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FREQUENCY MODULATION

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed May 15, 1968

W J A D (8-2-71)

Call letters XWNGR-FM

Station location BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA

Name of licensee JOHN A. DOWDY

DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (BAL gr 6/30/75 EFF: 1/1/75)
consummated 4/29/75

Transmitter location 1.3 mi. E. of Climax, Georgia & 0.3 mi. N. of US Route 84, Bainbridge, GA
1609 East Shotwell Street, Bainbridge, Ga. (BPH-4-20-66) (LH 5-15-68)
(PH790201AH 7/11/79)

1609 East Shotwell Street, Bainbridge, Georgia (BPH-7-11-79)

Main studio location X Same as Transmitter

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPH-4996 HAAT: 145' cond'1	4-20-66	97.3mc. ch# 247	ERP: 28.5kw TPO: 5 kw	Unl.	6-20-66 12-20-66
CP for a new Class C FM broadcast station.					
BPH-4996 (1)	6-1-66	Mod. of CP(BPH-4996) to assign call letters W M G R-FM; and correct ant. hght			
BMPH-9145 (2)	12-20-66	Mod. of CP(BPH-4996) for ext. of completion date to			
					6-20-67
BMPH-9127 HAAT: 140' cond'1	3-3-67	97.3mc. ch#247	ERP: 28.5kw U TPO: 5kw		6-20-66 6-20-67
Mod. of CP(BPH-4996) to chg. ant-trans location (same site); make chg. in ant. system(decr. hght) and decrease HAAT;					
BMPH-9343 (1)	6-13-67	Mod. of CP(BPH-4996 as mod.) for ext. of completion date to			
					12-20-67
BMPH-9551 HAAT: 145' cond1	8-25-67	97.3mc. ch# 247	ERP: 28.5kw Unl. TPO: 5kw		6-20-66 12-20-67
Mod. of CP(BPH-4996 as mod.) to make chg. in ant. system.					
BMPH-9707 (1)	12-11-67	Mod. of CP(BPH-4996 as mod.) for ext. of completion date to			
					3-20-68.
BLH-3985	5-15-68	97.3mc	ERP:28.5kw Unl.		4-1-70
Lic to cover BPH-4996 as mod. for new FM (Specify type trans. & ant.).					
BRCH-896(1)	10-9-68	Operate RC.			
BRH-2190(L)	4-1-70	Renewal			
					4-1-73
EBSA	5-22-72				
BRH-2190(L)	4-13-73	RENEWAL			
					4-1-76
BALH-2139	6/30/75	Vol AL EFF: 1/1/75 consummated			
					4/29/75
BRH-2190(L)	3-9-76	RENEWAL			
					4-1-79
BPH790201A HAAT: 530' (L)	7/11/79 (H&V)	97.3mhz	ERP: 100kW (H&V)		7/11/80
CP to chg. TL, ant yst., ERP & HAAT. Install new trans.					
BRH781120UJ COMTEL	(S) 6-15-79 2-29-80	Renewal of License			
					4-1-82
TEMPORARY AUTH. DUCED POWR AUTH				GRANTED EXPIRES	OPER WITH RE 3-26-80

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BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed

Call Letters WJAD

Station Location

SEE CARD # 1

Name

Transmitter Location

Main studio location

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BLH-800211AH (L)	4-24-80	97.3mhz ERP: 100KW (H&V) HAAT: 530' (H&V) LIC: (BPH-790201AH) for changes.	4-1-82

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters -NBW-FM WMGR-FM

Name JOHN A. DOWDY
Bainbridge, Georgia (P.O. Box 706, Bainbridge, Georgia)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-4996	12-10-64	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 97.3mc CH 247 ERP: 28.6kw Type transmitter: Gates FMS-5G (5kw) TPO: 5kw Type antenna: Gates FMA-6A (6 sections) HAAT: 144 ft. Transmitter Loc.: 1609 East Shotwell St. Bainbridge, Georgia (Same as AM) Studio Loc.: Same as transmitter (Waiver of Sect. 73.207 of Rules Reg. 1-18-65) WAIVER OF SECT. 73.207 granted 6-16-65-application accepted for filing.	RETURNED	4-20-66
Rec'd	12-14-64		Short-Speed	
Resub	1-15-65			
Recd	1-18-65			
Filed(order)	6-16-65			GRANTED 4-20-66 Cond' I re WMGR(AM) submit 302s

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WMGR-FM

Name JOHN A. DOWDY
BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-9127 R & F	11-18-66 11-23-66	Modification of CP(BPH-4996 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to change ant-trans location(same site); make chg. in ant. system (decrease height.); decrease HAAT to 140 ft.	GRANTED cond'1	3-3-67
BMPH-9143 R & F	12-8-66 12-8-66	Modification of CP(BPH-4996 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 12-20-66 to 8-1-67.	GRANTED to	12-20-66 6-20-67
BMPH-9343 R & F	3-27-67 3-28-67	Modification of CP(BPH-4996 as mod., which authorized a new FM b/c station) for extension of completion date from 6-20-67 to 2-1-68.	GRANTED to	6-13-67 12-20-67
BMPH-9551 R & F	7-21-67 7-27-67	Modification of CP(BPH-4996 as mod., which authorized a new FM b/c station) to make changes in xxxx antenna system.	GRANTED cond'1	8-25-67 submit 302 for
AUG 22 1967 BMPH-9707 R & F	10-31-67 11-7-67	Mod. of CP(BPH-4996 as mod., which authorized a new FM b/c station) for extension of completion date from 12-20-67 to 3-20-68.	WMGR GRANTED to	12-11-67 3-20-68

FORM BC-121 #3
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call W J A D
Letters X W M G R - FM

Name JOHN A. DOWDY
Bainbridge, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-3985 R & F #414187 \$30 PT MAY 8 1968	3/18/68 3/22/68 3/22/68 4/1/68	License (BPH-4996 as mod., for new FM station) (trans. GATES FM-5B-ant.-JAMPRO JA-6B).	GRANTED	5-15-68
BRCH-896 R & F #462938 \$30 ULI 3 1968	9-23-68 10-2-68 10-2-68	Modification of license to operate trans- mitter by remote control from 1609 East Shotwell Street, Bainbridge, Georgia.	GRANTED	10-9-68
BRH-2190 R & F #568157 \$75. PN PRESS FEB 25 1970	12-29-69 1-5-70 1-5-70 1-5-70	Renewal of license	GRANTED	4-1-70

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W J A D

DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Name JOHN A. DOWDY
BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-2190 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAY 21 1973	12-29-72 1-2-73 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 3-27-73 re: programming	GRANTED	4-13-73
BALH-2139 Rec FEE PD \$50 # 434645 CODE 049 - & \$50 #440101 FILED (FORM 316) (ALSO SEE AM) JUN 30 1975	5-26-75 5-29-75 6-17-75	Voluntary assignment of license to DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.	GRANTED consummated EFF: 1/1/75 No gr fee req	6/30/75 4/29/75
BRH-2190 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-24-75 11-28-75 " JAN 23 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-9-76

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W J A DName DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH781120 UJ PRESS	FEB 14 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	6-15-79
BPH790201AH PRESS:	MAR 29 1979	Construction permit to chg TL: 1.3 miles E of Climax Georgia and 0.3 miles N of US Route 84, Bainbridge, Georgia; install new trans(HARRIS FM-20K); ant(HARRIS FMS-12,21 sections H&V; make chgs in ant sys (incr hght) chg ERP: 100KW(H&V); HAAT: 527'(H&V) 30 52 57 84 24 36 MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305	GRANTED	7/11/79
BLH-800211AH PTA PRESS	APR 14 1980	License to cover (BPH-790201AH) for changes. Atty: None	GRANTED	4-24-80

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 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.

