

KFYR-TV



**REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE**

**Cat. No. 4550L**

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Card #1  
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COMMERCIAL TV

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

First C.O. 10-28-53 (Started 12-19-53)

CH 5

Date first licensed 7-30-56  
(Official No. 190)

NDEA

Call letters K.F.Y.R. - TV  
(Station Loc: Bismarck, N. Dak.)  
Waiver of 73.1201(c) gtd. by  
Letter 6-4-70.

Name of licensee MEYER BROADCASTING COMPANY

Approx. 12 Miles South of Bismarck, Near Saint Anthony, North Dakota (BPCT-2965, 7-24-63)  
Transmitter location 2 1/2 miles north & 1/4 mile west of Menoken, North Dakota

200 1/2 N. 4th St., Bismarck, N. Dak. (BRC 10-30-75)

X Broadway and Fourth Street, Bismarck, North Dakota (BPCT-2965, 7-24-63)  
X 200 1/2 Fourth Street, Bismarck, North Dakota. (BLCT-357 7-30-56).

Main studio location X 202 1/2 Fourth Street, Bismarck, North Dakota

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To	
BPCT-1516	3-4-53	Ch. 5 76-82 mcs.	V-100 kw A- 50 kw	U.	5-4-53 11-4-53	
<u>Cond. Clause: C. P. for a new Commercial TV B/C Station</u>						
STC-1520	7-22-53	Voluntary transfer of control of permittee				individually and
EFF	8-11-53	corporation from Etta Hoskins Meyer/as trustee of the Marrietta M. Ekberg Trusts and as Executrix of the Estate of P. J. Meyer, Deceased to Etta Hoskins Meyer, Individually and as Trustee for the Marrietta Meyer Ekberg Trusts.				
BMPCT-1211	7-31-53	same	V-100 kw A-50.1 kw	same	5-4-53 3-4-54	
Mod. of CP (BPCT-1516) change co-ordinates (not a move), make antenna and other equipment changes.						
WIRE	10-28-53	STA operate comm. basis accord CP BMPCT-1211 except using RCA single-sec. ant mounted atop State Capitol Bldg, Bismarck, 46°49'15" N.Lat; 100 46'58" W.Long. overall ht. above ground 255', no ant. obstr. marking required, trans located top floor Capitol & without vest. sideband filter. Period ending March 4, 1954.				
(Began 12-19-53)						
BMPCT-1821	2-4-54	same	same	same	5-4-53	
Mod. CP (BPCT-1516, as mod) to extend compl. date 2-4-54						
2-24-54	EXT	STA Opr. Comm basis accordance CP BMPCT-1821 except using RCA single section Ant. mounted atop State Capitol Bldg. bismarck, 46° 49' 15", NL, 100° 46' 58" WL, over all height above ground 225 ft, no ant obstruction marking required & with transmitter located on top fl. of capitol. Period Ending 2-4-54				
Wire	6-18-54	Mod. of STA operate comm. basis accord. CP (BMPCT-1821) except using RCA TV 2A1 trans., power output 2 kw Vis., 1 kw Aur. Authorization operate without vestigial sideband filter granted period ending 8-10-54. Operation from the State Capitol, Bismarck to cease immediately upon commencement of operation authorization herein.				
BMPCT-2380	8-17-54	Same	Same	Same	5-4-53	
Mod. of CP (BPCT-1516, as mod.) to ext. comp. date. 3-4-55						

Date first licensed .....

Call letters KFYR-TVName of licensee MEYER BROADCASTING COMPANYTransmitter location SEE CARD # 1Main studio location SEE CARD # 1

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
Wire CP BMPCT-2380	3-17-54	Mod. & EXT STA	Opr. Comm.	basis accord	except using RCA TT-2AL transmitter, power output 2 kw Vis, 1 kw Aural, no vestigial sideband filter, Operation from the State Capitol, Bismarck to cease immediately upon commencement of operation auth. herein Period Ending 10-4-54.
Wire BMPCT-2380	9-28-54	Mod. STA	Opr. Comm.	basis accord	CP BMPCT-2380. Period Ending 3-4-55.
BMPCT-2893	3-3-55	same	same	same	5-4-53
Mod. CP (BMPCT-1516, as mod)	to extend completion dt. 9-4-55				
WIRE BMPCT-2893	3-3-55	EXT STA	Opr. Comm.	basis accord	CP BMPCT-2893 pending filing of Lic. Appl. Period Ending 9-4-55
BLCT-357	7-30-56	Ch.#5	Vis. 100kw	U	7-30-56
AH: 500'		76-82 mcs.	Aur. 50.1kw		4-1-59
Lic. to cover CP (BMPCT-1516 as mod.) for a new Comm. TV B/C Station and to specify studio location at 200 1/2 Fourth Street, Bismarck, North Dakota.					
BTC-2630	11-8-57	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Marietta Meyer Eckberg through sale of stock by Etta Koskins Meyer to licensee (stock to be retired). ERP: 12-9-57			
WIRE OBJECTION OPERATE ACCORD. SECTION 3.689(B)(3)	2-11-59	PENDING TRANSFORMER REPLACEMENT, NO TEMP. WITH REDUCED AURAL POWER. ADVISE.			
BMPCT-190	32-5-59	same	same	same	4-1-59/4-1-62
Renewal of License					
BMPCT-190	3-7-60	same	same	same	4-1-62
BMPCT-2965	7-24-63	Ch. 5	V-51.8 kw	U	9-24-63
AH: 1430'	NSL: 3373'	76-82 mcs	A-31 kw		3-24-64
CP for chg. in existing station ERP, trans. loca, Ant. & AH					
BMPCT-5892	10-14-63	CH.#5	V-100 kw	U	9-24-63
AH: 1400'		76-82	A- 50 kw	NSL: 3373'	4-14-64
Mod. CP (BMPCT-2965) to chg. ERP, type of antenna, AH.					
WIRE LIC. APPL'S AUTH. ACCORD.	11-21-63	PENDING COMPLETION CONSTRUCTION & FILING GR. OPERATE KFYE-TV TEMP. PER. END. 3-1-64			
CP BMPCT-5892 EXCEPT WITH AUX. ANT. & TOWER AUTH. UNDER BMPCT-324A. ADVISE					

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Date first licensed .....

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Station location BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

Name of licensee MEYER BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location See Card #1

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To	
BPCT-3244	10-10-63	CH. #5	V-	Emerg. Test	12-10-63	
AUXILIARY ANTENNA		76-82 Mc		Maint. Only	6-10-64	
CP to install an Aux. Antenna system.						
WIRE	2-26-64	PENDING COMPLETION CONSTRUCTION & FILING				
LIC. APPL.		EXTENSION AUTH. GR. OPERATE KFYZ-TV TEMP. PER. END				
4-1-64	ACCORD. CP	BMPCT-5892	EXCEPT WITH AUX. ANT. & TOWER			
AUTH. UNDER BPCT-3244						
WIRE	3-17-64	RE TENDERED LIC. APPL. AUTH. GR. OPERATE				
KFYZ-TV MAIN TRANS. & ANT. & AUX. ANTENNA ON PROGRAM TEST						
ACCORD. S.C. 73.629	RULES & CP BMPCT-5892 & BPCT-3244.					
BLCT-1357	9-30-64	CH. #5		EMERGENCY, TEST	9-30-64	
MSL:2546		76-82 Mc		MAINT. PURPOSES ONLY	4-1-65	
AUX. ANTENNA License to cover CP (BPCT-3244)						
BLCT-1356	9-30-64	CH. #5	V-100kw	U	9-20-64	
AH:1400' MSL:3373'		76-82 Mc	A-50kw		4-1-65	
MAIN TRANS. & ANT. License to cover CP (BPCT-2965) as mod.						
BRCT-190	3-4-65	same	same	same	4-1-65	
MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA RENEWAL OF LICENSE						
BRCT-190	3-4-65	same	same	same	4-1-65	
AUX. ANTENNA RENEWAL OF LICENSE						
BMLCT-527	2-25-66	CH-5	V-100kw	U	2-25-66	
AH:1400' MSL:3373'		76-82	A-13.5kw		4-1-68	
Mod. of lic. to reduce Aux. ERP & chg. type of trans.						
BPCT-4039	12-4-67	CH-5	V-100kw	U	2-4-68	
AH: 1400' MSL: 3373'		76-82	A-13.5kw		8-4-68	
CP to change type transmitter.						
BRCT-190	3-29-68	(1) RENEWAL OF LIC.				4-1-71
WIRE	5-24-68	RE TEND. LIC. APPL. AUTH. GR. OPERATE				
KFYZ-TV MAIN TRANS. & ANT. ON PROG. TEST ACCORD. SEC.						
73.629 RULES AND CP	BPCT-4039.					
BLCT-1789	6-8-70	LIC. (BPCT-4039) for chgs.				4-1-71
BRCT-190	3-25-71	RENEWAL OF LIC. (S) NDEA				4-1-74
EBSA	5-15-72					
BPCT-4018	8-9-73	CH. #5	V. 100 kw	U	10-1-73	
AH: 1400' MSL: 3373'		76-82	A. 13.5 kw		2-4-75	
CP to make changes in transmitting equipment						

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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters K F Y R - TV

Station location .....

Name of licensee MEYER BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location SEE CARD #1

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To	
WIRE	3-12-74	Re Tendered license applications, authority granted operate KFYZ-TV main transmitter and antenna on program test accordance section 73.629 rules and construction permit. BPCT-4618.				
BRCT-190	4-9-74	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)				4-1-77
BLCT-2276	4-30-74	Lic. (BPCT-4618) for chgs.			U	4-1-77
BRCTV-278 (1)	10-30-75	Remote control authority and Studio loc. chg.				
BRCT-190	3-15-77	Ch. 5	V. 100 kW	U	4-1-77	
AH: 1400' MSL: 3373'		76-82	A. 13.8 kW		4-1-80	
Renewal of license		MAIN TRANS. AND ANT.				
BRCT- 791129KF	3-15-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE(S)				4-1-83
		MAIN TRANSMITTER AND ANT.				

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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV B/C

Call K F Y R - TV  
Letters NEWName MEYER BROADCASTING COMPANY,  
(PO. 200½ Fourth Street, Bismarck, North Dakota)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-1516 Rec'd Filed	11-28-52 12-1-52 12-1-52	Construction permit for a Comm. TV B/C station FREQ: Ch. #5, 76-82 mcs ERP: Vis. 100 kw, Aur. 50 kw Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: 202½ Fourth St., Bismarck, North Dakota T-L: 2½ mi N. and ¼ mi W. of Menoken, N. Dak. (Vis. & Aur. RCA TT-10-AL) (533') Filed by Hogan & Hartson, Atty.	GRANTED Conditional Clause: Subj; No construction com- menced until informal app to modify ant. of KFJR (AM) is filed and granted. Ant. hgt. terrain: 520ft.	<del>3-4-53</del>
AMENDED Rec'd & Filed	2-20-53 2-20-53	Amended to correct geographical coordinates		
BTC-1520 Rec'd Filed	6-15-53 6-19-53 6-19-53	Voluntary transfer of control of permittee corporation from Etta Hoskins Meyer as trustee of the Marietta M. Ekberg Trusts and as Executrix of the Estate of P. J. Meyer, Deceased to Etta Hoskins Meyer, individually and as Trustee for the Marietta Meyer Ekberg Trusts. Filed by Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty.	GRANTED EFF	7-22-53 8-11-53

E. C. Page Consulting Radio Engineers.

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/O

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Call  
Letters KFYR-TVName MEYER BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Bismarck, North Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-1211 Recd Filed	6-25-53 6-30-53 6-30-53	Modification of CP (BPCT-1516 which authorized a new commercial TV broadcast station) to change co-ordinates (not a move) make antenna and other equipment changes. (496') Filed by Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty.	GRANTED	7-31-53
BMPCT-1820 Recd. Filed	1-19-54 2-1-54 2-1-54	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1516, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 3-4-54 to 7-1-54. Filed by Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty.	GRANTED	2-4-54
BMPCT-2380 Recd.&Filed	7-29-54 8-4-54	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1516, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 9-4-54 to 10-4-54. Filed Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty.	GRANTED	8-17-54
BMPCT-2893 Recd.&Filed	2-2-55 2-2-55	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1516, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 3-4-55 to 7-4-55. Filed by Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty.	GRANTED	3-3-55

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Call  
Letters KFYR-TVName MEYER BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Bismarck, North Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLOT-357 Recd & filed 8-4-55	8-1-55	License to cover CP (BPCT-1516 as mod.) which authorized a new comm TV b/c station ) Filed by Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty. and to specify studio location at 200½ Fourth St., Bismarck, North Dakota.	*GRANTED	7-30-56
BTC-2630 Rec. & filed	10-15-57 10-18-57	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Marietta Meyer Eckberg through sale of stock by Etta Koskins Meyer to licensee (stock to be retired). Corwin R. Lockwood-atty	GRANTED EFF:	11-8-57 12-9-57
BRCT-190 Recd & Filed	12-27-58 1-8-59	Renewal of License. Filed direct.	GRANTED	3-25-59

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Call  
Letters KFYR-TVName MEYER BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Bismarck, North Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-2965 R & F	10-24-61	Construction permit to change ERP from Vis. 100 kw, Aur. 50.1 kw TO Vis. 51.51 kw, Aur. 24.49 kw; change transmitter location from 2 1/2 miles North and 1/4 mile West of Menoken, Near Bismarck, North Dakota TO 4.9 miles East and .8 miles South of Saint Anthony, North Dakota; change type of antenna to RCA TF-6BM; changes in antenna system and equipment and antenna height above average terrain to 1433'-5". Corwin R. Lockwood-atty Crautz & Snowberger-engr.	GRANTED	7-24-63
	10-27-61			
Amended R & F	12-11-61	Amended to make changes in the antenna system and antenna height above average terrain to 1427.88'		
	12-13-61			

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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name MEYER BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Bismarck, North Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-190	12-28-61	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-7-62
R & F	1-15-62	filed direct		
BMFCT-5892	8-15-63	Mod. of CP (BPCT-2965, which authorized changes in existing station); to change ERP from Vis. 51.8 kw, Aur. 31 kw to Vis. 100 kw, Aur. 50.0 kw; change type of antenna to RCA TF 12-AM; make changes in the antenna system; and decrease antenna height above average terrain to 1402 feet.	GRANTED	10-14-63
Recd. & Filed	8-23-63	Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty. (Hogan & Hartson) John Creutz, Engr.		
BPCT-3244	9-17-63	Construction Permit to install an Auxiliary Antenna System at 4.9 miles East and 0.2 South of St. Anthony, North Dakota (RCA TF5A)	GRANTED	10-10-63
Recd. & Filed	9-19-63	Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty. Pursuant to req. of applicant		
AUX. ANTENNA		F. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.		

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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters KFYR-TV

Name MEYER BROADCASTING COMPANY  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA  
 CH. 45 zip 58501

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-1356 Recd.&Filed MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA	3-13-64 3-16-64	License to cover CP (BPCT-2965, as mod.) which authorized changes in existing station. Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty.	GRANTED	9-30-64
BLCT-1357 Recd.&Filed AUXILIARY ANTENNA	3-13-64 3-16-64	License to cover CP (BPCT-3244) which authorized installation of an Auxiliary Antenna System. Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty.	GRANTED	9-30-64
<b>CANCELLED</b> Pursuant to req. of applicant SEP 26 1966				
BRCT-190 R & F: MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA	12-23-64 1-25-65	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Hogan & Hartson, Atty	GRANTED	3-4-65
BRCT-190 R & F: AUXILIARY ANTENNA	12-23-64 1-25-65	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Hogan & Hartson, Atty.	GRANTED	3-4-65
<b>CANCELLED</b> Pursuant to req. of applicant SEP 26 1966				
BMLCT-527 R & F MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA	1-27-66 2-11-66	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 50 kw to 13.6 kw Hogan & Hartson, Atty.	GRANTED	2-25-66



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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KFYR-TV

Name MEYER BROADCASTING COMPANY  
CH. 5 BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-4039 R & F	9-27-67 10-2-67	Construction Permit to change type of transmitter to RCA TT-12EL. Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty. (Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED	12-4-67
BRCT-190 R & F	12-23-67 1-2-68	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Hogan & Hartson, Attys.	GRANTED	3-29-68
BLCT-1789 R & F MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA Press Engr. data filed	5-14-68 5-22-68 MAY 31 1968 6-26-70	LICENSE (BPCT-4039) for changes. Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty. (Hogan & Hartson)	\$30. #430927 GRANTED	5-22-68 6-8-70
BRCT-190 R & F PRESS: PN RECD:	12-21-70 1-4-71 FEB 5 1971 1-4-71	Renewal of License. Amended 3-10-71 re Sec. IV-B, para. 20.	GRANTED	3-25-71

MEYER BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name  
CH-5 BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-4618 R & F #188379 \$50 AC: 062 PRESS:	5-4-73 5-18-73 5-18-73  <b>JUN 18 1973</b>	CP to make chgs. in transmitting equipment. Atty: Corwin Lockwood (Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED	8-9-73
BRCT-190 R & F PN rec'd: PRESS:	12-17-73 1-2-74 1-2-74 <b>JAN 21 1974</b>	RENEWAL of LICENSE Atty: Richard S. Rodin, (Hogan & Hartson) Amended 3-26-74 re equal employment Ltr. 4-22-74 revised copy of Sect. VI.	GRANTED	4-9-74
BLCT-2276 R & F #283739 \$50 AC 058 PRESS:	2-21-74 2-25-74  <b>APR 2 1974</b>	Lic to cover (BPCT-4618) for chgs. Atty: Hogan & Hartson	GRANTED	4-30-74

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters ..... KFYZ-TV

Name MEYER BROADCASTING COMPANY  
.....  
CH-5 Bismarck, North Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCTV-278 R & F #450926\$100. AC: 058 PRESS:	7-11-75 7-16-75 7-16-75	Request authority to operate transmitter by remote control from 200½ North 4th Street, Bismarck, North Dakota. Atty: Corwin R. Lockwood (Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED	10-30-75
----- 11 AUG 1975 -----				
BRCT-190 R&F PN RECD PRESS	11-17-76 11-30-76 11-30-76 DEC 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Richard S. Rodin (Hogan & Hartson) NO CONTOURS: filed 1-25-77 323 with KFYZ(AM)	GRANTED	3-15-77

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## APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV  
Call Letters: KFYZ-TV

Name: MEYER BROADCASTING COMPANY

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Station Location: BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRCT-791129KF	11-15-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED 4-15-80
R & F	11-29-79	RICHARD S. RODIN	
PN REC'D	11-29-79	{HOGAN & HARTSON}	
PRESS 79 1207			

## 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.

