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REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Official # 607

Date first licensed 5-9-51

Call letters WL B H - FM

STATION LOCATION: MATTOON, ILLINOIS

Name of licensee MATTOON BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location X On U.S. Route #45, North of Mattoon, Illinois (Coles County)
Approx. 1½ mi. north of city limits, Mattoon, Illinois (PH-3-6-73)

Main studio location X 1632½ Broadway Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois
Same as transmitter loc. (BLH, 6-12-74)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPH-1531 C.P.	5-4-49 issued	96.9	23 kw.	190 ft.	By 7-4-49 To 1-4-50
Telegram	11-4-49	Retel 31. Auth. gr. period ending 1-4-50 op. using fac. specified in BPH-1531 re FM prog. serv.			
BLH-600 License	5-9-51 to cover CP (BPH-1531)	96.9	23 kw	190 ft.	to 3-1-53 L
BRH-607	2-18-53	Renewal of license to			12-1-55 S
BRH-607	11-9-55	Renewal of license to			12-1-58 S
BRCH-170	9-13-56	Transmitter may be operated by remote control from 1682 1/2 Broadway Ave. 3rd fl. Nat'l L. Bk. Bldg. Mattoon, Ill.			12/1/58
BRH-607	11-19-58	96.9	23 kw	U 190ft.	to 12-1-61
BRH-607	11-9-61	Renewal of license			12-1 12-1-64
Wire BPH-3906 HAAT: 190'	5-14-62 10-30-62	Auth. remain silent thru 96.9mcs ERP: 23kw Unl. Ch. 245 TPO: 3.4kw			6-11-62. 12-30 6-30-63
	CP to install new ant. (Andrews, 1308-1A, 8 sec.) & chg. TPO km				
BMPH-7546 (1)	4-18-63	Mod. of CP (BPH-3906) to chg. type trans. (Composite).			
BLH-2383 (1)	8-8-63	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-3906, as mod.) which auth. install new ant.; chg. type trans.; & chg. TPO.			
BRH-607	11-9-64	96.9mcs.	23kw	U	12-1 12-1-67
BRH-607	11-24-67	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-70
BRH-607(S)	1-12-71	Renewal			12-1-73
EBSA	5-22-72				
BSCA-1182	7-21-72	SCA 67 kilohertz			
BPH-8128 HAAT: 500' (H&V)	3-6-73	96.9mhz.	ERP: 50kw (H&V) #245 Class B (RC)		3-6-74
		CP chg. TL, SL operate by RC, install new trans., install new ant., make chgs. in ant. system (incr. hgt.) chg. TPO, ERP HAAT.			

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June 1954

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Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BRH-607(S)	12-12-73	RENEWAL			12-1-76
BRSCA-1182	12-12-73	RENEWAL OF SCA			
BLH-6155(L)	6-12-74	Lic.(BPH-8128)-Changes			12-1-76
HAAT: 500'	(H&V)	96.9mhz., ERP: 50kw(H&V)			
BRH-607(S)	11-15-76	RENEWAL & SCA			12-1-79
BRSCA-1182					
BRH-790808UB(S)	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-82
BRSCA-790808UB(S)		RENEWAL OF SCA			

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FM (CLASS B)

Call

Letters ~~WLBH-FM~~ **WLBH-FM**Name **MATTOON BROADCASTING COMPANY**

(P. O. 1632 1/2 Broadway Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois).

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-1531 Rec'd. Filed	12-22-48	Construction permit for new FM broadcast station (Class B) to be operated on Frequency: 96.9 Mcs. Channel 245 Effective Radiated Power: 22.9 kw. Antenna height above average terrain: 185 ft. Transmitter: On U. S. Route 45 North of Mattoon, Illinois. (Gates BF-3B Max. 3 kw.) Studio: 1632 1/2 Broadway, Mattoon, Illinois.	GRANTED	5-4-49
	12-27-48		C.P. issued	5-4-49
	12-27-48		Expires	1-4-50
			Mailed	5-18-49
BIE-600 Rec'd. Filed	1-3-50	License to cover C. P. (BPH-1531) which authorized a new FM broadcast station	GRANTED	5-9-51
	1-5-50			
	1-5-50			
BRH-607 Recd. & Filed	1-24-53 1-27-53	Renewal of license	Ltr. 1-29-53 re typical week. GRANTED	2-18-53

CARD 2

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Letters **WLBH-FM**

Name

Radio Station **WLBH-FM, 1632 1/2 Broadway Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois.**

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BRH-607 Rec'd & filed 9-2-55	8-31-55	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-9-55
BRCH-170 Rec'd. & Filed	9-10-56 9-10-56	Transmitter may be operated by Remote Control From 1632 1/2 Broadway Avenue, 3rd Floor, National Bank Building, Mattoon, Illinois.	GRANTED	9-13-56
BRH-607 Rec'd Filed	8-29-58 9-2-58 9-2-58	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	11-19-58
BRH-607 R. & F.	8-31-61 9-5-61	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	11-9-61
EPH-3906 R & F	10-20-62 10-22-62	Construction permit to install a new antenna (ANDREWS-1308-1A, 8 sections).	GRANTED	10-30-62

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Letters W L B H - FMName NATTOON BROADCASTING COMPANY
NATTOON, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-7546 R & F	2-28-63 3-4-63	Mod. of CP (BPH-3906 which auth install new ant) to install new trans (Collins (Composite) 830B-1A).	GRANTED	4-18-63
BLH-2383 Received Filed	3-26-63 3-29-63 4-22-63	Lic. to cover construction permit (BPH-3906 as mod) which auth install new ant and trans.	GRANTED	8-8-63
BRH-607 Rec'd Filed	8-31-64 9-1-64 9-1-64	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-9-64
BRH-607 R & F OCT 3 1967	8-31-67 9-5-67	Renewal of license	GRANTED 11-24	11-24-67

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September 1969

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MATTOON, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-607 R & F PN Recd. PRESS OCT 6 1970	8-31-70 9-2-70 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	1-12-71
BSCA-1,182, R & F #077247 \$50 Code 068 Press JUL 7 1972	5-24-72 5-26-72 5-26-72	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kilocycles.	GRANTED	7-21-72
Bpp-8128 Rec'd Filed #077465 \$200 Code 015 Press NOV 7 1972 P. N. Rec'd AMENDED AMENDED	5-23-72 5-26-72 10-25-72 5-26-72 6-26-72 6-26-72 10-25-72	CP to chg. TL & SL to 2 1/2 mi. North on Route 45, Mattoon, Illinois; delete RC; install new trans. (Gates FM-20H3); install new ant. (Gates FMC-6, 6 sects. (H&V); make chg. ant. system (increase height); chg. TPO; ERP: 50,0KW (H&V); HAAT. 500' (H&V). -39°-32'-11" - -88°-21'-19" 39° 30' 54" - 88° 22' 23" Section IV-A Sect. II, III & Engr. Data chg. TL to: 1 1/2 mi. North of Mattoon, Illinois chg. SL & operate by RC from 16323 Broadway Ave., Mattoon, Illinois	GRANTED	3-6-73 req. grant fee: \$1800 fee paid 016 4-3-73 W 169893

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Mattoon, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BPH-8128 CONTINUED FROM CARD #4 AMENDED PRESS: JAN 22 1973	1-10-73	Correct Coordinates (39° 31' 02" - 88° 22' 13")		
BRH-607 R & F PRESS BRSCA-1182	8-29-73 9-4-73 25 SEP 1973 8-29-73	Renewal of License AMENDED 11-29-73 re: commercial policy; prog; EEO Renewal of SCA	GRANTED	12-12-73
BLH-6155 R & F W 288315-\$50. PTA PRESS	2-5-74 3-7-74 3-7-74-AC-057 3-15-74 APR 29 1974	Lic.(BPH-8128)-Changes.	GRANTED	6-12-74
BRH-607 BRSCA-1182 P & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-29-76 " 8-3-76 " AUG 12 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA	GRANTED	11-15-76

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May 1976

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BRH 790808 UB BRSCA " PRESS	AUG 24 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA	GRANTED	11-30-79

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.

