

W R T L - FM

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FREQUENCY MODULATION

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

#2781

Date first licensed December 7, 1972

Call letters W R T L-FM

Station location Rantoul, Illinois

WILLIAM BROWN AND MARIAN C. WILLIAM EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD
R. WILLIAMS DECEASED d/b as REGIONAL RADIO SERVICE (ALH6-26-80, EFF:

Name of licensee WILLIAM R. BROWN AND DONALD R. WILLIAMS d/b as REGIONAL RADIO SERVICE
(PH-5-31-71)

Transmitter location Highway 136, 2 miles west of Rantoul, Illinois (PH-5-31-71)

Main studio location Same as Transmitter

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-7243(L) HAAT: 175' (H&V) Cond' 1	5-31-71	95.3	ERP: 3kw (H&V) TPO: 1.95kw		5-31-72
CP for new FM station.					
BPH-7243(1)	10-28-71	Call letters assigned.			
BMPH-13,332(L) HAAT: 275' (H&V)	11-26-71	95.3	ERP: 3kw (H&V) MP (BPH-7243) chg. trans., ant., chg. TPO, HAAT		5-31-72
BLH-5413(L)	12-7-72	Lic (BPH-7243) for new station			
BRH-2781(S)	11-28-73	RENEWAL			12-1-76
BRH-2781(S)	11-15-76	Renewal of License			12-1-79
BRH790730UZ	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			12-1-82
BALH800610GW	6-26-80	INVOL ALH EFFY			

Form DC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call W R T L-FM
Letters X NEW-FM

Name William R. Brown and Donald R. Williams d/b as Regional Radio Service
Rantoul, Illinois (PO P.O. Box 115, Rantoul, Illinois 61866)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-7243 R & F #620148 \$75 PRESS: SEP 1 1970 PN REC'd: 8-26-70	7-24-70 7-31-70 7-31-70 1 1970 8-26-70	CP for New FM on: 95.3mc. #237 ERP: 3kw(h&v) HAAT: 177'(h&v) TPO: 1.93kw. Trans: Collins-831D-1; Ant: Collins-LPC-4, 4 horiz. & 4 vert. sects. T-SL: 2.0 mi. W. of city on Hwy. 136, Rantoul, Illinois. 40° 18' 37" - 88° 12' 54" Atty- William J. Potts, Jr. Engr- Robert A. Jones, LaGrange, Illinois AM STATION: WRTL, Rantoul, Illinois	DEC 16 1970 GRANTED 5-31-71. Grant Fee: \$900.00 Fee Paid: 6-11-71 014 W508240 GRANTED 5-31-71 Cond' 1	19112
BMPH-13,332 R & F #022195 \$50 #005815 \$50 CODE 013 PRESS: 24 SEP 1971 PN REC'd: 9-28-71 AMENDED 10-5-71	7-26-71 8-5-71 8-5-71 9-22-71 24 SEP 1971 9-28-71 10-5-71	MP(BPH-7243) chg. trans.(Gates-FM-2H3); chg. Ant(Gates-FMC-4A, 4 horiz. & vert. sects); make chgs. in ant. system(incr. hght); chg. TPO: 1.87kw; HAAT: 280ft.(h&v). Atty - William J. Potts, Jr. Section IV-A.	GRANTED 11-26-71 Req. \$900 grant fee Grant Fee Paid: Q4, 1-11-72, W031186	

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

95.3mc.

Call
Letters WRTL-FM

Name WILLIAM R. BROWN AND DONALD R. WILLIAMS D/B AS REGIONAL RADIO SERVICE
Rantoul, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-5413 Rec'd W 042866-\$50. LTD PTA Amended & F PTA ext PRESS Amended	2-16-72 2-18-72 2-18-72 3-1-72 3-15-72 3-30-72 DEC 4 1972 11-24-72	Lic.(BPH-7243, as mod.) for New FM Broadcast Station. Atty: Haley, Bader & Potts AC-068 trans. op. constants Section Six.	GRANTED 70	12-7-72 12-7-72
BRH-2781 R & F PN PRESS	8-17-73 8-31-73 8-31-73 26 SEP 1973	Renewal of License Atty: William J. Potts, Jr.	GRANTED	11-28-73
BRW-2781 R & F P.N. Press	7-14-76 7-30-76 7-30-76 SEP 22 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: William J. Potts (Haley, Bader & Potts)	Granted	11-15-76

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APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

WILLIAM BROWN AND MARIAN C. WILLIAM EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF Call Letters: W R T L -FM

~~THE ESTATE~~ DONALD R. WILLIAMS DECEASED d/b as REGIONAL RADIO SERVICEName ~~xxx~~ William R. Brown and Donald R. Williams d/b as Regional Radio Service

Station Location: Rantoul, Illinois

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRH790730UZ PRESS SEP 18 1979		Renewal of License Atty.: William J. Potts, Jr.	GRANTED 11-30-79
BALH800610GW Form 316 PRESS JUN 25 1980 Also see WRTL(am) PN FILED 4-30-81		Involuntary assignment of license to William Brown and Marian C. William Executor of the Estate of Donald R. Williams Deceased d/b as Regional Radio Service Atty- William J. Potts, Jr.	GRANTED 6-26-80 EFF:
BALH810417FP Form 314 PRESS MAY 23 1981 Also see WRTL(am)		Vol AL to Regional Radio, Inc. Atty. Williams J. Potts, Jr.	EFF: 7-16-81

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.

