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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

FM BROADCAST

Date first licensed JANUARY 13, 1965

Call letters W S M T-FM

Station location SPARTA, TENNESSEE

UPPER CUMBERLAND COUNTRY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (ALH 9-29-69, Eff: 10-1)

Name of licensee x SPARTA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter location On Hwy. #42, 1.9 mi. N. of Sparta, Tenn. (PH 12-6-63) (LH 1-13-65)

Main studio location On Hwy. #42, 1.9 mi. N. of Sparta, Tenn. (PH 12-6-63) (LH 1-13-65)



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-3845 HAAT:36'	12-6-63	105.5mc Ch.288	ERP:3kw TPO:680w	Unl.	2-6 8-6-64 (Cond'1)
BRCH-511 (1)	5-26-64	CP for a new Class A FM broadcast station Mod. of CP(BPH-3845) to operate trans- mitter by remote control from on Hwy. 42, 1.9 mi. N. of Sparta, Tennessee.			
BMPH-7878 (2)	7-10-64	Mod. of CP(BPH-3845, as mod.) to chg. type ant. (Collins 37M-4, 4 secs.) & incr. TPO to 860w.			
BLH-2596 HAAT:36'	1-13-65	105.5mcs Ch.#288	ERP:3kw TPO:860w	Unl.	1-13-65 8-1-67
		Lic. to cover CP(BPH-3845, as mod.) which auth. a new FM broadcast station, with RC.			
BRH-1607	7-24-67	Renewal of license			8-1 8-1-70
BTC-5793	7-15-69	Vol. TC			
BLH-1254	9-29-69	Vol. 71H			
BRH-1607(L)	11-13-70		RENEWAL		8-1-73
EBSA	5-22-72				
BRH-1607(S)	8-28-73	RENEWAL			8-1-76
BTC-7925	5/28/76	Vol TC	EFF: 6/15/76		
BRH-1607(S)	8-24-76	Renewal of License			8-1-79
BRH790403ZC (S)	3-19-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-82
BTCH800331EP	5-29-80	VOL TC	EFF: 6-30-80		



FORM BC-121  
AUG. 1958

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters new W S M T-FM

Name SPARTA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
SPARTA, TENNESSEE (P.O. Box 390, Sparta, Tennessee)

Sam J. Albritton, Pres.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-3845 Rec'd Filed	7-27-62 7-30-62 7-20-62	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency- <del>92.5mc CH 223</del> 105.5mc CH 288 ERP- <del>1.5kw</del> 3kw TPO- 1kw HAAT 35 ft Type trans.- Collins 830D-1A Type antenna- Collins 37M-5, 5 sections Trans. loc.- On Hwy. 42, 1.9 miles north of Sparta, Tennessee Studio loc.- same as trans.	GRANTED Cond'l re W S M T submit 302s	12-6-63
Amendment Rec'd	8-20-62	Engr.- Walter A. Duke Amend. rec'd to change frequency to <del>103.9mc, CH 280</del> ERP to 3kw - <del>REP'D 8-22-62 not in compliance with Comm. Rules.</del>		
RESUBMITTED R & F	8-27-62 8-29-62	AMENDED to change frequency to 105.5mc CH 288; ERP to 3kw		



Aug. 1955

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters **WSMT-FM**

Name **SPARTA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.**  
**Sparta, Tennessee**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCH-511 Rec'd Filed	5-11-64 5-12-64 5-21-64	Mod. of CP(BPH-3845) to operate transmitter by remote control from on Hwy. 42, 1.9 mi. N. of Sparta, Tennessee.	GRANTED	5-26-64
BNPH-7878 R&F	6-22-64 6-24-64	Mod of CP (BPH-3845 as mod which auth a new FM B/C station) to chg type ant (COLLINS-37M-4, 4 sect) and incr TPO to .861kw.	GRANTED	7-10-64
BLH-2596 R&F	7-21-64 7-23-64	License to cover CP (BPH-3845 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station.	GRANTED	1-13-65
BRH-1607 R.&F.	4-15-67 4-25-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-24-67
BTC-5793 R & F FEE PD: \$75	11-12-68 11-14-68 472207	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Dr. Sam J. Albritton and Martha L. Albritton to Upper Cumberland Country Broadcasting Company, Inc.	GRANTED	7-15-69



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Call  
Letters W S M T-FM

UPPER CUMBERLAND COUNTRY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Name X SPARTA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Sparta, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAH-1254 Rec'd Filed FEE PD: \$30 (form 316)	8-2-69 8-7-69 8-27-69 -#534324 also see WSMT AUG 28 1969	Voluntary assignment of license to UPPER CUMBERLAND COUNTRY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.	GRANTED Eff:	9-29-69 10-1-69
BRH-1607 R & F \$75 #597145 PN Recd. PRESS	4-27-70 4-29-70 " " MAY 28 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 6-5-70 re: clarify type trans. AMENDED 10-20-70 re: supplemental program data	GRANTED	11-13-70
BRH-1607 R & F PN PRESS MAY 22 1973	5-2-73 5-4-73 5-4-73	Renewal of License AMENDED 8-6-73 re: engineering data	GRANTED	8-28-73



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

105.5mhz

Call  
Letters **W S M T-FM**Name **Upper Cumberland Country Broadcasting Company, Inc.**  
**Sparta, Tenn.**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-7925	11-7-75	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Joe L. Kuhn, Martha Ann Kuhn, Van L. Slack, and Sylvia Marie Slack (all stockholders) to White County Broadcasting, Inc.  (SEE AM FOR AMENDMENTS ETC)	GRANTED	5/28/76
Rec'd	11-17-75		EFF:	6/15/76
(SEE AM) for fee pd			FEE REQ:	pd 6/18/76
FILED	12-8-75			W 581769
JAN 9 1976				
PN filed	5/14/76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	8-24-76
BRH-1607	3-26-76			
R & F	4-1-76			
PN Recd.	"			
PRESS	JUN 16 1976			
BRH 790403	ZC	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-19-80
PRESS MAY 25 1979				



## APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WSMT-FM

Name: Upper Cumberland Country Broadcasting Company, Inc.

Station Location: Sparta, Tennessee

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BTCH800331FP Form 315 PRESS Also see WSMT(AM) PN FILED	APR 14 1980  5-6-80	Vol TC from White County Broadcasting, Inc. to Austin-Thompson Broadcasting System, Inc.  Atty-Mark S. Fowler	GRANTED 5-29-80 EFF: 6-30-80



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

