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FREQUENCY MODULATION

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

6-14-77 Auth. gr. for on-the-air I.D. as "Decatur-Huntsville, Alabama"

Date first licensed 4-6-67

Call letters W R S A

Station location DECATUR, ALABAMA

Name of licensee PAUL R. NIELSEN

Transmitter location 23½ mi. SE of Decatur, on Rte. #1, Laceys Spring, Ala. (PH 12-23-64)

35754

Main studio location 23½ mi. SE of Decatur, on Rte. #1, Laceys Spring, Ala. (PH 12-23-64)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPH-3844 HAAT: 830'	12-23-64	96.9mcs Ch.#245	ERP:25kw TPO:7.7kw	Unl.	2-23-65 8-23-65
BMPH-8383 (1)	7-28-65	CP for a new Class C FM broadcast station. Mod. of CP(BPH-3844) for extension of completion date to			2-23-66
BMPH-8688 (2)	2-21-66	Mod. of CP(BPH-3844, as mod.) for ext. of completion date to			4-30-66
BMPH-8812 (3)	5-12-66	Mod. of CP(BPH-3844 as mod.) for ext. of completion date to			8-15-66
BLH-3557 HAAT: 830'	4-6-67	96.9mcs CH.#245	ERP:25kw TPO:7.2kw	U	4-6 4-1-70
		Lic to cover CP(BPH-3844 as mod) which auth a new FM broadcast station			
BPH-7217 HAAT: 830'	10-7-70	96.9mc Ch#245	ERP: 25kw TFO: 2.6kw		12-7 10-7-71
		CP install Ant, make chgs in ant system. chg TPO:			
BRH-2006 BLH-5077 HAAT: 830'	8-16-71	Lic. cover CP (BPH-7217) Renewal of license and Mod. 96.9 ERP: 25kw TPO: 3.6kw			4-1-73
EBSA BRH-2006	5-22-72 4-13-73	(Short) RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-76
BPH-8812	3-4-74	CP to chg. ant; chg. TPO; ERP: 50kw; 96.9mhz. HAAT: 830'			3-4-75
BMPH-14431(1)	3-28-75	MP(BPH-8812) ext time to			7-31-75
BMPH-14,567(2)	8-15-75	MP(BPH-8812, as mod) ext to			12-31-75
BLH-6875(L)	3-11-76	Lic.(BPH-8812, as mod.)-Changes-			4-1-76
BRH-2006(L)	3-12-76	RENEWAL			4-1-79
BPH-10218 HAAT: 830'	10-7-76	96.9MHz H&V	ERP: 100kw CP chg Trans, TPO & ERP	H&V U	10-7-77
COMTEL	3-30-77	CSI-T-20F now installed			
BLH-7286(L)	4-19-77	Lic. (BPH-10,218) for chgs. (MAIN) HAAT: 830 ft.(H&V) ERP: 100kw(H&V) (AUX.) ERP: 50 kw (H&V) HAAT: 830 ft.(H&V)			4-1-79
BSCA-1765	9-21-77	SCA on 67 kilohertz			4-1-79

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

CARD # 1

First licensed SEE CARD # 1

Call Letters

Station Location

Name

Transmitter Location

Main studio location

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BRH781205UF SRHSCA781205UF	5-25-79	RENEWAL OF LICENCE RENEWAL OF SCA	4-1-82

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W R S A

Name PAUL R. NIELSEN

~~DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI, ALABAMA (Route #1, Laceys Spring, Alabama)~~

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-3844 Rec'd Filed	7-8-62 7-18-62 7-18-62	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: 96.9mc CH 245 Frequency- 103.5mc CH 278 <u>92.3mc CH 222</u> ERP- 20kw 25kw TPO- 5.81kw 7.25kw HAAT 827 ft Type trans.- Western Electric 506B-2 Type antenna- Andrew 1304-1, 4 sections Trans. loc.- Route #1, Laceys Spring, 1 1/2 mi. NW of Arab, Alabama (redescription: 23 1/2 mi. SE of Decatur, Alabama (9-10-63) Studio loc.- Route #1, Laceys Spring, Arab, Alabama (same as trans. loc.)	GRANTED	12-23-64
AMENDMENT R & F	10-15-62 10-17-62	AMENDED to change frequency to <u>92.3mc CH 222</u>		
AMENDMENT R&F	9-17-63 9-19-63	AMENDED to chg. frequency to 96.9mc CH 245, inc. ERP to 25kw, inc. TPO to 7.25kw and change station location to Decatur, Alabama		

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 Letters W R S A

Name PAUL R. NIELSEN
DECATUR, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-8383 I&F	7-7-65 7-9-65	Modification of CP (BPH-3844 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 8-23-65 to 4-23-66.	GRANTED to	7-28-65 2-23-66
BMPH-8688 R&F	1-31-66 2-3-66	Modification of CP(BPH-3844, as modified, which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 2-23-66 to 3-23-66.	GRANTED to	2-21-66 4-30-66
BMPH-8812 R & F	4-27-66 4-28-66	Modification of CP(BPH-3844, as mod., which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 4-30-66 to 8-15-66.	GRANTED to	5-12-66 8-15-66
BMPH----- R & F	10-8-66 10-13-66	Modification of CP(BPH-3844 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date.	Returned 10-19-66 on program test, 701 Unnecessary.	

FORM BC-121 #3
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W R S A

Name PAUL R. NIELSEN
Decatur, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-3557 Rec'd Filed	8/12/66 8/30/66 1/27/67	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-3844 as mod.) which auth. a new FM broadcast station. Engr: N. D. Steele, Jr,	GRANTED	4-6-67
BRH-2006 R & F #568180 \$75 P.N.	12-28-69 1-5-70 1-5-70 1-5-70	Renewal of License AMENDED 2-11-70 re: Section II resubmitted re date of signature	GRANTED	8-16-71
BPH-7217 R & F #618766 \$30. PRESS: AUG 00 1970	7-20-70 7-28-70 7-28-70	CP install Ant(ANDREW-1308-1A, 8 sects);make chgs in ant system.(incr. hght); chg. TPO: 3.63kw.	GRANTED	10-7-70
BLH-5077 R & F PTA PRESS MAR 30 1971	3-6-71 3-10-71 3-19-71	Lic.(BPH-7217) for changes.	GRANTED	8-16-71

Ack. card 2-4-70 re: Sect. dated after Sect. I.

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DECATUR, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-2006 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	12-28-72 1-2-73 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 3-29-73 re: ascertainment of comm. needs, programming	GRANTED	4-13-73
BPH-8812 R & F #276684 \$50 Code 057 Press	12-15-74 2-5-74 2-7-74 FEB 25 1974	CP to install new ant. (Andrews Multi V, 8 sects.); chg. TPO and ERP: 50KW.	GRANTED	3-4-74
BMPH-14,431 R & F #397868 \$100 Code 057 PRESS	3-2-75 3-3-75 3-5-75 MAR 10 1975	MP(BPH-8812) for ext. of time to 6-15-75. (Changes) Atty: Larry D. Perry (Layton & Perry)	GRANTED TO	3-28-75 7-31-75
BMPH-14,567 R & F #456186 \$100 Code 001 PRESS	7-14-75 7-23-75 8-5-75 AUG 8 - 1975	MP(BPH-8812, as mod.) ext. time to 10-31-75. (Changes)	GRANTED TO	8-15-75 12-31-75

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters **W R S A**Name **PAUL R. NIELSEN**
Decatur, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-6875 Rec'd W 489801-\$100 (001)PTA Amended & F PTA Ext. PRESS	10-3-75 10-20-75 10-22-75 11-5-75(LTD) 11-5-75 11-25-75 12-8-75	Lic.(BPH-8812, as mod.)-Changes. Transmitter: W.B., 506-B2(mod.) Antenna: SHIVELY, 6811-14, 14 sects. Sect. II-B (enrg. data)	GRANTED	3-11-76
BRH-2006 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-30-75 12-4-75 " DEC 10 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 12-8-75 re: balance sheet	GRANTED	3-12-76
BPH-10218 R & F 599404#100 CODE 001 PRESS	7-27-76 8-2-76 8-3-76 OCT 1 1976	CP install new trans {GATES FMS-20B}; chg TPO & ERP {100kw H&V} Atty--- Engr---	GRANTED	10-7-76
302	11 4 76		PTA used	11-17-76

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Decatur, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
Ltr. dated R & F PRESS	2-15-77 2-17-77 MAR 15 1977	Filed by Larry Perry, Esq. for Paul R. Nielsen for Dual City Identification as: Decatur-Huntsville, Alabama	GRANTED	6-14-77
BLH-7286 R & F #633105\$100 PTA PRESS	11-1-76 11-4-76 11-5-76 11-17-76 MAR 21 1977	Lic. (BPH-10,218) for chgs. & to license former alt. main trans. as aux. (Western Electric 506 Bz MOD)	GRANTED	4-19-77
BSCA-1765 R & F PRESS	8-30-77 9-2-77 SEP 19 1977	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a subcarrier frequency of 67 kilohertz Atty. Larry Perry	GRANTED	9-21-77

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96.9Mhz.

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W R S AName PAUL R. NIELSEN
DECATUR, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH781205UF PRESS:		RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Main & Aux. Trans. Aux. Ant.)	GRANTED	5-25-79
BRHSCA781205UF PRESS: FEB 14 1979		RENEWAL OF SCA		

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.

