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B.S. CARD #1 BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD COMMERCIAL TV B/C

FIRST C.O. 12-8-53 (Started 12-21-53)

NDEA

Date first licensed 2-19-57 Off. No. 279

Call letters KOMU-TV
(Station Loc: Columbia, Mo.)

CH 8

Name of licensee THE CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Highway #63 South, 6 miles SE of Columbia, Mo. (BPCT-4272 8-27-69)

Transmitter location X Univ. of Missouri South Farm, 6 mi. SE of Columbia, Mo.

Highway #63 South, 6 miles SE of Columbia, Mo. (BPCT-4272 8-27-69)

Main studio location X Univ. of Missouri South Farm, 6 mi. SE of Columbia, Mo.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--	
BPCT-1177		Ch. #8, 180-186 mcs	V 205 kw A-105 kw	U	(Also see entrbs on white card	
C.P. for new Commercial TV B/C Station, granted 1-14-53 subj. to antenna site and structure approval. Issued with BMPCT-1153, which specified new site.						
BPCT-1177	6-18-53	Ch. #8, 180-186 mcs	V-316 kw A-162 kw	U	8-18-53 2-18-54	
Mod. of CP(BPCT-1177 etc.) to change ERP, S-L, T-L, install new transmitters and antenna system and make other equipment changes; also ant. hgt.						
STARTED C.O. 12-21-53.						
12-8-53	STA Opr. Comm basis accord. CP BMPCT-1153, excp. using GE TT-6 E Transm. Power Output 5 KW Visual, 2.6 KW Aural. Notify Comm. by wire on date regular Opr. begins. Period Ending Feb. 15, 1954.					
BMPCT-1752	1-22-54	Same	Same	Same	8-18-53	
Mod. CP(BPCT-1177, as mod) to extend compl. date 8-18-54						
2-2-54	EXT STA Opr. Comm basis accordance CP BMPCT-1752 except using GE TT-6E transmitter, power output 5 kw Vis. 2.6 kw Aural and without frequency & Modulation monitoring equipment. Period Ending 8-18-54.					
BMPCT-2408	8-17-54	Same	Same	Same	8-18-53	
Mod. of CP(BPCT-1177, as mod.) to ext. comp. date. 2-18-55						
BMPCT-2346	8-17-54	Same	V-251kw A-126 kw		8-18-53 2-18-55	
Mod. CP(BPCT-1177, as mod) To chg. ERP, type of transmitters.						
Wire	8-19-54	EXT. STA Opr. Comm. basis accord. CP BMPCT- 1752 except using GE TT-6E transmitter, power output 5 kw Visual, 2.6 kw Aural & without frequency & Modulation monitoring equipment. This Auth. supersedes authorization of 8-18-54. Period Ending 2-18-55.				
Wire	8-18-54	STA Opr. Comm. basis exact accord BMPCT- 2346 pending filing of Lic. Appl. Period Ending 2-18-55.				
BMPCT-2816	2-3-55	same	same	same	8-18-53	
Mod. CP(BPCT-1177, as mod.) to extend completion dt. 8-18-55						

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
WIRE	2-4-55	EXT STA	Opr. Comm.	basis accord	CP BMPCT-2816
except using GE TT-6E transmitter, power output 5 kw Vis., 2.6 kw Aural & without frequency & modulation monitoring equipment. Per. Ending 8-18-55.					
WIRE	3-22-55	Mod. STA	Opr. Comm.	basis accord	CP BMPCT 2816
except with reduced Vis, & Aur. transmitter power out put to produce effective Radiated Power of 121.9 kw Vis, & 61 kw Aur. Auth. expires 8-18-55.					
BMPCT-3229	7-18-55	same	same	same	8-18-53
Mod. CP (BPCT-1177, as mod) to extend completion dt. 2-15-56					
WIRE	7-7-55	Mod. STA	Opr. Comm.	basis accord.	CP BMPCT 2816
except using 6 sections of 12 section antenna with effective radiated Visual power of 24 kw pending antenna repairs. Authorization expires 8-18-55.					
WIRE	7-12-55	Mod. STA	authorization granted	KOMU-TV	operation Comm. basis accord. CP BMPCT-2816 pending filing of Lic. appl. auth. expires 8-18-55.
WIRE	8-2-55	EXT STA	OPER COMM BASIS ACCORD	CP (BMPCT-3229)	PENDING FILING OF LIC. APPLI. AUTHOR EXPIRES 2-15-56.
BMPCT-3719	1-20-56	same	same	same	8-18-53
Mod. CP (BPCT-1177, as mod.) to extend completion date 8-15-56					
WIRE	1-13-56	Pending filing of	Lic. Appl. ext. authorit	gr. to Opr. KOMU-TV	Temp. Per. End. 8-15-56, Comm. basis accord CP BMPCT-3719.
BLCT-498	2-19-57	Ch. #8	V-251kw	U	2-19-57 2-1-59
AH 790		180-186	A-126kw		
License to cover CP (BPCT-1177, as mod.)					
WIRE	7-25-61	PEND. REPAIRS,	AUTH. GR OPER.	KOMU-TV	TEMP. WITH REDUCED POWER & TEMP ANT. PER. END. OCT. 1, 1961
ADVISE WHEN NORM. OPER. RESUMED.					
BRCT-279	1-21-59	same	same	same	2-1-59 2-1-62
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BRCT-279	1-9-62	same	same	same	2-1-62
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BPCT-3201	6-20-63	CH.#8	V-247 kw		8-20-63
AH: 790' MSL:		180-186	A-124.5 kw		2-20-64
Construction Permit to replace an existing transmission line					

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Station location Columbia, Mo.

Name of licensee THE CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Transmitter location SEE CARD # 1

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
WIRE	9-25-63	BE TENDERED LIC.	APPL. AUTH. GR. OPERATE		
KOMU-TV	ON PROGRAM	TEST ACCORD.	SECTION 3.629 RULES & CP		
		BPCT-3201.			
BLCT-1307	9-4-64	CH.8	V.247 kw	U	9-4-64
AH: 790'		180-186	A.124.5 kw		2-1-65
<u>License to cover CP (BPCT-3201) replacement of transm. line</u>					
BRCT-279	1-7-65	same	same	same	2-1-65
		RENEWAL OF LICENSE			2-1-68
BMLCT-263	5-18-65	CH.8	V.247 kw	U	5-18-65
AH: 790'		180-186	A. 49 kw		2-1-68
<u>Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP.</u>					
WIRE	1-3-66	REURTEL 29.	PENDING TRANS. REPAIRS,		
		EXT. AUTH. GRANTED	OPER. KOMU-TV WITH REDUCED POWER		
		TEMP. PERIOD END	3-4-66.		
WIRE	1-15-68	AUTH. GR. OPER.	KOMU-TV TEMP. PERIOD END.		
	2-15-68	WITH AURAL POWER 10 PERCENT OF LICENSED VISUAL	POWER PURPOSE DETERMINING TELEVISION COVERAGE AT		
		LOWER POWER. NECESSARY FILE FCC FORM 301 FOR PERMANENT	CHANGE.		
KOMU-TV	1-30-68	same	same	same	2-1-68
		RENEWAL OF LICENSE			2-1-71
		RENEWAL OF NDEA			
BMLCT-667	3-8-68	CH.8	V-240 kw	U	3-8-68
AH: 790'	MSL:--	180-186	A- 24 kw		2-1-71
<u>Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP.</u>					
WIRE	3-14-69	PEND. TRANS. REPAIRS	AUTH. GR. OPER.		
KOMU-TV	TEMP. PERIOD END.	6-14-69,	AT REDUCED POWER.		
		ADVISE WHEN NORMAL OPER. RESUMED.			
WIRE	5-8-69	PEND. ANT. REPAIRS	AUTH. GR. OPER.		
	TEMP. PERIOD END.	6-8-69 AT REDUCED ERP. POWER.	ADVISE		
		WHEN NORMAL OPER. RESUMED.			
WIRE	6-2-69	PENDING COMPLETION	TRANSMITTER REPAIRS		
	AUTH. GR. OPER. TEMP. PER. END.	6-8-69 ACCORD YOUR RE	QUEST REGARDING FREQ. STABILITY PROVIDED THAT NO INTER		
		FERENCE IS CAUSED TO ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED SERVICE. ADVISE	WHAT STEPS ARE TAKEN TO ENSURE OPERATION WITHIN THE RE		
		QUIRED FREQUENCY TOLERANCE. EXT. AUTH. GR. OPER. ACCORD.	COMM. WIRE OF 5-8-69 TEMP. PER. END. 7-8-69.		

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Station location COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Name of licensee See Card #1

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
7-9-69	7-9-69	EXT. AUTH. GR. OPER. ACCORD COMM.			
WIRE OF 5-8-69 TEMP. PER. END. 8-8-69.					
WIRE	8-7-69	Above AUTH. EXT. TO 11-8-69			
BPCT-4273	8-27-69	CH.8	-- Emerg. Test &		10-27-69
AH:--MSL: 1619		180-186	Maint. Only		4-27-70
CP to install an AUXILIARY ANTENNA.					
BPCT-4272	8-27-69	Ch-8	V-240kw	Unl.	10-27-69
HAAT:800'		180-186mc	A-24kw		4-27-70
	CP, chg.	type ant. (Main Trans. & Ant.)			
WIRE	11-14-69	EXT. AUTH. GR. OPER. ACCORD. COMMISSIO			
WIRE OF 5-8-69 TEMP. PER. END. 2-8-70.					
BMPCT-7084	11-14-69	Ch-8	V-288kw	Unl.	10-27-69
AH:800' MSL:1619'		180-186mc	A-30.2kw		4-27-70
MP(BPCT-4272) chg. ERP & type trans. (Main Trans. & Ant.)					
WIRE	1-26-70	ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO 4-27-70			
WIRE	4-27-70	PENDING COMPLETION CONSTRUCTION ACCORD			
BMPCT-7185	and FIL.	LIC. APPLI. EXT. AUTH. GR. OPER.			
ACCORD COMM. WIRE OF 5-8-69 TEMP. PER. END. 7-27-70					
BMPCT-7185	4-29-70	MP (BPCT-4272 as mod)	ext. time		10-29-70
BMPCT-7189	5-4-70	MP TO EXTEND COMPL. DATE			11-4-70
AUXILIARY ANTENNA (1)					
WIRE	5-27-70	RETENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR.			
OPER. AUX. ANT. ON PTA CP BMPCT-6189					
WIRE	8-17-70	AUTH. GR. 4-27-70 ext. to 10-27-70			
WIRE	9-18-70	RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR.			
OPER. MAIN TRANS. & ANT. ON PTA CP BMPCT-7185.					
BLCT-1992	10-7-70	Lic. (BPCT-4273 as mod.)			2-1-71
Auxiliary Antenna					
BLCT-2026	10-7-70	Lic. to cover (BPCT-4272 as mod.)			
Main Trans. Ant. For changes 2-1-71					
BRCT-279	1-29-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			2-1-74
MAIN TRANS. & ANT., AUX. ANT. NDEA					
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRCT-279	1-31-74	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			2-1-77

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Station location COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Name of licensee THE CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Transmitter location SEE CARD NO. 1

Main studio location SEE CARD NO. 1

Fee Required

FORM A-170
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name The Curators of the University of Missouri.....
Columbia, Missouri

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-1177 Recd Filed	6-30-52 7-7-52 7-7-52	Construction permit for a new commercial television broadcast station FREQ: Channel #8, 180-186 mcs. ERP: Vis. 204.2 Kw. Aur. 102.3 Kw. Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: University of Missouri Campus, Columbia, Missouri T-L: University of Missouri, South Farm, 6 mi. S.E. of Columbia, Missouri (Vis. & Aur. RCA TT-20-AH) (796') Filed by Charles V. Wayland, Atty.	Granted	1-14-53 conditionally (Subj. to antenna site and structure appr.) Issued with BMPCT-1153.

T.A.M. Craven, Engr. Washington, D. C.

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Comm. TV B/C

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Call
Letters KOMU-TVName THE CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
(Columbia, Missouri)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BNPCT-1153 Recd Filed	5-19-53 5-25-53 5-25-53	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1177 which authorized a new commercial TV b/c station) to change ERP from Vis. 205 kw, Aur 105 kw to Vis. 316 kw, Aur. 162.19 kw, change studio location from University of Missouri Campus, Columbia, Missouri, to transmitter site at University of Missouri South Farm, 6 miles SE of Columbia, Missouri, and request waiver of Sec. 3.613(b), correct co-ordinates (not a move) install new transmitters and antenna system and make other equipment changes. (Vis & Aur. GE-TT-26A) (794') Filed by Ben C. Fisher, Atty.	Granted (Issued with BPCT-1177)	6-18-53
BNPCT-1752 Recd. Filed	1-13-54 1-18-54 1-18-54	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1177, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 2-18-54 to December, 1954. Filed by Ben C. Fisher, Atty.	GRANTED	1-22-54

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FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

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Letters KOMU-TVName THE CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
Columbia, Missouri

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-2346 Recd & filed	7-27-54 7-29-54	Modification of CP (BPOT-1177 as mod. which Auth. a new Comm TV b/c station) to change ERP from Vis. 316 kw, Aur. 162 kw, to Vis. 250 kw, Aur. 125 kw and change type of transmitters. (Vis & Aur. GE-TT-23A) Filed by Charles V. Wayland, Atty.	GRANTED	8-17-54
BMPCT-2408 Recd. & Filed	8-11-54 8-13-54	Mod. of CP (BPOT-1177, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 8-18-54 to 12-18-54. Filed Ben C. Fisher, Atty.	GRANTED	8-17-54
BMPCT-2816 Recd. & Filed	1-20-55 1-24-55	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1177, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 2-18-55 to 2-1-55. Filed by Ben C. Fisher, Atty.	GRANTED	2-3-55
BMPCT-3229 Recd & filed (Ext. #4)	6-28-55 7-1-55	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1177, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 8-18-55 to 2-15-56 Filed by C V Wayland, Atty.	GRANTED	7-18-55

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Call
Letters KOMU-TVName The Curators of the University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-3719 Recd. & filed Ext. #5	1-10-56 1-17-56	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1177, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 2-15-56 to 8-15-56. Filed by Ben C Fisher, Atty.	GRANTED	1-20-56
BLCT-496 Recd. & Filed	7-10-56 7-17-56	License to cover C.P. (BPCT-1177, as mod.) which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station. Filed by Richard Hildreth, Atty.	GRANTED	2-19-57
BRCT-279 Recd & Filed	10-28-58 11-3-58	Renewal of License. Filed by Ben C. Fisher, Atty.	GRANTED	1-21-59
BRCT-279 Recd. Filed	10-23-61 10-25-61 11-1-61	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Filed by Ben C. Fisher, Atty.	GRANTED	1-9-62
BPCT-3201 Recd. & Filed	6-4-63 6-5-63	Construction Permit to replace an existing transmission line. Ben C. Fisher, Atty.	GRANTED	6-20-63
BLCT-1307 Recd. & Filed	9-20-63 9-24-63	License to cover CP (BPCT-3201) which authorized replacement of an existing transmission line. Ben C. Fisher, Atty.	GRANTED	9-4-64

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Name THE CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
CH. 8 COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-279 Recd. & Filed	10-22-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	1-7-65
BMLCT-263 Recd. & Filed	10-28-64	Ben C. Fisher, Atty. (FISHER, WAYLAND, DUVAL)		
	4-28-65	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 124.5 kw to 50 kw.	GRANTED	5-18-65
	5-3-65	Ben C. Fisher, Atty.		
BRCT-279 R & F	10-22-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	1-30-68
	11-1-67	Ben C. Fisher, Atty. (Fisher, Wayland, Duval)		
	NOV 8 1967	RENEWAL OF NDEA		
BMLCT-667 R & F	2-8-68	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 49 kw to 24.0 kw.	GRANTED	3-8-68
	2-12-68	Ben C. Fisher, Atty.		
	FEB 23 1968			

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Letters K O M U-TV

Name THE CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
CH.#8 COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-4272 R & F #531970 \$45 \$15 Refunded PRESS: PN REC'D:	7-29-69 7-30-69 7-30-69 8-18-69	CP, chg. type ant. to GE TY-70-H. (Main Trans. & Ant.) Atty.: Martin R. Leader (Fisher, Wayland, Duvall and Southmayd)	GRANTED	8-27-69
BPCT-4273 R & F #531970 \$30 PRESS: PN REC'D:	7-29-69 7-30-69 7-30-69 AUG 20 1969	CP, install Aux. ant. (Alford 1046) at Main Trans. location. (Auxiliary Ant.) Atty.: Martin R. Leader (Fisher, Wayland, Duvall and Southmayd)	GRANTED	8-27-69
AUXILIARY ANTENNA BMPCT-7084 R & F #545104 \$30	9-15-69 9-26-69 9-26-69 OCT 3 1969	MP(BPCT-4272), chg. ERP to Vis. 290kw, Aur. 30.1kw and type trans. to GE TT-530-H. (Main Transmitter and Antenna). Atty.: Martin R. Leader (Fisher, Wayland, Duvall and Southmayd)	GRANTED See over for condition.	11-14-69

BMFCT-7084 - condition

The transmitter specified herein has not been type-accepted. Accordingly, acceptable data shall be submitted with the license application for type acceptance in accordance with the requirements of Section 73.640 of the Commission's Rules.

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-7185 R & F \$30 #593643 PRESS MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA	4-13-70 4-16-70 " APR 20 1970	MP (BPCT-4272, as mod.) to extend completion date to 10-27-70. Martin R. Leader, Atty. (Fisher, Wayland, Duvall)	GRANTED	4-29-70
BMPCT-7189 R & F \$30 #596350 PRESS AUXILIARY ANTENNA	4-22-70 4-27-70 "	MP (BPCT-4273) to extend completion date to 10-27-70. Martin R. Leader, Atty.	GRANTED	5-4-70
BLCT-1992 R & F #602424 \$30 AUX. ANTENNA Engr. data filed 6-19-70	5-8-70 5-18-70 5-18-70	Lic. (BPCT-4273 as mod.) for Auxiliary Ant. Atty.: Martin R. Leader (Fisher, Wayland, Duvall, Southmayd & Cooper)	GRANTED	10-7-70

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COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

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CH-8 COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-2026 R & F #630062 \$50 AC: 069 PRESS: MAIN TRANS. & ANT.	9-10-70 9-14-70 9-14-70 SEP 27 1970	Lic. to cover (BPCT-4272 as mod.) for chgs. (Main Trans. & Ant.) Atty.: Martin R. Leader (Fisher, Wayland, Duvall, Southmayd & Cooper)	GRANTED	10-7-70
BRCT-279 Rec: Filed PN Recd PRESS	10-26--70 10-29-70 12-8--70 10--29-70 DEC 1 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE MAIN TRANS. & ANT. AUX. ANT. Martin R. Leader (Fisher, Wayland) Amended 12-31-70 re programming.	GRANTED	1-29-71
BRCT-279 R&F PN REC'D PRESS:	10-24-73 11-5-73 NOV 20 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Main Trans. & Ant. Aux. Ant. Atty: Martin R. Leader	GRANTED	1-31-74

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Ch-8 COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-279 R&F PN RECD PRESS	9-24-76 9-30-76 9-30-76 19 OCT 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Main Trans. & Ant.)(Aux. Ant.) NO CONTOURS FILE: 11-12-76 Amended 3-21-78 re additional information	GRANTED	4-18-77
BRCT- 790925KG R & F PN REC'D PRESS	9-12-79 9-25-79 9-25-79 79 10 24	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: MARTIN R. LEADER {FISHER, WAYLAND}	GRANTED	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 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 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 television station history.

