

WKEY



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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed June 19, 1941

WKEY (6-1-43)  
Call letters XWJMA

Station location: Covington, Virginia

Name of licensee WKEY, INC. (AL 5-10-73 EFF: 5-31-73)  
X EARL M. KEY (AL 5-5-42, EFF. 1:40 pm 6-3-42)  
X JOHN AND MARCIA ARRINGTON, d/b as ARRINGTON & ARRINGTON

Transmitter location South of Covington, Va. on Route 18 (CP 7-31-52) (L 4-17-53)  
X Covington, Va. (CP 4-22-41) Lic. 6-19-41

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Main studio location 508 West Oak Street, Covington, Virginia (BS 3-30-61)  
X Corner Lexington and Third Streets, Covington, Virginia (Wire 11-26-58)  
X 204 1/2 West Main Street, Covington, Va. (Ltr. 1-24-49)  
X 219 West Main Street, Covington, Virginia (Ltr. 12-17-42)  
X 416 1/2 West Main St., Covington, Va. (Ltr 5-10-41). Lic. 6-19-41  
X Covington, Va. (C.P. 9-22-41)



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

APPL. No.	DATE ISSUED	FREQ.	POWER	TIME Div.	PERIOD	
					From—	To—
B7-P-3066	4-22-41	1340 NARBA	250w	U	6-22	12-22-41
C.P. for new broadcast station at Covington, Va.						
B2-L-1433)	6-19-41	1340	250w	U	6-19	10-1-41
B2-Z-1025)	Lic. to cover C.P. 3066 for a new station; also determine operating power by direct measurement					
B2-S-1121	9-23-41	Extension of license			10-1	12-1-41
B2-S-1121	11-18-41	Extension of license			12-1	1-1-42
B2-S-1121	12-16-41	Extension of license			1-1	2-1-42
B2-S-1121	1-27-42	Extension of license			2-1	3-1-42
B2-S-1121	2-24-42	Extension of license			3-1	4-1-42
B2-S-1121	3-24-42	Extension of license			4-1	5-1-42
B2-S-1121	4-21-42	Extension of license			5-1	6-1-42
B2-AL-337	5-5-42	Assign. of license to EARL M. KEY				
Eff. 1:40 pm 6-3-42						
B2-R-1121	5-5-42	1340	250w	U	5-5	10-1-42
B2-R-1121	9-15-42	1340	250w	U	10-1	6-1-43
B2-S-1121	11-6-42	1340	250w	U	12-1	6-1-43
Mod. Lic. accordance Order 107						
B2-S-1121	5-25-43	Extension of license			6-1	8-1-43
B2-R-1121	7-13-43	1340	250w	U	7-13	6-1-45
B2-S-1121	5-22-45	Extension of License			6-1	8-1-45
B2-S-1121	7-24-45	Extension of license			8-1	10-1-45
B3-S-1121	9-25-45	Extension of license			10-1	12-1-45
Order 107A						
B3-R-1121	11-9-45	1340	250w	U	11-9	2-1-47
B2-R-1121	1-23-47	1340	250w	U	2-1	2-1-50
B2-3120	12-12-49	1340	250w	Un	12-12	2-1-50
Determining opr. power by direct method.						
BR-1121	1-25-50	1340	250w	U	2-1	2-1-53
BP-7828	7-31-52	1340	250w	U	9-30	3-31-53
CP change transmitter site antenna and ground (CONDITIONAL CLAUSE)						
BR-1121	1-7-53	1340	250w	U	2-1	10-1-54



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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Card #2

Date first licensed .....

Call letters ....WKEY.....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time	Period	
				Div.	From To	
BL-4959 Lic. cover CP (BP-7828) change in T site & antenna & ground system. (COND'L CLAUSE)	4-17-53	1340	250w	U	4-17 10-1-54	
BRC-49 (1)	5-11-53	Mod. of lic. to operate trans. by R. C. from 204 1/2 Main Street, Covington, Virginia				
BR-1121 BR-1121	<del>9-22-54</del> 9-11-57	<del>1340</del>	<del>250w</del>	<del>U</del>	<del>10-1</del> 10-1-57 10-1 10-1-60	
BRC-1372 (1)	11-7-58	Modification of license to change Remote Control Point from 204 1/2 West Main Street, Covington Va., to Third and South Lexington Streets, Covington, Virginia				
BP-12225	12-16-59	1340	250w, 1kw	U	2-16 8-16-60	
	CP to increase daytime power to 1kw and install a new transmitter (GATES BC-1T).					
BL-7839 (1)	6-28-60	Lic. to cover cp (BP-12225) which authorized increase in daytime power and installation of a new transmitter.			6-28 10-1-60	
BR-1121	9-7-60	1340	250w-1kw	U	10-1 10-1-63	
BS-1121 (1)	3-30-61	Mod. license to change studio location and remote control point (redescriptions)				
BP-15921	5-31-63	1340kc	250w	Aux.	7-31 1-31-64	
	CP to install old main trans. (WESTERN ELECTRIC 451-A1) at main trans. loc., to be operated on 1340kc, 250w, for aux. purposes only.					
BR-1121	9-24-63	1340kc	250w, 1kw	Unl	10-1 10-1-66	
BL-10,192	11-12-63	1340kc	250w	Aux	11-12 10-1-66	
	Lic. to cover CP (BP-15,921) which auth. instl. of an aux. trans.					
BZ-6041 (1)	7-18-66	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power				
BL-6090 (1)	8-22-66 (Aux.)	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power.				
BR-1121	9-1-66	1340kc	250, 1kw 250w	Unl. Aux.	10-1 10-1-69	



Form BC 126

June 1954

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Date first licensed .....

Call letters .....

Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BR-1121(L)	9-30-69	Renewal Aux. (S)		of Main (L) &	10-1-72
EBSA	5-22-72				
BR-1121(S)	10-27-72	RENEWAL		(Main & Aux)	10-1-75
BR-1121(S)	Supersedes	Renewal same dates			10-1-75
BAL-7849	5-10-73	VOL AL	EFF: 5-31-73		
BR-1121(L)	9-12-75	Renewal		of lic. (Main & Aux.)	10-1-78
BR-1121(S)	10-6-78	Renewal		of License	10-1-81
COMTEL	9-10-80	TEMP. AU. GR. POSTPONE REQUIRED DATE FOR PROOF OF PERFORMANCE 30 DAYS WHILE AWAITING DELIVERY OF REPAIR PARTS FOR DAMAGED MODULATION MONITOR.			
COMTEL	10-17-80	AUTH. & TERMS COMTEL 9-10-80 EXT. AN ADDITIONAL 30 DAYS. NO FURTHER EXT. CONTEMPLATED.			



Card #1

Call  
Letters

W J M A

~~W J M A~~Name JOHN AND MARCIA ARRINGTON, d/b as ARRINGTON & ARRINGTONP.O. 1205 N. Ashley St., Valdosta, Ga.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B3-P-3066	12-5-40	C.P. for a new station to be operated on: Frequency - 1310 kc (1340 kc under NARA). Power - 250watts. Time - unlimited S & T - to be determined, Covington, Va. RE: specify transmitter site as Covington, Va.	Returned	12-13-40
Received	12-9-40		Section 13(f), signature	
Resubmitted	12-20-40			
Rec'd	12-23-40			
Filed	12-23-40		Granted	4-22-41
Amended	2-21-41		for 1340 kc NARBA	
rec'd filed	2-21-41 2-21-41			
B3-L-1433	5-23-41	License to cover construction permit (B2-P-3066) for a new station Form 335 filed 6-7-41.	Granted	6-19-41
Rec'd	5-24-41			
Amended	5-24-41			
Filed	5-26-41			
B2-Z-1025	5-23-41	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna input in compliance with Section 3.54.	Granted	6-19-41
Rec'd	5-24-41			



W. J. Holey, Engineer

W.E. 451 A-1, DCC, Max. 250w



Card #2

Call

Letters

W J M A

EARL M. KEY (AL 5-5-42, Eff.

Name x JOHN AND MARCIA ARRINGTON, d/b as ARRINGTON &amp; ARRINGTON

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-R-1121 Resub.	8-30-41 9-20-41	Renewal of license and Forms 335 (Sec. -17, -18, -20c, -22b)-	Returned Granted	<del>9-9-41</del> 5-5-42
B2-AL- Received Filed	2-5-42 2-24-42	Voluntary assignment of license from JOHN AND MARCIA ARRINGTON, d/b as ARRINGTON AND ARRINGTON, to JAMES E. STEGER AND H.V. ROBERTSON, SR. d/b as COVINGTON AND CLIFTON FORGE BROADCASTING COMPANY.	Returned No ex Z. Assignee name inconsistent	2-25-42
B2-AL-337 received filed	3-9-42 3-10-42 3-10-42	Voluntary assignment of license from John & Marcia Arrington, d/b as Arrington and Arrington, to Earl M. Key.	Granted Eff. 1:40 pm	5-5-42 6-3-42
B2-R-1121 Resubmitted	6-4-42	Renewal of license and Forms 335 (Letter requesting 2-add'l copies of Ex. -9-2-42-111)	<del>Ret'd</del> Granted	<del>7-2-42</del> 9-15-42



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Card #3

Call WKEY (6-1-43)  
Letters xWJMAName EARL M. KEY (AL 5-5-42, Eff. 6-3-42)  
x JOHN AND MARCIA ARRINGTON, d/b as ARRINGTON & ARRINGTON

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-R-1121 Resub. Resub.	5-5-43 5-13-43 "	Renewal of license (Sec. 11d, 16-a-jurat) (Sec. 11a)	Ret'd Ret'd Granted	-5-11-43 -5-15-43 7-13-43
B2-R-1121 Rec'd B2-R-1121 Rec'd	5-7-45 5-10-45 5-7-45 5-22-45	Renewal of license Let. req. amend. mailed 5-17-45 Amended application	Granted	11-9-45
B2-R-1121 Rec'd	12-26-46 12-27-46	Renewal of license	GRANTED	1-23-47
B2-3120 Rec'd Filed	11-16-49 11-28-49 11-28-49	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (William P. Sims, Jr. Joe W. Collier, Engr.)	GRANTED	12-12-49



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Letters WKEYName EARL M. KEY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1121 Rec'd	11-28-49 12-1-49	Renewal of license William P. Sims, Atty.	GRANTED	1-25-50
BP-7828 Rec'd Filed	9-7-50 9-11-50 9-11-50	Construction permit to change transmitter location from Covington, Virginia to Route 18 South of Covington, Virginia and make changes in the antenna and ground systems.  Robert L. Irwin, Atty. Walter L. Davis, Engr.	DOCKET NO. 9820 GRANTED AFTER A HEARING Decision issued Conditional re Blanketing	7-31-52
BR-1121 Rec'd Filed	10-20-52 11-29-52 10-29-52	Renewal of License Filed by Robert L. Irwin, Atty.	GRANTED	1-7-53



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WKEYName EARL M. KEY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-4959 Rec'd Filed	3-10-53 3-16-53 3-16-53	License to cover construction permit (BP-7828) which auth. change in transmitter location and changes in the antenna and ground systems.  Robert L. Irwin, Atty.	GRANTED re blanketing	4-17-53
BRC-49 Rec'd Filed	4-29-53 5-1-53 5-1-53	Modification of license to operate transmitter by Remote Control from 204½ Main Street, Covington, Virginia.  Robert L. Irwin, Atty.	GRANTED	5-11-53
BR-1121 Rec'd Filed	8-27-54 8-30-54 8-30-54	Renewal of License Filed by Thomas J. Dougherty, Atty.	GRANTED	9-22-54
BR-1121 Rec'd Filed	6-17-57 7-3-57 7-3-57	Renewal of license.  Al. Cordon, Atty.	GRANTED	9-11-57



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Letters WKEYName EARL M. KEY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-12,225 Rec'd Filed	7-29-58 7-30-58 7-30-58	Construction permit to increase daytime power from 250w <u>to</u> 1kw and install new transmitter (GATES BC 1T)	GRANTED	12-16-59
BRC-1372 Rec'd Filed	10-31-58 11-3-58 11-3-58	Modification of license to change Remote Control Point from 204 $\frac{1}{2}$ West Main Street, Covington, Va., <u>TO</u> Third and South Lexington Streets, Covington, Virginia	GRANTED	11-7-58
BL-7839 Rec'd Filed	2-3-60 2-4-60 2-4-60	License to cover construction permit (BP-12,225) which authorized increase in daytime power and installation of a new transmitter.	GRANTED	6-28-60
BR-1121 Rec'd Filed	6-17-60 7-5-60 7-5-60	Renewal of license Atty: Harry G. Sells	GRANTED	9-7-60



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Letters WKEYName EARL M. KEY  
Covington, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-15,921 R. & F.	5-13-63 5-14-63	CP to install old main trans. (Western Electric 451-A1) at main trans. location, to be operated on 1340kc, 250w, for aux. purposes only.	GRANTED	5-31-63
BR-1121 R & F	6-21-63 7-1-63	Renewal of License  Howard J. Schellenberg, Jr., Atty. (Falls Church, Va.)	GRANTED	9-24-63
BL-10,192 R. & F.	7-1-63 7-5-63	Lic to cover CP(BP-15,921) which auth the installation of an Auxiliary Transmitter.	GRANTED	11-12-63
BZ-6041 R & F	6/16/66 6/20/66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. (Main) (3400w) Atty: Robb, Porter, Kistler & Parkinson	GRANTED	7-18-66
BR-1121 R&F	6-24-66 7-1-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: Robb, Porter, Kistler & Parkinson	GRANTED	9-1-66



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Call  
 Letters WKEY

Name EARL M. KEY  
Covington, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-6090 R & F	7/5/66 7/6/66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. (Auxiliary) Attys: Robb, Porter, Kistler & Parkinson	GRANTED	8-22-66
BR-1121 R & F #526724 \$105 P. N.	6-12-69 7-2-69 7-2-69	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Atty: Philip Hennessey, III (Fletcher, Heald AMENDED 9-11-69 re: commercial policy etc.)	GRANTED	9-30-69
JUL 31 1969 Ltr.	6-10-70	Philip Hennessey, III no longer atty. contact Ed. Kenehan (Fletcher Heald)		
3-12-71 Annual filing fee \$35.20 paid 10-26-70. #639018. Credit \$17.60 to 1971. Combined Rate cards with WKEY-FM.				
BR-1121 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	6-2-72 6-12-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) Ed. F. Kenehan, Atty.	GRANTED	10-27-72
JUN 19 1972				



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Call  
Letters WKEY

Name WKEY, INC.  
KEARL M. KEY  
Covington, Virginia 21126

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-7849 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 #163260 CODE 047 (ALSO SEE FM) Pub. notice filed 3-29-73 APR 4 1973	3-14-73 3-15-73	Voluntary assignment of license to WKEY, INC. (SEE OVER FOR AMENDMENTS ETC) Atty - Fletcher, Heald etc	GRANTED Req. Grant Fee \$ 5,250.00 EFF: (INCLUDE FM) 5-31-73	5-10-73
BR-1121 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	5-16-75 5-28-75 " JUN 9 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX.) V.J. Curtis, Jr. Atty.	GRANTED	063 PD 5-11-73 W 196387 lottery. 9-12-75



RE: BAL-7849 - Ltr from bank re no B/C int.

PHASE 1 REFUND ACTION

2- 163660

3- 196387

TRANS.

CODE

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DATE

8/20/25

AMT.

2- 583.00

3- 5250.00

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Form BC-121

May 1976

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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WKEYName WKEY, INC.  
COVINGTON, VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1121 R & F PRESS	5-19-78 5-30-78 JUN 26 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Vincent J. Curtis, Atty.	GRANTED	10-6-78
BR-810527UL Press: <b>AUG</b>	10 1981	Renewal of License Attorney: Vincent J. Curtis, Jr.	GRANTED	10-22-81



W J M A - RECORD OF DENIAL OF INFORMAL APPLICATIONS

B2-S-1121 11-4-41 To remain silent after 9:00 p.m., EST,  
for a period not to exceed 30 days.



## 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. 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 – 3" by 5" filing cards – 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). 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. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

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.

