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B.S. CARD #1 BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

NONCOMMERCIAL, EDU. TV

First Program: 4-13-54 (Started 4-14-54)

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Date first licensed Official No. 3 (granted 8-15-56)

Call letters WHA-TV  
(Station Loc: Madison, Wisc.)

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM (AL 4-30-73; Eff: )  
 X UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN (DALET-1 9-5-57 EFF: 9-18-57)

Name of licensee WISCONSIN STATE RADIO COUNCIL

5702 TOKAY BOULEVARD, MADISON, WISCONSIN (BLET-83 9-29-64)

X Gilbert Road, Madison, Wisconsin (BPST-104, 5-22-62)

Transmitter location X Radio Hall, University of Wisconsin, <sup>Campus</sup> Madison, Wis.

821 University Avenue, Madison, Wisc. (BPET-431 4-26-72)

X 3313 University Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin (Form 340, 5-22-64 & LTR. 6-8-64)

600 North Park, <sup>Street</sup> University of Wisconsin Campus, Madison, Wisconsin (Lic. 8-15-56)

Main studio location X University Campus, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No.   | Date Issued   | Freq.  | Power                       | Time Div. | Period From To               |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| BPET-47   | 10-7-53   | Ch. #21, 512-518 Mcs   | V-10.7 kw<br>A- 5.37 kw     | U         | 12-7-53<br>6-7-54            |
| Construction permit for a new Noncommercial Ed. TV B C Sta. |   |  |                             |           |                              |
| 4-13-54   | STA provide program service exact accordance                      |  |                             |           |                              |
| CP BPET-47  | pending filing of lic. appl. Per. End. 6-7-54                     |  |                             |           |                              |
| BPET-37   | 6-7-54  | same   | same                        | same      | 12-7-53                      |
| Mod. CP(BPET-47) to extend completion date                  |   |  |                             |           | 12-7-54                      |
| Conversion of obstruction marking specifications            |   |  |                             |           |                              |
| BPET-58   | 12-8-54   | same   | same                        | same      | 12-7-53                      |
| Mod. CP(BPET-47, as mod) to extend completion date to       |   |  |                             |           | 6-7-55                       |
| WIRE  | 12-17-54  | SAT STA Provide program service accord.                                  |                             |           |                              |
| CP BPET-58  | Per. End. 6-7-55  |  |                             |           |                              |
| BLST-3  | 8-15-56   | CH. #21 512-518 Mcs  | V-10.7kw<br>A-5.75kw        | U         | 8-15-56 12-1-58              |
| License to cover CP(BPET-47, as mod.)                       |   |  |                             |           |                              |
| ALST-1  | 9-5-57  | Voluntary assignment of license to UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN. Per. 9-18-57 |                             |           |                              |
| BPET-3  | 11-19-58  | CH # 21 512-518  | V-10.7kw<br>A-5.75kw        | U         | 12-1-58<br>12-1-61           |
| AH:230'   | RENEWAL OF LICENSE & show chg. of name                            |  |                             |           |                              |
| ACTION ON RENEWAL DEFERRED 11-29-61                         |   |  |                             |           |                              |
| BPET-3  | 1-25-62   | same   | same                        | same      | 1-25-62                      |
| RENEWAL OF LICENSE  |   |  |                             |           | 12-1-64                      |
| BPET-104  | 5-22-62   | CH #21 512-518   | Vis. 158 kw<br>Aur. 79.4 kw | U         | 7-22-62<br>MSL:1742' 1-22-63 |
| AH: 740'  | CP to chg. ERP, TL, type of antenna, type of trans, AH, Equip.    |  |                             |           |                              |
| BPET-139  | 4-15-63   | CH. #21 512-518  | V-158 kw<br>A- 79.4 kw      | U         | 6-15-63<br>12-15-63          |
| AH: 740' MSL:1742'  | CP to replace expired CP (BPET-104), which auth. changes.         |  |                             |           |                              |
| WIRE  | 5-23-63   | PENDING FILING LIC. APPL. AUTH. GR. OPERATE                              |                             |           |                              |
| WHA-TV  | TEMP. PER. AND. 6-15-63 ACCORD. CP BPET-139. ADVISE               |  |                             |           |                              |
| WIRE  | 6-13-63   | PENDING FILING LIC. APPL. EXTENSION AUTH.                                |                             |           |                              |
| GR. OPERATE   | WHA-TV TEMP. PER. AND. 7-9-63 ACCORD. BPET-139                    |  |                             |           |                              |
| WIRE  | 7-10-63   | RE TENDERED LICENSE APPLICATION AUTH. GR.                                |                             |           |                              |
| OPERA. WHA-TV   | ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SEC. 3.629 RULES & CONSTR. PER. BPET-139. |  |                             |           |                              |

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NON-COMM. ED. TV

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WHA-TV

Station location MADISON, WISCONSIN

Name of licensee UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Transmitter location SEE CARD # 1

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No.   | Date Issued | Freq.  | Power      | Time Div. | Period From - To |
|---|-------------|--|------------|-----------|------------------|
| BLET-83   | 9-29-64     | Ch. 21   | V. 158 kw  | U         | 9-29-64          |
| AH: 740'  | MSL: 1742'  | 512-518  | A. 79.4 kw |           | 12-1-64          |
| LICENSE to cover CP (BPET-139) which authorizes station |             |  |            |           |                  |
| BRET-3  | 11-16-64    | same   | same       | same      | 12-1-64          |
| RENEWAL OF LICENSE                                      |             |  |            |           |                  |
| -----   |             |  |            |           |                  |
| LETTER  | 7-26-67     | by Commission granting req. for waiver of Sec. 73.651 (c) of Rules to permit WHA-TV to accompany its visual transmission of slides, films or other visual images with aural transmission of music during scheduled breaks in its in-school programming schedule for a period ending 6-1-68 |            |           |                  |
| -----   |             |  |            |           |                  |
| BRET-3  | 11-24-67    | same   | same       | same      | 12-1-67          |
| RENEWAL OF LICENSE                                      |             |  |            |           |                  |
| -----   |             |  |            |           |                  |
| BRET-3  | 11-25--70   | RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)   |            |           | 12-1-73          |
| BPET-378  | 11-19-70    | Ch. 21   | V. 158     | U         | 1-19-70          |
| AH: 740'  | MSL: 1742'  | 512-518  | A. 24      |           | 5-19-72          |
| CP chg. type of transmitter                             |             |  |            |           |                  |
| WIRE  | 6-29--71    | PENDING FIL. LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR.   |            |           |                  |
| OPER. TEMP. PER. END. 7-30-71 ACCORD CP BPET-378.       |             |  |            |           |                  |
| WIRE  | 7-7-71      | RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI AUTH. GR.   |            |           |                  |
| OPER. ON PTA ACCORD CP BPET-378.                        |             |  |            |           |                  |
| BLET-286  | 7-29-71     | Ch. 21   | V. 158 kw  | U         | 7-29-71          |
| AH 740' MSL: 1742'                                      |             | 512-518  | A. 23.4 kw |           | 12-1-73          |
| Lic. (BPET-378) chg.                                    |             |  |            |           |                  |
| BPET-431  | 4-26-72     | Ch. 21   | V. 339 kw  | U         | 6-26-72          |
| AH: 1250' MSL: 2249'                                    |             | 512-518  | A. 67.6    |           | 10-26-7-3        |
| CP chg. ERP, TL, SL & HAAT.                             |             |  |            |           |                  |
| -----   |             |  |            |           |                  |
| EBSA  | 5-15-72     |  |            |           |                  |
| -----   |             |  |            |           |                  |
| Wire  | 1-12-73     | re pend. filing lic applic. auth. gtd.   |            |           |                  |
| to extend per. end. 1-22-73 CONST. permit BPET-431      |             |  |            |           |                  |
| Wire  | 1-22-73     | Re tendered lic. appl., auth. gtd.   |            |           |                  |
| oper. PTA accord. 73.629 & BPET-431.                    |             |  |            |           |                  |
| BLET-322  | 2-12-73     | Ch. 21   | V. 339kw   | U         |                  |
| AH: 1250'   | MSL: 2249'  | 512-518  | A-67.6kw   |           | 2-12-73          |
| Lic. (BPET-431) for chg.                                |             |  |            |           |                  |
| -----   |             |  |            |           |                  |
| BPET-431  | 5-8-73      | RENEWAL OF LICENSE   |            |           |                  |

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NON-COM. ED. TV

June 1954  
Card # 3

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WHA-TV

Station location MADISON, WISCONSIN

Name of licensee UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Transmitter location SEE CARD # 1

Main studio location SEE CARD # 1

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl.<br>No.                     | Date<br>Issued | Freq.   | Power      | Time<br>Day | Period<br>From - To |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| BPET-455                         | 5-8-73         | Ch. 21  | V. 339 kw  | 0           | 7-8-73              |
| Alt: 1250' MS12240'              |                | 512-518   | A. 67.0 kw |             | 11-8-74             |
| OP to make chgs in trans. equip. |                |   |            |             |                     |
| BALET-10                         | 4-30-73        | Vol. AL   |            |             |                     |
| Wire                             | 8-3-73         | Re tendered lic. appl., auth. grtd. oper. PTA accord. 73.629 & BPET-455 |            |             |                     |
| BRCT-3                           | 11-28-73       | RENEWAL OF LICENSE (L)  |            |             | 12-1-76             |
| BLET-339                         | 12-14-73       | Lic. to cover (BPET-455) for chgs.                                      |            |             | 12-1-76             |
| BRET-3                           | 11-15-76       | RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)  |            |             | 12-1-79             |
| BRCT-790801KV                    | 12-31-79       | RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)  |            |             | 12-1-82             |

Card # 1

Non-Comm TV B/C

Form A-170

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

WISCONSIN STATE RADIO COUNCIL

Call WHA-TVLetters -NEW-Name ~~THE STATE OF WISCONSIN~~  
(c/o Walter J. Kohler, Governor State Capitol, Madison, Wisconsin)

c/o H. B. McCarty, Exec. Director, Radio Hall, Univ. of Wisc. Madison, Wis. 53706

| File No.                  | Dated                         | Application for   | Nature  | Date    |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------|---------|
| BPET- 47<br>Recd<br>Filed | 5-29-53<br>6-1-53<br>7-27-53  | CP for a new Non-Commercial TV b/c station:<br>Freq: Ch # 21, 512-518 Mc.<br>ERP: Vis. .85 kw, Aur .415 kw<br>Hours of operation: Unlimited<br>S-L: University Campus, Madison, Wisconsin<br>T-L: Radio Hall, University of Wisconsin,<br>Madison, Wisconsin<br>(Vis & Aur. GE-TT-20A) (221')<br>Filed direct | GRANTED | 10-7-53 |
| Amended<br>Recd<br>Filed  | 7-24-53<br>7-27-53<br>7-27-53 | Amended re change of name from The State of Wisconsin to Wisconsin State Radio Council change in Sec. 11, Table 1 & 2, with resolution adopted 7-6-53<br>filed by H. B. McCarty, Executive Director and Secretary of Wis. State Radio Council.  |         |         |



Card # 2

FORM A-170

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Non-Comm. TV B/C

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call WEA-TV  
Letters -WEV--

Name WISCONSIN STATE RADIO COUNCIL

c/o H. B. McCarty, Exec. Director, Radio Hall, Univ. of Wis., Madison, Wisconsin

| File No.   | Dated                      | Application for  | Action      |             |
|--|----------------------------|--|-------------|-------------|
|  |                            |  | Nature      | Date        |
| BPET-47<br>Continued from Card #1<br>Amended<br>Recd & filed | 9-22-53<br>9-23-53         | Amended re financial data, programming and to change ERP from Vis. .85 kw, Aur. .415 kw to Vis. 11.9 kw, Aur. 5.95 kw, change transmitters and antenna system and make other changes. (233.8')<br>(Vis & Aur. RCA-TTU-1B)<br>Filed by H. B. McCarty, State Radio Council | SEE CARD #1 | For action. |
| BMPET-37<br>Recd.<br>Filed                                   | 6-1-54<br>6-3-54<br>6-3-54 | Mod. of CP (BPET-47, which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 6-7-54 to _____<br>Filed direct.   | GRANTED     | 6-7-54      |
| BMPET-58<br>Recd & filed                                     | 12-1-54<br>12-2-54         | Mod. of CP (BPET-47, as mod., which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 12-7-54 to _____<br>Filed direct.   | GRANTED     | 12-3-54     |

Card # 3

FORM A-170

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Non-Comm Educational TV

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN (BALET-1 gr. 9-3-57; Eff. 9-18-57)

Call

Letters WIA-TV

Name  WISCONSIN STATE RADIO COUNCIL  
Madison, Wisconsin

| File No.   | Dated   | Application for   | Action   |                   |
|--|---|---|--|-------------------|
|  |   |   | Nature   | Date              |
| BALET-3<br>Recd & filed  | 6-1-55<br>6-6-55  | License to cover construction permit (BPET-47<br>As modified) which authorized a new non-com-<br>mercial Educational TV broadcast station<br>Filed direct | GRANTED  | 8-15-56           |
| BALET-1<br>Received<br>Resubmitted<br>Received<br>Resubmitted<br>Recd<br>Filed | 6-27-57<br>7-1-57<br>7-22-57<br>7-24-57<br>8-5-57<br>8-12-57<br>8-12-57 | Voluntary assignment of license to: State<br>of Wisconsin, University of Wisconsin.<br>Filed direct.  | GRANTED<br>EFF:<br><del>Returned 7-21-57</del><br>Incomplete | 9-3-57<br>9-18-57 |

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Call

Letters WHA-TV

Name UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
Madison, Wisconsin

| File No.      | Dated    | Application for  | Action  |          |
|---------------|----------|--|---------|----------|
|               |          |  | Nature  | Date     |
| BRET-3        | 8-26-58  | Renewal of License.  | GRANTED | 11-19-58 |
| Recd & Filed  | 8-29-58  | Filed direct.  |         |          |
| BRET-3        | 8-9-61   | RENEWAL OF LICENSE   | GRANTED | 1-25-62  |
| Recd. & Filed | 8-15-61  |  |         |          |
| BPET-104      | 8-15-61  | Construction permit to change ERP from   | GRANTED | 5-22-62  |
| R & F         | 10-23-61 | Vis. 10.7 kw, Aur. 5.75 kw to <del>Vis. 17.35 kw</del><br><del>Aur. 8.675 kw</del> , change transmitter location<br>from Radio Hall, University of Wisconsin<br>Campus, Madison, Wisconsin, to <del>East Hill Farm,</del><br><del>4800 Block of University Avenue, Madison,</del><br><del>Wisconsin,</del> change type of antenna to<br>RCA TFU-24DL, make changes in equipment and<br>antenna height above average terrain to<br><del>600.8 ft.</del> |         |          |
| AMENDED       | 3-30-62  | Amended to change ERP to Vis. 16.4 kw, Aur. 88.5 kw;   |         |          |
| R. & F.       | 4-9-62   | Trans. location to Gilbert Road, Madison, Wisconsin;<br>type transmitters to GE TT-25-A; changes in equipment<br>and antenna height above average terrain to 700 feet.   |         |          |

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FORM BC-121  
AUG. 1955

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV

Call WIA-TV  
Letters .....Name UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
MADISON, WISCONSIN

| File No.                 | Dated                         | Application for  | Action  |                        |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------|------------------------|
|                          |                               |  | Nature  | Date                   |
| BPET-139<br>R & F        | 3-25-63<br>3-26-63            | Construction permit to change CP; transmitter location; type of transmitters and antenna; changes in equipment and antenna height above average terrain TO same facilities as those authorized in expired Construction Permit, BPET-104. | GRANTED | 4-15-63                |
| BPET-<br>Received        | <del>3-14-63</del><br>3-15-63 | Construction permit to replace expired CP (BPET-104) which authorized changes in existing station.   | Ret.    | 4-2-63 as unnecessary. |
| BLET-83<br>Recd. & Filed | 7-6-63<br>7-9-63              | License to cover CP (BPET-139) which authorized changes in existing station; and redescribe transmitter location as 5702 Tokay Blvd., Madison, Wisconsin.  | GRANTED | 9-29-64                |

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters WIA-TV

Name UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
CH. 21 MADISON, WISCONSIN

| File No.                                    | Dated                            | Application for   | Action  |          |
|---|----------------------------------|---|---------|----------|
|   |                                  |   | Nature  | Date     |
| BRET-3<br>Recd. & Filed                     | 8-28-64<br>8-31-64               | RENEWAL OF LICENSE  | GRANTED | 11-16-64 |
| BRET-3<br>R & F<br>SEP 20 1967              | 8-30-67<br>9-1-67                | RENEWAL OF LICENSE<br>Daniel W. Toohey, Atty. (Dow, Lohnes, Albertson)                  | GRANTED | 11-24-67 |
| ENGR. DATA FILED                            | 8-28-70                          |   | GRANTED | 11-25-70 |
| BRET-3<br>Rec. & filed<br>PRESS<br>PN RECD: | 5-6-70<br>8-28-70<br>8-24-70     | RENEWAL OF LICENSE  |         |          |
| BPET-378<br>R & F<br>PRESS:                 | 9-9-70<br>9-23-70                | CP to chg. type trans. to RCA TTU-30A.<br>Atty.: D. W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) | GRANTED | 11-19-70 |
| BLET-286<br>R & F<br>PRESS:                 | 6-29-71<br>7-1-71<br>JUL 12 1971 | Lic. to cover (BPET-378) for chgs.<br>Atty.: Toohey                                     | GRANTED | 7-29-71  |

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

Call Letters WHA-TV

Name  UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
CH-21 MADISON, WISCONSIN

| File No.                                | Dated  | Application for  | Action  |                 |
|---|--|--|---------|-----------------|
|   |  |  | Nature  | Date            |
| BPET-431<br>R & F<br>PRESS:             | 2-21-72<br>2-24-72<br>MAR 13 1972            | GP to chg. ERP to Vis. 340kw(H), Aur. 67.6kw(H);<br>TL approx. 250 ft. NNE of present site<br>(43-03-18 89-28-42); SL to 821 University<br>Ave., Madison, Wis.; type ant. to RCA TPU-42J<br>Special; make chgs. in ant. structure; and<br>HAAT 1246.5 ft.<br>Atty.: Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes) | GRANTED | 4-26-72         |
| BLET-322<br>R & F<br>PRESS:             | 1-16-73<br>1-22-73<br>MAR 7 1973             | Lic. to cover (BPET-431) for changes<br>Atty: Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes and<br>Albertson)  | GRANTED | 2-12-73         |
| BALET-10<br>R & F<br>PRESS:<br>PN REC'D | 2-22-73<br>2-28-73<br>MAR 16 1973<br>4-23-73 | Voluntary assignment of license to BOARD OF<br>REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM.<br>Atty: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson   | GRANTED | 4-30-73<br>Eff: |

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Letters WHA-TVName BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM  
CH-21 MADISON, WISCONSIN

| File No.                                | Dated                                      | Application for   | Action  |          |
|---|--|---|---------|----------|
|   |  |   | Nature  | Date     |
| BPET-455<br>R & F<br>PRESS:             | 3-23-73<br>3-26-73<br>APR 24 1973          | CP to make changes in transmitting equipment.<br>Atty: Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)   | GRANTED | 4-8-73   |
| BRCETV-47<br>R & F<br>PRESS:            | 3-29-73<br>3-30-73<br>APR 24 1973          | Request authority to operate trans. by remote control from 821 University Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin.<br>Atty: Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) | GRANTED | 5-8-73   |
| BLET-339<br>R & F<br>Press:             | 6-29-73<br>7-30-73                         | License to cover CP (BPET-455) for changes.<br>D.W. Toohey, Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, atty.<br><i>what is the nature of the license</i>                    | GRANTED | 12-14-73 |
| BRET-3<br>R & F<br>PM REC'D<br>PRESS: ✓ | 8-17-73<br>9-4-73<br>9-4-73<br>SEP 20 1973 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE<br>Atty: Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)  | GRANTED | 11 28 73 |

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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WIA-TV

Name BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM  
Ch-21 MADISON, WISCONSIN

| File No.                                       | Dated  | Application for   | Action                  |                             |
|--|--|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
|  |  |   | Nature                  | Date                        |
| BRET-3<br>R&F<br>PN RECD<br>PRESS              | 7-6-76<br>7-29-76<br>7-29-76<br>8 0 AUG 1976 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE<br>Atty.: Daniel W. Toohay (Dow, Lohnes &<br>Albertson)<br>NOX CONTOURS: Contours filed 9-3-76 | GRANTED<br><i>filed</i> | 11-15-76<br><i>11-15-76</i> |
| BRET<br>790801KV<br>R & F<br>PN REC'D<br>PRESS | 7-20-79<br>8-1-79<br>9-20-79<br>79 08 29     | RENEWAL OF LICENSE<br>ATTY: RICHARD D. MARKS<br>(DOW, LOHNES & ALBERTSON)   | <i>g</i>                | <i>12-31-79</i>             |



## 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 radio 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.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. 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 television station history.

