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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Off. no. 653

Date first licensed 8-18-50

W Z I R (EFF. 6-9-80)

Call letters WZIR-FM

XX WZIR, INC. (ALH gr 12/22/75 EFF: 1/1/76)

LOCATION: NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

X HILDA CARPENTER HULL (ALH. 2-7-75; EFF: 2-12-75)

14303 (zip code)

X Hilda Carpenter Hull, Executrix of the Estate of
Earl C. Hull, deceased (ALH-7-9-71 EFF: 7-9-71)

X EARL C. HULL (ALH-124, GR. 12-17-71 EFF: 11-26-74)

Name of licensee X THE NIAGARA FALLS GAZETTE PUBLISHING COMPANY

Staley Road, Grand Island

Transmitter location - ~~near Radio Park~~, New York

Same as transmitter (ML 7-20-73)

Treadway Inn, 401 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York (Ltr. 10-1-57)

X United Office Building, First Street, Niagara Falls, N.Y. (Ltr. 5-4-56)

Main studio location X Hotel Niagara, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Mos. Freq. | E. R. P. Power | Time Div. | Period From To |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Bl-PH-698 | 10-1-46 | 95.7 No. 239 | 20 kw. | U | By 12-1-46 To 6-1-47 |
| C.P. for new FM broadcast station | | | | | |
| Telegram | 12-30-46 | STA to operate on 95.7 mos using Federal 192-A trans max. power 3 kw. & single bay Federal sq. loop ant. mount on roof of Hotel Niagara period 12-30-46 to 3-29-47 purpose FM program service. Requirements for freq. & modula. monitors waived pending receipt of monitors. Applicant responsible for maintaining freq. within allowed tolerance. | | | |
| Letter | 3-21-47 | EXT period 3-30-47 to 6-1-47 | | | |
| BMPH-342 | 5-5-47 | 93.5 | 158 kw. | U | By 12-1-46 To 12-1-47 |
| MOD. C.P. for ext. of time | | | | | |
| TEL | 5-22-47 | Relet Attorney. Authority extended period ending 9-1-47 operate 95.7 mcs using Fed. 192-A trans. max. power 3 kw and single bay Fed. square loop ant. on roof Hotel Niagara, Niagara Falls, NY for FM program service. | | | |
| | 6-26-47 | 98.5 (No. 253) | | | |
| | Freq. assignment accord. Do. 6768 | | | | |
| Telegram | 8-29-47 | Relet 17. Auth ext. 12-1-47 op. 98.5(253) Fed. 192-A tr. max. output 3kw & single Bay Fed Square Loop ant. on roof Hotel Niagara, re prop. ser. Auth. gr to 10-1 to op. 95.7. Notify Com. date op. 98.5 | | | |
| Telegram | 11-20-47 | Relet 15. Auth. extended interim operation period ending June 1, 1948. | | | |
| BLPH-1052 | 11-19-47 | 98.5 mc | 20 kw. | U | By 12-1-46 to 6-1-48 |
| | Ext. of completion date to | | | | |
| Telegram | 5-24-48 | Relet atty. 20. Auth. extended interim operation period ending Sept. 1, 1948. | | | |
| BMPH-1894 | 5-17-48 | Ext. of completion date to 12-1-48 | | | |
| Telegram | 8-25-48 | Relet 16. Auth. ext. interim operation period ending 12-1-48 | | | |
| BMPH-2785 | 11-9-48 | Ext. of completion date to 6-1-49 | | | |

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CARD #2

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters **W H L D - FM**

Name of licensee ~~XXX~~ **THE NIAGARA FALLS GAZETTE PUBLISHING COMPANY**

Transmitter location ~~Near Eagle Park, New York~~

Main studio location ~~Hotel Niagara, Niagara Falls, N. Y.~~

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From- To |
|---------------|-------------|---|--|----------------|--------------------|
| Telegram | 11-30-45 | Relet atty. 8. | Auth. ext. period ending 6-1-49 op. 98.5 mcs using Federal 192-A Trans. w/3 kw. max. output power & single section Federal Square loop ant. mounted on roof Hotel Niagara, Niagara Falls, New York re FM prog. serv. | | |
| BMPH-3151 | 3-17-49 | Mod. of C.P. (BPH-898 as Mod) | to change type of transmitter and make changes in antenna system. | | |
| BMPH-3417 | 5-2-49 | Ext. of compl. date | To 12-1-49 | | |
| Telegram | 5-24-49 | Relet Atty. 11. | Auth. ext. period ending 12-1-49. | | |
| BMPH-3411 | 8-16-49 | 98.5 | 46 kw. U | | |
| Mod. of C. P. | | 253 | Terri: 420 ft. | To 12-1-49 | |
| BMPH-3858 | 11-7-49 | Ext. of completion date | to 2-1-50 | | |
| Telegram | 12-7-49 | Relet atty. 7. | Auth. gr. period ending 2-1-50 op. using fac. spec. in BMPH-3858 re FM prog. serv. | | |
| Telegram | 1-27-50 | Relet atty 24. | Auth. ext. period ending 8-1-50 op. using fac. in BMPH-3972 | | |
| BMPH-3972 | 1-12-50 | Extension of completion date | to 8-1-50 | | |
| BLH-650 | 8-18-50 | 98.5 | 46 kw. 253 | Terri: 420 ft. | 8-18-50 to 3-1-52. |
| BLH-650 | | License to cover C.P. | | | |
| BRH-552 | 2-27-52 | Renewal of license to | 6-1-54 | | |
| BRH-552 | 5-19-54 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE TO | 6-1-57 | | |
| ALH-151 | 10-27-54 | Assign. of lic. to Earl L. Hall | | | |
| LETTER | 3-22-55 | STA Waiver 3.261 | To Remain silent on Sundays & sign off at 6:30PM on Saturdays- | | to 9-1-55 |
| BSCA-84 | 4-17-57 | Subsidiary communications authorization Storecasting Serv. Multiplex Basis. Background music. | | | 6-1-57 |
| BRH-552 | 5-8-57 | 98.5 | 46 kw. U | | 6-1-60 |
| | | mcs. | | | |
| | | RENEWAL OF LICENSE | (L) | | |
| BRSCA-84 | 5-8-57 | Renewal granted for Subsidiary Multiplex Comm. Authorization on | | | 6-1-60 |
| BMSCA-21 | 8-30-57 | Mod SCA(BSCA-84) to change to 49kc to 41kc | | | 6-1-60 |

Form BC-126

June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Card 3

Date first licensed

Call letters **WILD-FM**

Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | ERP Power | Time Day | Period From To |
|------------------------|----------------|---|--------------|-------------|-------------------|
| BSCA-84 | 9-9-57 | SCA to delete condition to 6-1-60 | | | |
| BRCA-84 | 5-25-60 | Subsidiary communications authorisation Storecasting Serv. Multiplex Basis Background music to 6-1-63 | | | |
| BRH-552 | 5-25-60 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE 6-1 6-1-63 L | | | |
| BRH-552 | 5-31-63 | Renewal of License 6-1 6-1-66 | | | |
| BRSCA-84 | 5-31-63 | Renewal of Subsidiary Communications Authorization on multiplex basis to 6-1-66 | | | |
| BSH-552 (1) | 10-27-65 | Mod. of Lic. to show type trans. as a Federal 193-A with RCA BTE-10C exciter (6 Harkins FME-50-2 Aux. exciter). | | | |
| BRSCA-84 | 10-27-65 | Mod. of Subsidiary Communications Auth. (not showing equipment). | | | |
| BRH-552 | 5-27-66 | Renewal of license 6-1 6-1-69 | | | |
| BRSCA | 5-27-66 | Renewal of SCA (4/12) 6-1-69 | | | |
| BRH-552(S) | 5-22-69 | Renewal & MOD. 6-1-72 | | | |
| BRSCA-84 | 5-22-69 | Renewal 6-1-72 | | | |
| BALH-1532 BASCA-454 | 7-9-71 | VOL. ALH & SCA EFF: 7-9-71 | | | |
| EBSA | 5-25-72 | | | | |
| BRH-552(L) | 5-31-72 | ←LONG→ RENE. OF LICENSE | | | |
| BRSCA-84 | " | " REN. OF SCA 6-1-75 | | | |
| BMLH-447 (1) | 7-20-73 | ML chg. SL | | | |
| BALH-2088 BASCA-666 | 2-7-75 | Vol. AL. EFF: 2-12-75 | | | |
| BRH-552(L) BRSCA-84 | 5-28-75 | RENEWAL 6-1-78 | | | |
| BALH-2220 BASCA-719 | 12/22/75 | Vol AL EFF: 1/1/76 | | | |
| LTR. | 3-28-78 | TRANS: RCA BTF-10E1 now installed | | | |
| BRH-552(L) BRSCA-84 | 6-12-78 | RENEWAL 6-1-81 | | | |
| BTCH800207FJ | 4-30-80 | VOL TC EFF: 5-13-80 | | | |
| EBSA | 6-9-80 | CALL SIGN CHANGE | | | |

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

Card #4

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Call Letters WZIR

Station Location NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

Name BUTLER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (ALH8-13-80 EFF:

Transmitter Location

Main studio location

Authorization Record

| File No. | Granted | Facilities | Expires |
|--------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| BALH800714GN | 8-13-80 | Vol AL EFF: | |

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FM (METROPOLITAN)

Call

Letters WHL WHL-FMName THE NIAGARA FALLS GAZETTE PUBLISHING CO.(P.O. ~~410 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, New York~~)~~Niagara Hotel~~ United Office Building, First Street, (Ltr. 5-4-56)

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Nature | Date |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|--------|
| B1-PH-898 Rec'd Filed | 2-19-46 3-21-46 3-21-46 | Construction permit for new FM broadcast station (Metropolitan) Frequency: Ch. #248, 97.5 mcs. or as assigned Coverage: 5042 sq. mi. Population: 1,130,370 Transmitter: Near Eagle Park, New York Studio: Hotel Niagara, Niagara Falls, N. Y. (RCA BTF-10B Max. 10kw.) Filed by Fred W. Albertson, Atty. Program analysis recd. 8-29-46 | Granted 4-22-46 for Met. Type station - Conditional - Type 1 Letter mailed 4-25-46 Basic Engr. approved 9-19-46 Program Plan approved 9-19-46 C.P. issued 10-1-46 | |
| BMPH-342 Rec'd Filed | 4-9-47 4-23-47 4-23-47 | Mod. of C. P. (B1-PH-898 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 6-1-47 to 12-1-47. Filed by Dwight E. Rorer, Attorney | GRANTED | 5-5-47 |

Frank G. Kear, Engineer

Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

CARD #2

Call

Letters W H L D - FMName THE NIAGARA FALLS GAZETTE PUBLISHING CO.

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---------|----------------------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BMPH-1052 Rec'd Filed | 10-24-47 11-6-47 11-6-47 | Mod. of C. P. (B1-PH-898 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 12-1-47 to 6-1-48. Filed by Dwight E. Rorer, Attorney | GRANTED | 11-19-47 |
| BMPH-1894 Recd. Filed | 4-26-48 4-28-48 4-28-48 | Mod. of C. P. (B1-PH-898 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 6-1-48 to 12-1-48. Filed by John C. Carr, Att'y | GRANTED | 5-17-48 |
| BMPH-2785 Recd. Filed | 10-27-48 10-28-48 10-28-48 | Mod. of C. P. (B1-PH-898 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 12-1-48 to 6-1-49. Filed by John P. Carr, Atty. | GRANTED | 11-9-48 to 6-1-49 |

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FM (Class B)

Call

Letters **WHL D - FM**Name **THE NIAGARA FALLS GAZETTE PUBLISHING COMPANY**

| File No. | Date | Application for | Action | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------|----------------------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BMPH-3151 Rec'd. Filed | 12-13-48 1-5-49 1-5-49 | Mod. of C. P. (BPH-898 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station to change type of transmitter to Fed. 193-A Max. 10 kw. and make changes in the antenna system. Filed by John P. Carr, Atty. | GRANTED | 3-17-49 to 6-1-49 |
| BMPH-3411 Rec'd. Filed | 4-20-49 4-20-49 4-20-49 | Mod. of C. P. (BPH-898 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station to change ERP from 20 kw. to 45.9 kw. Filed by John P. Carr, Atty. | GRANTED | 8-10-49 |
| BMPH-3417 Rec'd. Filed | 4-22-49 4-22-49 4-22-49 | Mod. of C. P. (BPH-898 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 6-1-49 to 12-1-49. Filed by John P. Carr, Atty. | GRANTED | 5-2-49 |
| BMPH-3858 Rec'd. Filed | 10-18-49 10-26-49 10-26-49 | Mod. of C. P. (BPH-898 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 12-1-49 to 2-1-50. Filed by John P. Carr, Att'y | GRANTED | 11-7-49 11-7-49 |

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

CARD #4

Call
Letters **WHLB-FM**Name **THE NIAGARA FALLS GAZETTE PUBLISHING CO.**

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BMPH-3972 Recd. Filed | 12-27-49 12-30-49 12-30-49 | Mod. of C. P. (BPH-898 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 2-1-50 to 4-1-50. Filed by John P. Carr, Att'y | GRANTED Expires | 1-12-50 8-1-50 |
| ELH-650 Recd & Filed | 7-17-50 7-20-50 | License to cover CP (BPH-898 as mod.) which authorized a new FM b/o station. Filed by Thomas Wilson, Atty. | GRANTED | 8-18-50 |
| BRH-552 Recd. Filed | 11-26-51 12-3-51 12-3-51 | Renewal of license Filed by John P. Carr, Attorney | GRANTED | 2-27-52 |
| BRH-552 Recd. & Filed | 2-23-54 3-3-54 | Renewal of license Alfred Gordon, atty | GRANTED | 5-19-54 |
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FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters

WILD-FM

Name **X THE NIAGARA FALLS GAZETTE PUBLISHING COMPANY****United Office Bldg., Niagara Falls, New York.**

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|---------------|---------|--|---------|---------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BALH-184 | 10-1-54 | Assignment of license to Earl C. Hull | | |
| Recd & Filed | 10-1-54 | Filed by Thomas Wall, Atty | GRANTED | 10-1-54 |
| BSCA-84 | 3-16-57 | Subsidiary Communications Authorization. | | |
| Recd. & Filed | 3-20-57 | Multiplex Basis. Background music and storecasting. (Two sub-channels) | GRANTED | 4-17-57 |
| | | Filed by Thomas H. Wall, Atty. | | |
| Amendment | 3-26-57 | Install Harkins & Hershfield FME-50 Exciter | | |
| Recd. & Filed | 3-28-57 | Main carrier program and multiplex sub-carriers will be injected. | | |
| | | Filed by Thomas H. Wall, Atty. | | |
| BRH-552 | 2-28-57 | Renewal of license | | |
| Recd & Filed | 3-4-57 | Filed by Alfred C. Cordon, Jr., Atty | GRANTED | 5-8-57 |
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| BRSCA-84 | 4-30-57 | Renewal of Communications Authorization. | | |
| Recd & Filed | 5-7-57 | MULTIPLEX BASIS. | GRANTED | 5-8-57 |
| | | Thomas J. Dougherty, atty | | |
| BMSCA-21 | 8-12-57 | Mod. of SCA authorization (BPSCA-84) to change | | |
| Recd | 8-16-57 | sub-channel 49kc to 41 kc. | GRANTED | 8-30-57 |
| Filed | 8-16-57 | | | |

3-20-57 no TV stations

Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call

Letters WHUD-FM

Name

EARL C. HULL

Niagara Falls, New York

(Niagara Falls, New York)

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------|---------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BRH-552 Rec'd & Filed | 2-26-60 3-7-60 | Renewal of license Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Attys. | GRANTED | 5-25-60 |
| BRSCA-84 Rec'd & Filed | 4-23-60 4-25-60 | Renewal of Subsidiary Communications Authority Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Attys. | GRANTED | 5-25-60 |
| PRH-552 R. & F. | 2-27-63 3-4-63 | Renewal of license. | GRANTED | 5-31-63 |
| BRSCA-84 R. & F. | 2-13-63 3-4-63 | Renewal of Sub. Comm. Authority. John B. Jacob | GRANTED | 5-31-63 |
| BRH-552 R & F BRSCA-84 R & F | 2-5-66 3-2-66 2-1-66 3-2-66 | Renewal of license Renewal of SCA Atty- Dow, Lohnes & Albertson (Thomas H. Wall) | GRANTED | 5-27-66 |

FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

98.5mc

Call
Letters W.H.L.D-FM

Name EARL C. HULL
Niagara Falls, N. Y.

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BRH-552 R & F \$495600 \$105. BRSCA-84 R & F PRESS | 2-24-69 3-3-69 3-3-69 2-1-69 3-3-69 | Renewal of license AMENDED 4-24-69 re: Programming filed with WHLD-AM Renewal of license---(S.C.A.) Atty. Thomas H. Wall AMENDED 5-9-69 re: programming | GRANTED | 5-22-69 |
| BALH-1532 BASCA-454 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #511116 CODE 054 (Form 316) ALSO SEE AM | 6-22-71 6-29-71 | Involuntary assignment of license and SCA to Hilda Carpenter Hull, Executrix of the Estate of Earl C. Hull (deceased) Atty - Dow, Lohnes & Albertson | GRANTED EFF: | 7-9-71 7-9-71 |

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WILD-FM

Name **X** HILDA CARPENTER HULL
HILDA CARPENTER HULL, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF EARL C. HULL, DECEASED
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--|-----------------------|---------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BRH-552 | 3-2-72 | Renewal of License | GRANTED | 5-31-72 |
| R & F | 3-2-72 | | | |
| P.N. | 3-2-72 | Atty: Suzanne Meyer | | |
| PRESS | | | | |
| MAR 16 1972 | | | | |
| BRSCA-84 | 3-2-72 | Renewal of SCA | GRANTED | 7-20-73 |
| R & F | 3-2-72 | | | |
| BMLH-447 | 4-4-73 | Mod. of license to change studio location | | |
| Rec'd | 4-16-73 | to transmitter site: Staley Road, Grand | GRANTED | 7-20-73 |
| Filed | 5-3-73 | Island, New York. | | |
| #180947 \$50 | 5-3-73 | | | |
| Code 061 | | Atty: Peter J. Gallagher | | |
| Press | MAY 7 - 1973 | | | |
| HATH-2088 | 12-4-74 | Voluntary assignment of license and SCA to | GRANTED | 2-7-75 |
| BRSCA-888 | 12-10-74 | HILDA CARPENTER HULL | | |
| R & F | | | | |
| FEE PD: \$1000 # 372537 | | Atty - Dow, Lohnes & Albertson | NO GRANT FEE REQUIRED | 2-12-75 |
| CODE 069 (ALSO SEE AM) | | | | |
| JAN 7 1975 | FILED: 12-27-74 | | | |

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WILD-FM

WILD, INC.

*HILDA CARPENTER HULL

Name *HILDA CARPENTER HULL, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF EARL C. HULL, DECEASED
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|--|--|--|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BRH-552 R & F PN Recd. PRESS | 1-24-75 1-31-75 " 11 FEB 1975 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE D. Monahan, Atty. | GRANTED | 5-28-75 |
| BRSCA-84 R & F | 2-12-75 3-31-75 | RENEWAL OF SCA | | |
| BAH-2220 BASCA-719 Rec FILED FEE PD: \$100 #509250 CODE 047 (FORM 316) ALSO SEE AM DEC 1 1975 | 11-12-75 11-17-75 12-12-75 | Voluntary assignment of license and SCA to WILD, INC. Atty - Dow, Lohnes & Albertson (Monahan) | GRANTED EFF: NO FEE | 12/22/75 1/1/76 |

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call
Letters **W H L D - FM**

Name **WHL D, INC.**
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|---|----------------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BRH-552 R&F 2-1-78 PRESS | 1-24-78 FEB 17 1978 | Renewal of License (Main & Aux. Trans, Aux. Antenna & SCA) Atty- D. Monahan | GRANTED | 6-12-78 |
| BTCH 800207F FCRM 315 rec 1-16-80 (ALSO SEE AN) Articles filed 2-7-80 PRESS: FEB 22 1980 PN FILED 3-3-80 | | Vol TC from Hilda C. Hull to Butler Commu- cations Corp. Atty for transferor - G.S. McGowan for transferee - Cordon & Jacob | GRANTED EFF: | 4-30-80 5-13-80 |

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

W Z I R

Call Letters: XWHL D-FM

BUTLER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION 98.5MHz.

Name: XWHL D, INC.

Station Location: NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

| File No. | Date | Description | Action and Date |
|---|-------------|---|--|
| BPH800602AI PRESS (O) | JUN 19 1980 | CP to make chgs. in Ant. Sys.; chg. type Trans.; chg. type Ant. (RCA BFG-6, 6 sects. H&V); incre. ERP: 50kw (H&V); decre. HAAT: 392' (H&V) & chg. TPO. Atty. Elliot B. Evers (Shrinsky & Eisen) | DISMISSED 4-29-81 UNACCEPTED FILING |
| EALH 800714GN Form 316 PRESS JUL 29 1980 Also see WHLD(am) | | Voluntary assignment of license to Butler Communications Corporation Atty Elliot B. Evers | GRANTED 8-13-80 EFF: |
| BRH810130VD PRESS APR 2 1981 | | Renewal of License | ISSUED |

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.

