\$100 Code 001 PRESS	11-28-75 12-1-75 12-4-75 DEC 24 1975	Mod. of license to chg. SL to: 138½ East Chapel Hill Street, Durham, North Carolina and operate by remote control from proposed studio site.	GRANTED	1-14-76

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105.1 MHz.

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Name DURHAM RADIO CORPORATION
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH780731VH	7-21-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-20-78
BRSCA780731VH	7-21-78	RENEWAL OF SCA		
R & F PRESS	7-31-78	Atty. Forbes W. Blair (Bilger & Blair)		
810616AK	AUG 18 1978	Construction permit chg TL: Terrell's Mt county road #1942, rural (Bingham Township) North Carolina; increase ERP: 98.8KW H&V; HAAT: 1,041'H&V and make chgs in antenna system 35 52 20 79 09 29 ATTY: Forbes Blair	GRANTED:	2-22-82

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.

