

WGEA-FM



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June 1954

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FREQUENCY MODULATION

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed APRIL 8, 1970

Call letters WGEA-FM

Station location Geneva, Alabama

Name of licensee Geneva County Broadcasting Company, Inc.

Transmitter location South of Pea River on Westville Rd., Geneva, Alabama (PH-4-29-69)

36340

Main studio location Same as Transmitter



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPH-6502 HAAT: 200' (h&v) Cond' 1	4-29-69	93.5mc.	ERP: 3kw (h&v) ch# 228 TPO: 1.35kw	Unl.	12-29-69
CP for new station					
BPH-6502(1)	7-22-69	Call letters assigned.			
BMPH-10,673 (2)	6-26-69	MP(BPH-6502) chg trans, ant, TPO 2.40 kw			
BLH-4533(L)	4-8-70	Lic. (BPH-6502, as mod.) for NEW FM station			4-1-73
EBSA	5-22-72				
BRH-2457(S)	5-31-73	RENEWAL			4-1-76
BRH-2457(S)	4-13-76	RENEWAL			4-1-79
BRH781128VG (1)	6-13-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-82



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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call WGEA-FM  
 Letters ~~New FM~~

Name GENEVA COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
GENEVA, ALABAMA (PO c/o James C. Helms, Box 337, Geneva, Ala. 36340)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-6502 R & F #466984 \$75 PRESS: PN REC'D:	10-19-68 10-21-68 10-21-68 NOV 18 1968	CP for new FM on: 93.5mc #228 ERP:3kw(H&V) HAAT:199.75' TPO:1.339kw Trans.:Bauer 607; Ant.:Jampro JCP-5, 5 secs. T-SL: S. of Pea River on Westville Rd., Geneva, Ala.  Atty.: None Engr.: Havard T. Rawlinson (Dothan, Alabama)	GRANTED Cond'l submit 302's for WGEA (AM).	4-29-69
BMPH-10,673 R & F #519158 \$30 JUN 2 8 1969	5-29-69 6-2-69 6-2-69	MP(BPH-6502) chg. type trans(CCA-FM-3000DS); chg. ant(CCA-6811-3, Sections); chg. TPO; 2.228kw.	GRANTED	6-26-69
BLH-4533 R & F #539526 \$30. FTA DEC 22 1968	8-28-69 9-2-69 9-2-69 9-11-69 DEC 22 1968	Lic.(BPH-6502, as mod.) for new FM station. TPO: 2.40kw, HAAT: 200' (H&V) ERP 3kw(H&V)	GRANTED	4-8-70



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WGEA-FMName GENEVA COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
GENEVA, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-2457 R & F EN Recd. PRESS FEB 23 1973	12-29-72 1-2-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 5-17-73 re: programming	GRANTED	5-31-73
BRH-2457 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JAN 7 1976	11-28-75 12-22-75 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	4-13-76
BRH 781128 VG PRESS FEB 26 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	6-13-80



## 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.

