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FREQUENCY MODULATION

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

WWSM (Eff. 4-1-67)

Date first licensed 4-1-65

Call letters WWSM

Station location BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA

Name of licensee FAULKNER RADIO, INC.

White Ave., Bay Minette, Ala. (MPH 7-30-64)

Transmitter location 114 W. 2nd St., Bay Minette, Ala. (PH 4-15-64)

ZIP-36507

White Ave., Bay Minette, Ala. (SH 6-7-66)

Main studio location 114 W. 2nd St., Bay Minette, Ala. (PH 4-15-64)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-4346 HAAT: 250'	4-15-64	105.5mcs	ERP: 3kw Ch. #288 TPO: 800w	Unl.	6-15-64 12-15-64
-----	CP for a	new Class A FM broadcast station.			
BMPH-7904 (1) (Cond' 1)	7-30-64	Mod. of CP(BPH-4346) to chg. ant. = trans. loc.; chg. type trans. (Gates FM-1C) & type ant. (Gates FMA-4A, 4 secs.); oper. trans. by RC from studio loc.; incr. TPO to 850w & HAAT to 295'.			
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BLH-2739 HAAT: 295'	4-1-65	105.5mcs	ERP: 3kw CH. #288 TPO: 850w	U	4-1 4-1-67
		Lic to cover CP(BPH-4346 as mod) which auth a new FM broadcast station			
BSH-1629 (1)	6-7-66	Mod. of Lic. to chg. studio loc. to ant trans. loc. & delete RC from old studio			
BPH-5474 HAAT: 340'	7-25-66	105.5mc.	ERP: 2.3kw ch# 288 TPO: 680w	Unl.	9-25-66 3-25-67
cond' 1	CP to make changes in ant. system (increase height decrease TPO; ERP; and increase HAAT;				
BLH-3367 HAAT: 340'	11-14-66	105.5mcs	ERP: 2.3kw CH. #288 TPO: 680w	U	11-14 4-1-67
		Lic to cover CP(BPH-5474) which auth ant-sys chg ERP, TPO & HAAT			
BRH-1629 BRH	3-29-67	105.5mcs.	2.3kw	U	4-1 4-1-70
BRH-1629(S)	7-14-70	RENEWAL			4-1-73
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ERSA	5-22-72				
BRH-1629(S)	3-30-73	RENEWAL			4-1-76
BPH-10867 HAAT: 340' (L)	3-23-78 (h&v)	105.5mhz.	ERP; 2.3kw(h&v) #288	U	3-23-79
		CP install new Trans; install new circular polarized Ant; chg TPO; ERP & HAAT; redescribe coordinates			
BPH790521AE (1)	7/10/79	CP to replace expired permit BPH-10,867).			
					11/1/79

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Name of licensee FAULKNER RADIO, INC.

Transmitter location SEE CARD #1

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BLH- 790612AQ HAAT: 340' (H&V)/(L)	4-22-80	105.5MHz	ERP: 2.3KW (H&V) Lic to cover (BPH-10867, as mod.) for changes.		4-1-82

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters N-B-W W B C A-FMName FAULKNER RADIO, INC.
BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA (PO c/o James H. Faulkner, Box 426, Bay Minette, Ala.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-4346 R & F	1-28-64 2-7-64	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Freq.: 105.5mc, Ch.288A ERP: 3kw Type trans.: Collins 830D-1A TPO: 0.795kw Type ant.: Collins 37M-4, 4 secs. HAAT: 250' Trans. loc.: 114 W. 2nd St., Bay Minette, Ala Studio loc.: Same as trans. loc. Atty.: Henry R. Goldstein	GRANTED	4-15-64
BMPH-7904 R&F	7-10-64 7-14-64	Mod of CP (BPH-4346 which auth a new FM B/C station) to chg ant-trans loc to White Ave., Bay Minette, Ala.(WBCA site); operate trans by hC from main studio loc; chg type trans (GATES-FM-1C); chg type ant (GATES-FMA-44, 4 sect); incr HAAT to 294'; and incr TPO to 851kw. <small>F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D.C. attn: Spelman & Robinson</small>	GRANTED Cond'l re WBCA subm:	7-30-64 302s

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Letters WCAH-TV

Name FAULKNER RADIO, INC.
BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-2739 H&F	10-30-64 11-2-64	License to cover CP (BPH-4346 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station. Atty: Spearman & Roberson	GRANTED	4-1-65
BPH- Received	6-2-66 6-6-66	CP to make changes in ant. system (increase height); decrease TPO to .768kw; decrease ERP to 2.6kw; and increase HAAT to 337 feet. Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenahan & Hildreth, Attys.(M.Rosenberg)	RETURNED Per Sect. 73.333 Rules.	6-9-66
BPH-5474 R & F	7-2-66 7-5-66	CP to make changes in ant. system (increase height); decrease TPO to .695kw; decrease ERP to 2.3kw; and increase HAAT to 337 feet. Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenahan & Hildreth, Attys.(M.Rosenberg)	GRANTED cond'1	7-25-66 submit 302As for WBCA .

FORM BC-121 #3
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Letters XWBGA-FM

Name FAULKNER RADIO, INC.
Bay Minette, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-3367 R & F	8/3/66 8/8/66	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-5474) which auth. chng. ant-system, chng. ERP, TPO & HAAT. Atty: Fletcher, Heald, Rowell etc. (M. Rosenberg)	GRANTED	11-14-66
BRH-1629 R & F	12-20-66 1-3-67	Renewal of license Atty-Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, etc. (James P. Riley)	GRANTED	3-29-67
BRH-1629 R & F #566146 \$75 PRESS: PN REC'd:	12-17-69 12-31-69 12-31-69 12-31-69	Renewal of License Atty - Edward W. Hummers, Jr. (Fletcher, Heald etc.) JAN 29 1970	GRANTED	7-14-70
BRH-1629 R & F P.N. PRESS JAN 18 1973	12-27-72 1-2-73 1-2-73	Renewal of License Atty.: Vicent J. Curtis, Jr. AMENDED 2-18-75 re: financial statement	GRANTED	3-30-73

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

105.5mhz

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Letters WMAZ

Name FAULKNER RADIO, INC.
Bay Minette, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAH-1891 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 #218517 CODE 049 Pub. notice filed 8-13-73 FILED (Cert of Art & by laws filed) SEP 21 1973	7-26-73 7-26-73	Voluntary assignment of license to BROWN BROADCASTING LIMITED, INC. (SEE OVER) Atty for assignor - Fletcher, Heald etc	PREHEARING LETTER Item 2, AL-TC Agenda, adopted. DISMISSED Failure to prosecute (Sec. 1.568(b))	7-1-75
BRH-1629 R & F P.N.	11-28-75 12-1-75 12-1-75 JAN 23 1976	Renewal of License Atty.: Marvin Rosenberg AMENDED 12-29-75 re: balance sheet & signature page AMENDED 2-9-76 re: prog.	Designated for Hearing Min. SEP 15 1976 20913	

RE: BALH-1891 ATTY JAMES H. HARRIS 11-1-73 - Cert. Article
nec., also original copy of by laws Agreement shows
different assignee NOTED: Table I incomplete re home
addresses; Par. 19, Sec. II - dates 77, Sec. VI not submitted
Proj. bal sheet???

AMENDED 12-20-73 - Proj. bal. sheet; clarif. re financial
statement & statement re comm survey

AMENDED 2-22-74 - ext of time re agreement; re note agree

AMENDED 5-20-74 - ext of time re agreement

LETTER: 8-7-74 from David Rozelle, atty. re. Multiple-
Station owner

AMENDED: 9-5-74 re: Sales Agreement

AMENDED: 9-9-74 re: Stocholders

AMENDED 1-20-75 - ext of time re contract

AMENDED 3-3-75 re programming; Statment re EEOP; ref. to
ap. lic. for bal. sheet

AMENDED 3-6-75 - ext of time re contract

AMENDED 6-9-75 - ext of time re contract; no newspaper int;

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Bay Minette, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-10867 R & F PRESS:	12-19-77 12-21-77 JAN 24 1978	CP install new Trans (CCA FM-3000E); install new circular polarized Ant (CCA-SFC-LP-3, 3 sects H&V); chg TPO; ERP: 2.3kw(H&V) & chg HAAT: 340'(H&V); Coordinates redescribed as: 30° 52' 11" 87° 46' 05" Atty: Vincent J. Curtis, Jr.(Fletcher, Heald) Engr. Sillimon, Moffet & Koualski	ACCEPTED & GRANTED Cond'L	3-23-78
BPH790521AE PRESS (O)	JUL 2 1979	Construction Permit to Replace Expired Permit (BPH-10,867). Atty. Vincebt J. Curtis, Jr. (Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth)	GRANTED	7/10/79

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WWSM

Name: FAULKNER RADIO, INC.

Station Location: BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BLH-790612AQ PTA PRESS	APR 03 1980	License to cover (BPH-10867, as mod.) for changes. Atty: Vincent J. Curtis, Jr.	GRANTED 4-22-80

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.

