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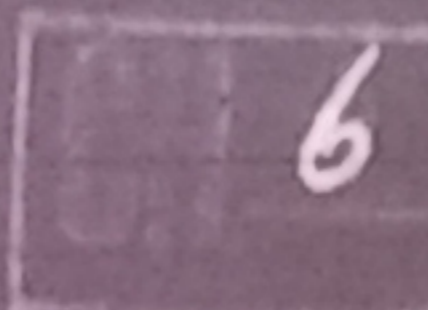
BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

B.S. Card # 1

First C.O. 7-13-55 (Started 9-15-55)

COMM. TV B/C

Date first licensed 4-9-57 (Off. No. 294)



Call letters WCTV

(STATION LOCATION: THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA)

Waiver 3.652(a) gr. 10-22-58 station identification as: Thomasville-Tallahassee;

JOHN H. PHIPPS BROADCASTING STATIONS, INC. (BALCT-368 GRANTED 11-8-68 EFF: 12-31-68)

X JOHN H. PHIPPS, (BALCT-141 gr. 5-11-55 Eff: 5-20-55)

Name of licensee X E. D. RIVERS, SR.

County, Florida

1 mi. North of Florida Hwy. 12, 20 miles SW of Thomasville, Georgia, Leon County

Transmitter location X Georgia Hwy. 22, 2.7 miles north of Thomas County Court House, (BALCT-2275 gr. 5-11-55) Thomasville, Georgia

On State Rd. 12, 3 mi. W. of Iamonia, Leon Cty., Fla. (ML 11-21-73)

X 116 NORTH MADISON STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA (lt. 3-20-67)

X 112 No. Madison St. Thomasville, Ga. (BLCT-517 4-9-57)

Main studio location X Bank of Thomas County Building, Thomasville, Georgia

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPCT-1254	12-23-53	Ch. #6 82-88mc	V6.03kw A3.02kw	U	2-23-54 8-23-54
CP for a new Comm. TV B/C Station.					
BMPCT-2308	7-23-54	same	same	same	2-23-54
Mod. CP (BPCT-1254) to extend completion date to 2-23-55					
BMPCT-2276		same	V 100kw	same	2-23-54
BMPCT-2790	5-11-55		A 50.1kw		8-23-55
Mod. of CP (BPCT-1254) to chg. ERP, Trans. location, install new transmitters and ant. system, make other equipment changes and extend completion date. (690')					
BAPCT-141	5-11-55	Assignment of CP from E.D. Rivers, Sr. to Eff: John H. Phipps.			
BMPCT-3257	7-26-55	same	same	same	2-23-54
Mod. CP (BPCT-1254, as mod.) to extend completion date 1-16-56					
WIRE	9-13-55	STA Opr. Comm. basis accord. CP BMPCT-3257 except without frequency & Modulation monitors. Auth. expires 9-30-55.			
WIRE	9-23-55	EXT. STA Opr. Comm. basis accord. CP BMPCT-3257 except without frequency & modulation monitors authorization expires 1-16-56			
BMPCT-3573	12-21-55	same	same	same	2-23-54
Mod. CP (BPCT-1254, as mod) to extend completion date 7-16-56					
WIRE	12-22-55	EXT STA Opr. Comm. basis accord. CP BMPCT 3573 pending filing of Lic. Appl. Auth. expires 7-16-56			
BMPCT-3990	7-13-56	same	same	same	2-23-54
Mod. CP (BPCT-1254, as mod) to extend completion date. 9-1-56					
WIRE	7-13-56	EXT. Auth. opr. Commercial basis accord. BMPCT-3990 pending filing lic. appl. to 9-1-56			
BMPCT-517	4-7-57	CH#6	V-100 kw	U	4-9-57 4-1-58
AH: 690' 12-88 A-50 kw					
License to cover CP (BPCT-1254, as mod) chg. 3L.					
BMPCT-294	3-26-58	same	same	same	4-1-58 4-1-61
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BMPCT-517	3-26-58	CH#6	V-100 kw	U	4-1-58 4-1-61
Letter	6-23-58	82-88	A-50 kw		
Super. auth. to correct TL, transm. output power.					

Form BC 126 card # 2

June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters W C T V

Station location

Name of licensee JOHN H. PHIPPS

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div	Period From To
COMM. ACTION 10-22-58 WAIVER OF 3.652(a) OF RULES GRANTED FOR STATION IDENTIFICATION AS: THOMASVILLE-TALLAHASSEE					
BPCT-2591	6-5-59	CH # 6	V-100kw	U	8-5-59
AH: 1020'		82-88	A-50 kw (MSL: 1239')		2-5-60
CP to make chg. in antenna sys. & other equip. and AH: 1020.					
BMPCT-5351	8-18-59	CH # 6	V-100kw	U	8-5-59
AH: 1030'		82-88	A-50 kw MSL: 1249'		2-5-60
Mod. of CP (BPCT-2591) Auth. changes in existing station.					
BMPCT-5422	1-15-60	same	same	same	8-5-59
Mod. CP (BPCT-2591, as mod) to extend completion date 5-1-60					
WIRE	3-11-60	PENDING COMPLETION CONSTRUCTION & FILING LIC. APPL., AUTH. GR. OPR. WCTV, THOMASVILLE, GA. TEMP. PER. END. 4-15-60 ACCORDANCE CP BMPCT-5422 EXCEPT USING SINGLE BAY ANTENNA SIDE MOUNTED AT 910 FOOT LEVEL OF ANTENNA TOWER. ADVISE.			
WIRE	3-25-60	IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN SERVICE PENDING FILING LIC. APPL., AUTH. GR. OPR. WCTV, THOMASVILLE, GA. TEMP. PER. END. 5-1-60 ACCORD. CP BMPCT-5422. ADVISE			
WIRE	4-8-60	RE LIC. APPL. BICT-1028, AUTH. GR. OPR. WCTV, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. RULE 3.829 & CP BMPCT-5422. ADVISE.			
BICT-1028	10-12-60	CH # 6	V-100 kw	U	10-12-60
		82-88	A-50 kw		4-1-61
LIC. TO COVER BPCT-2591 AS MOD) auth. changes in exist. station					
BRCT-294	3-29-61	same	same	same	4-1-61
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
ACTION ON RENEWAL DEFERRED 3-25-64					
BRCT-294	5-19-64	SAME	SAME	SAME	5-19-64
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BMLCT-415	1-26-66	Same	Same	Same	1-26-66
Mod. of lic. to reduce Aural ERP.					
BRCT-294	4-26-67	CH # 6	V-100 kw	U	4-26-67
AH-1030'		82-88	A-19.5 kw		4-1-70
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BALCT-368	11-8-68	VOL. AL			
EPF:					

Form BC 126 #3
June 1954

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA

Name of licensee JOHN H. PHIPPS BROADCASTING STATIONS, 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
BRCT-294	4-1-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (L)			4-1-73
EBSA	5-15-72				
BMLCT-747	11-21-73	ML to chg. studio location.			
COMMISSION DIRECTION		LETTER (not issued)			
BRCT-294	12-12-73	Renewal of License (S)			4-1-76
BPCT-4819	1-30-75	CP to chg trans			3-30-75 7-30-76
WIRE	2-9-76	Pend. repair of flood damage and completion of proof of performance and fil. certification in accord. with Sect. 73.640 of the Commissions Rules, auth. grtd. oper. WCTV temp. per. commencing 2-6-76 and end. 5-6-76 in accord. with BPCT-4819.			
BRCT-294	4-19-76	Renewal of license (S)			4-1-79
BRCT-294	4-19-76	Ch. 6	V. 100 kW	U	4-1-79
AH: 1030'	MSL: 1249'	82-88	A. 19.5 kW	MAIN TRANS AND ANT.	
Renewal and modification					
BRCT-294	4-19-76	Ch. 6	FOR EMER, TEST AND MAIN PURPOSES ONLY.		4-1-79
AUX. TRANS.					
BRCT-294	4-19-76	Main Trans. & Ant., and Auxiliary Trans. Renewals superseded to correct SL.			
BRCT-781130KE	3-27-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE(S)			4-1-82

FORM A-170
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters ~~NEW~~ WCTVName E. D. RIVERS, SR.,
* (Lakeland, Georgia) (701 of 12-31-59, P.O. Box 3547 Tallahassee, Fla.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-1254	7-5-52	Construction permit for a new Comm. TV B/C Station FREQ: Ch. #6, 82-88 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 1.92-kw, Aur. 0.96-kw Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: Bank of Thomas County Bldg., Thomasville, Georgia T-L: Approx. 1.7 miles NE of center of Thomasville, Georgia. (Vis. & Aur. RGA-TT-5004) (335.51)	See action card # 2	
Rec'd.	7-10-52			
Filed	7-10-52			
AMENDED	7-28-52	Filed by James A. McKenna, Jr., Atty. AMENDED to correct Paragraph 18(b) of Section V-C and correct the geographic coordinates of transmitter site. Filed by James A. McKenna, Jr., Atty.		
Rec'd.	8-4-52			
Filed	8-4-52			

Engr. W. J. Holey (1146 Briarcliff Pl.
Atlanta, Ga. NE)

CATD #2

COMM. TV

FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters ~~WCTV~~ WCTVName E. D. RIVERS, SR.
(P.O. Lakeland, Georgia)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-1254 AMENDED Rec'd Filed	6-22-53 6-23-53 6-23-53	Amended to change ERP from Vis. 1.92 kw, Aur. 0.96 kw to Vis. 7.76 kw , Aur. 3.9 kw ; antenna height above average terrain from 335.5' to 259' ; type trans. (RCA TT-2AL); trans. location from Approx. 1.7 miles N.E. of center of Thomasville, Ga. to On U.S. Hwy #19, 5.9 miles N. of Courthouse , Thomasville, Ga.; and other equipment.	GRANTED	12-23-53
AMENDED Recd. Filed	11-27-53 11-30-53 11-30-53	Amended to change ERP from Vis. 7.76kw, Aur. 3.9 kw to Vis. 6.17kw, Aur. 3.09kw; antenna height above avg. terrain from 259' to 345'; changes in the antenna system and change transmitter location from On US Hwy #19, 5.9 miles N. of Courthouse, Thomasville, Ga. TO County Line Rd. 2.7 Miles North of Courthouse (Ga. Hwy 202) Thomasville, Georgia; James A. McKenna, Jr.- Atty		

Card # 3

FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters WOTVName E. D. Rivers, Sr.
Thomasville, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-2276	6-26-54	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1254 which auth. a new comm. TV b/c station) to change ERP from Vis. 6.03 kw, Aur. 3.02 kw, to Vis. 100 kw, Aur. 50 kw, change transmitter and studio location from Georgia Highway # 22, 2.7 miles North of Thomas County Court House, Thomasville, Ga., and Bank of Thomas County Building, Thomasville, Ga., respectively, to 1.7 miles NE of Center of Thomasville, Georgia, change type of antenna and transmitters and add power amplifiers. (357) (RCA TT 5A trans. & RCA TT 25BL Amps.) Filed by Leonidas P. B. Emerson, Atty.	See Action Card # 4	
Recd & filed	7-6-54			
Cont'd on Card # 4				

Card # 5

FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV B/C

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

JOHN H. PHIPPS (BAPCT-141)

Name X E. D. RIVERS, SR.

Thomasville, Georgia

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAPCT-141 Recd.&Filed	1-26-55 1-28-55	Assignment of Construction Permit to John H. Phipps. Filed by Jas. A. McKenna, Jr., Atty. (contingent on grant of BAL-1773(WKMG))	GRANTED Eff:	5-11-55 5-20-55
BMPCT-3257 Recd&filed Ext.#3	7-11-55 7-12-55	Modification of CP (BPCT-1254, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 8-23-55 to 9-30-55. Filed by John H. Phipps	GRANTED	7-26-55
BMPCT-3573 Recd. Filed	12-7-55 12-9-55 12-19-55	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1254, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 1-16-56 to 3-1-56. Filed direct.	GRANTED	12-21-55
BMPCT-3990 Recd.&filed Ext.#5	6-11-56 6-12-56	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1254, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 7-16-56 to 9-1-56. Filed direct	GRANTED	7-13-56

Card # 6
FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV B/C

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Letters WCTV

Name JOHN H. PHIPPS
Thomasville, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-517 Recd. Filed	8-8-56 8-9-56 8-9-56	License to cover C. P. (BPCT-1254, as mod.) which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station. and to change studio location from Bank of Thomas County Building, Thomasville, Georgia to 112 N. Madison St., Thomasville, Georgia. Filed by Jas. A. McKenna, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	4-7-57
BRCT-294 Recd & filed	12-19-57 12-24-57	Renewal of license. Edward R. McKenna, Atty.	GRANTED	3-26-58
9-10-58		REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 3.652(a) OF THE RULES GOVERNING TELEVISION BROADCAST STATIONS to change station identification of WCTV to Thomasville-Tallahassee. James A. McKenna-Jr.-atty	GRANTED BY COMM.	10-22-58

AUG. 1955

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Letters WCTVName JOHN H. PHIPPS
Thomasville, Ga.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-2591 Recd & filed	12-16-58 1-2-59	Construction permit to make changes in antenna system and other equipment and change antenna height above average terrain to 1018' Filed by Robert W. Coll, Atty.	GRANTED	6-5-59
BMPCT-5351 Rec. & filed	6-17-59 7-7-59	Modification of CP (BPCT-2591, which authorized changes in existing station) to make changes in the antenna system and change antenna height above average terrain to 1028 feet. Robert W. Coll-atty W.A. Snowden Jr., ENGR. of Tallahassee, Florida	GRANTED	8-18-59
BMPCT-5422 Recd. & Filed	12-28-59 12-31-59	Mod. of CP (BPCT-2591, as mod. which authorized changes in existing station) to extend completion date from 2-5-60 to 5-1-60. James A. McKenna, Jr. Atty.	GRANTED	1-15-60

Card #8

FORM BC-121

AUG 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

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Letters WCTVName JOHN H. PHIPPS
Thomasville, Ga. zip 32303

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT- 1028 R & F	4-4-60 4-7-60	License to cover CP (BPCT-2591 as mod.) which authorized changes in existing station Filed by Robert W. Coll Atty	GRANTED	10-12-60
BRCT-294 R & F	12-21-60 1-3-61	Renewal of license Filed by Robert W. Coll, Atty	GRANTED	3-29-61
BRCT-294 Recd.&Filed	12-16-63 12-19-63	RENEWAL OF LICENSE David S. Stevens, Atty.	GRANTED	5-19-64
BMLCT-415 R & F	12-29-65 1-5-66	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 50 kw to 19.5 kw. McKenna & Wilkinson, Atty.	GRANTED	1-26-66
BRCT-294 R & F	12-16-66 12-30-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Robert W. Coll, Atty.	GRANTED	4-26-67

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

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Letters WCTVName JOHN H. PHIPPS
Thomasville, Ga. zip 32303

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT- 1028 R & F	4-4-60 4-7-60	License to cover CP (BPCT-2591 as mod.) which authorized changes in existing station Filed by Robert W. Coll Atty	GRANTED	10-12-60
BRCT-294 R & F	12-21-60 1-3-61	Renewal of license Filed by Robert W. Coll, Atty	GRANTED	3-29-61
BRCT-294 Recd.&Filed	12-16-63 12-19-63	RENEWAL OF LICENSE David S. Stevens, Atty.	GRANTED	5-19-64
BMLCT-415 R & F	12-29-65 1-5-66	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 50 kw to 19.5 kw. McKenna & Wilkinson, Atty.	GRANTED	1-26-66
BRCT-294 R & F	12-16-66 12-30-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Robert W. Coll, Atty.	GRANTED	4-26-67

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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JOHN H. PHIPPS BROADCASTING STATIONS, INC.

Name JOHN H. PHIPPS
CH-6 Thomasville, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAICT-368 R & F Press (form 316)	10-22-68 10-24-68 OCT 31 1968	Voluntary assignment of license to John H. Phipps Broadcasting Stations, Inc. McKenna & Wilkinson, Atty. (John L. Tierney)	#467888 \$30. GRANTED EFF:	10-24-68 11-8-68 12-31-68
BRCT-294 R & F \$150 #566994 PN Recd. PRESS	12-17-69 1-2-70 " " JAN 20 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Carl R. Ramey, Atty. (McKenna & Wilkinson)	GRANTED	4-1-70
ENGR. DATA FILED ENGR. DATA FILED	7-7-70 7-8-70			
BMLCT-747 R & F #118421 \$50 AC: 062 PRESS:	10-10-72 10-13-72 10-13-72 OCT 26 1972	Mod. of lic. to chg. studio location to 2225 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida Atty.: Carl R. Ramey (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner) License's response filed 12-4-72 in reply to Comm. ltr. 11-2-72 re complaint of Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce	GRANTED BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION (not issued)	11-21-73

Ltr. 11-21-73 re BMLCT-747:

Notice of Apparent Liability (\$10,000.00)

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Name JOHN H. PHIPPS BROADCASTING STATIONS, INC.

CH-6 THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-294 R & F PN REC! D PRESS:	12-18-72 1-2-73 1-2-73 JAN 31 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Carl R. Ramey (McKenna, Wilkerson & Kittner) Amended 4-6-73 re programming and equal employment	GRANTED	12-12-73
BMLCT-747 contd. AMENDED R & F PRESS:	5-4-73 5-8-73 JUN 4 1973	Amended 5-8-73 to change SL: Leon County, Florida three miles west of Iamonia, Florida on State Rd., 12.		
BPCT-4819 R & F #368969 \$50 AC: 058 PRESS:	10-24-74 11-27-74 11-27-74 JAN 10 1975	CP to chg. type trans. to Gates BT-25L. Atty.: Carl R. Ramey (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner)	GRANTED	11-30-75

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Form BC-121
September 1969Call
Letters W C T VName JOHN H. PHIPPS BROADCASTING STATIONS, INC.
CH=6 Thomasville, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-294 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	11-19-75 12-1-75 12-1-75 2 FEB 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Annual Reports Filed NO Contours filed 2-18-76. Atty: Carl R. Ramey (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner) Amended 2-17-76 re Public Notice.	GRANTED	4-19-76
BRCT-781130KE R&F PN REC'D PRESS	11-24-78 11-30-78 79 0123	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN TRANS. & ANT.) (AUX. TRANS.) ATTY. CARL R. RAMEY Contours filed 2-18-76	GRANTED	3-27-79

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.

