

WFOV-TV

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CARD #1

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD COMMERCIAL TV

First operation: 4-8-53 (To start 4-8-53)

Date first licensed 11-20-56 (Off. No. 234)

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Call letters WCOV-TV

(Sta. Loc. Montgomery, Alabama)

WCOV, INC. (BAPLCT-78 12-1-64 EFF: 12-1-64)

Name of licensee X GARITOL BROADCASTING CO.

Adrian Lane, Montgomery, Alabama (BLCT-471 11-20-56) not a move

Transmitter location X Narrow Lane Road, 3 mi. S.E. of Montgomery, Ala.

Adrian Lane, Montgomery, Alabama (BLCT-471 11-20-56 not a move).

Main studio location X

Narrow Lane Road, 3 mi. S.E. of Montgomery, Ala.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPCT-822	9-17-52	Ch. 20, 500-512 mos	V-88 kw A-44 kw	U	11-17-52 5-17-53
Construction permit for new Commercial TV B/C Station.					
BMPCT-943	1-22-53	Same	V-79 kw A-43 kw	U	3-22-53 9-22-53
Mod. of CP (BPCT-822 etc.) to change ERP, change type of antenna and ant. height above average terrain.					
Wire	4-6-53	STA conduct equipment tests and operate commercial basis exact accordance BMPCT-943 except use RCA TTU-1B transmitter. Trans. output power 1kw visual, 6kw aural. Period 4-8-53 to 9-22-53.			
BPCT-1343	8-27-53	same	same	same	3-22-53
Mod. CP (BPCT-822, as mod.) to extend completion date. 3-22-54					
WIRE	10-6-53	Resumption STA operate comm. basis accordance CP BMPCT-1343 except using RCA TTU-1B Transmitter, Power out 1 kw vis, 0.6 kw aur. Period ending March 22, 1954.			
BMPCT-1908	3-4-54	Same	Same	Same	3-22-53
Mod. of CP (BPCT-822, as mod., to ext. comp. date. 9-22-54					

3-16-54 EXT STA Opr. Comm basis accordance CP BMPCT-1908 except using RCA TTU-1B transmitter, power output 1kw Vis-0.6 kw Aur. Period Ending 9-22-54					
BMPCT-2060	5-10-54	Same	Vis-200 kw Aur-117 kw	Same	3-22-53 11-10-54
Mod. CP (BPCT-822, as mod) to chg. ERP, type of transmitters					
Wire	9-14-54	Mod. STA Opr. Comm. basis accord. CP BMPCT-2060 pending filing of Lic. Appl. Period Ending 11-10-54.			
BMPCT-2590	11-8-54	same	same	same	3-22-53
Mod. CP (BPCT-822, as mod) to extend completion date 5-10-55					
WIRE	12-8-54	EXT STA Opr. Comm. Basis accord CP BMPCT-2590 pending filing of Lic. Appl. Period Ending 5-10-55.			
BMPCT-3079	4-29-55	same	same	same	3-22-53
Mod. of CP (BPCT-822, as mod.) to ext. comp. date. 11-10-55					

WIRE	5-19-55	STA Opr. Comm. basis accord. CP BMPCT-3079 pending filing of Lic. appl. Auth. expires 11-10-55.			
WIRE	8-24-55	Mod. STA MCOV-TV opr. Comm. basis accord. BMPCT-3079 except ERP 17.9 KW Visual, 8.95 KW Aural & without freq. & modulation monitors. Auth. expires 11-10-55.			

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters WCOV-TVName of licensee CAPITOL BROADCASTING CO.Transmitter 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
BPCT-3474	10-17-55	same	same	same	3-22-53
Mod. of CP (BPCT-822, as mod) to extend compl. date 5-10-56					
WIRE	10-18-55	EXT STA	opr. cond. basis accord.		CP BPCT-3474 pending filing of Lic. appl. Auth. exp. 2-10-56
BPCT-471	11-20-56	CH 20	Vis-200 kw	U	11-20-56 4-1-58
AH 440'		506-512	aur-100 kw		
License to cover CP (BPCT-822, as mod) specify SL & TL					
BRCT-234	3-26-58	same	same	same	4-1-58 4-1-61
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
ACTION ON RENEWAL DEFERRED 3-29-61					
BRCT-234	5-17-61	same	same	same	5-17-61
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
4-1-64					
BTC-4623	10-2-64	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Oscar P. Covington, et al (all stockholders) to WCOV, INC. EFF: 11-10-64			
BPCT-68	12-1-64	VOLUNTARY ASSIGNMENT OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE TO WCOV, INC. EFF: 12-1-64			
BPCT-3322	11-27-64	CH.20	V.224 kw	U	1-27-65
AH:740'	MSL.999'	506-512	A.112 kw		7-27-65
CP to change ERP, install a new antenna system, chg. AH.					
BRCT-234	9-30-64	CH.20	V.200 kw	U	9-30-64
AH:440'		506-512	A.100 kw		4-1-67
RENEWAL OF LICENSE: Long Form with corrected geo. coordinates					
WIRE	6-15-65	RE TENDERED LICENSE APPLICATION, AUTH. GRANTED OPER WCOV-TV TEMP. PERIOD END 7-15-65 ACCORDANCE BPCT-3322, COMPLIANCE WITH CP CONDITION RE WHY MAY BE DELAYED UNTIL ABOVE DATE TO PERMIT REMOVAL OF OLD TV TOWER			
WIRE	10-26-65	REURTEL 25. PENDING FILING FCC FORM 301 FOR PERMANENT CHANGE, AUTH. GRANTED OPER WCOV-TV TEMP. PERIOD END 1-26-66 WITH REDUCED AURAL POWER.			
WIRE	9-30-66	RELETATY 26. PENDING COMMISSION EVALUATION WHY (AM) ANT. MEASUREMENTS EXT. AUTH. GR. OPER. WCOV-TV TEMP. PERIOD ENDING 12-24-66 ACCORD.			
BPCT-3322 EXCEPT WITH AUR. POWER REDUCED TO 44.5 kw.					

Form BC 126

June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters WCOV-TV

Station location Montgomery, Alabama

Name of licensee WCOV, 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-234	3-29-67	CH. 20	V 200 kw	U	4-1-67
		506-512 mcs	A 100 kw		4-1-70
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					

WIRE 9-12-67 PEND. COMM. EVALUATION WHY (AM) ANT. MEASUREMENTS EXTEN. AUTH. GR. OPERATE WCOV-TV TEMP. PERIOD END. 12-24-67 ACCORD. BPCT-3322 EXCEPT WITH AURAL POWER REDUCED TO 44.5 KW.					
WIRE 12-18-67 AUTH. GR. OPERATE WCOV-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SEC. 73.629 RULES AND CP BPCT-3322 EXCEPT WITH AURAL POWER REDUCED TO 44.5 KW.					
BLCT-1476	1-5-68	CH. 20	V. 224 kw	U	1-5-68
AH-740 ft. MSL: 999'		506-512 mcs.	A. 44.7		4-1-70
Lic. to cover CP(BPCT-3322) as mod. to make changes					
BTC-6056	10-13-69	VOL. T/C			
BRCT-234	4-20-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRCT-234	3-30-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			
BPCT-4607	5-17-73	Ch. 20	V. 537 kw	U	7-17-73
AH: 740' MSL: 999'		506-512	A. 107 kw		11-17-74
CP to chg ERP & trans.					
Wire	6-21-73	Pending comple. construction accord. BPCT 4607 AND FILING Lic. applic. auth. gtd. oper. temp. per. ending 7-25-73 at reduced power			
Wire	7-25-73	Above auth. extended to 8-25-73			
Wire	7-27-73	pending comp. construc. and filing lic. applic. auth. gtd oper. temp. per. end. 8-25-73 at presently lic. trans. output power with trans. auth. in construction permit BPCT-4607			
Wire	8-28-73	Pend. compl. construc. & filing lic. applic. auth. gtd. oper. temp. per. ending 9-25-73 at presently lic. trans. output power with trans. auth. in construction permit BPCT-4607.			
Wire	11-21-73	Re tendered lic. appl., auth. gtd. oper. PTA accord. 73.629 & BPCT-4607.			

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June 1954 Card # 4

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters WCOV-TV

Station location Montgomery, Ala.

Name of licensee WCOV, INC.

Transmitter location SEE CARD # 1

Main studio location SEE CARD # 1

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BLCT-2256	1-30-74	Lic. (BPCT-4607)		for chgs.	4-1-74
BRCT-234	3-9-76	Renewal of license (S)			4-1-79
BRCT 781	130 KG	3-22-79	RENEWAL OF	LICENSE (S)	4-1-82

FORM A-170

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CAPITOL BROADCASTING COMPANY

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MONTGOMERY AND MARGARET COVINGTON

Call

WCOV-TV

Name MILNER, EXECUTORS OF THE ESTATE OF G. W. COVINGTON, JR. DECEASED

Letters

--~~MTL~~ (47)(PO BOX ~~511~~ 1029 Montgomery, Alabama)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BIGT-822	12-31-51	Construction permit for new Comm. TV B/c Station.		
Rec'd & Filed	1-3-52	FREQ: Ch. # 12, 204-210 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 53.9 KW, Aur. 26.95 KW. Hours operation. Unlimited. S-L: On Narrow Lane Road, 3 Mi. S. E. of Montgomery, Ala. T-L: On Narrow Lane Road, 3 mi. S. E. of Montgomery, Ala. (Vis. & Aur. RCA TT 10 AH) Filed by Vincent B. Welch, Atty. W. J. Holey, Engr. Atlanta, Ga. (PURSUANT TO SIXTH REPORT & ORDER-4-11-52)	GRANTED	9-17-52
AMENDED	6-26-52			
Rec'd.	6-27-52			
Filed	6-27-52	FREQ: Ch. #20, 506-512 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 87.7 kw., Aur. 43.88 kw. Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: 3 mi. S. E. of Montgomery, on Narrow Lane Road, Alabama. T-L: 3 mi. S. E. of Montgomery, On Narrow Lane Road, Alabama (525') (Vis. & Aur. RCA TTU-5-A) Filed by Vincent B. Welch, Atty.		

Engr: W. J. Holey 1146 Briarcliff Place
Atlanta, Georgia

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NEWName CAPITOL BROADCASTING CO.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-922 Amended Recd & Filed	8-20-52 8-21-52	Amended to show studio and transmitter location within city limits, change from 3 mi. S.E. of Montgomery, On narrow Lane Road, Alabama, <u>to</u> On Narrow Lane Road, 3 miles SE of the Center of the City of Montgomery, Alabama. Filed by Vincent B. Welch, Atty.	SEE ACTION CARD #1	
BMPCT-943 Recd Filed	12-8-52 12-12-52 12-12-52	Modification of CP(BPCT-822 which authorized a new Commercial TV Broadcast station) to change ERP from Vis. 88 kw, Aur. 44 kw, to Vis. 79.4 kw Aur. 42.8 kw, and to make a change in the type of antenna. (432') Filed by Vincent A. Pepper, Atty.	GRANTED	1-22-53
BMPCT-1091 Rec'd Filed	4-14-53 4-17-53 4-17-53	Mod. of CP(BPCT-822) which authorized a new Commercial TV Broadcast Station) for extension of completion date from 9-22-53 to 3-2-54 <u>As modified,</u> Mod. of CP(BPCT-822/which authorized a new Commercial TV Broadcast Station) for extension of completion date from <u>9-22-53 to 3-2-54</u> Filed by Vincent A. Pepper, Atty.	Dismissed letter 5-5-53 at req. of atty. BMPCT-943 granted on 1-22-53 extended compl. date to 9-22-53 Dismissed letter 5-5-53 at req. of atty. BMPCT-943 granted on 1-22-53 extended compl. date to 9-22-53	

FORM A-120

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters W. C. O. V. - TVName CAPITOL BROADCASTING CO.
P. O. Box 1029, Montgomery, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-1343 Recd & Filed	8-21-53 8-21-53	Modification of construction permit (BPCT-822 as modified, which authorized a new commercial TV broadcast station) for extension of completion date from September 22, 1953 to March ---- 1954. Filed by Vincent A. Pepper, Attorney.	GRANTED	8-27-53
BMPCT-1908 Recd. Filed	3-19-54 2-24-54 2-24-54	Mod. of CP(BPCT-822, as modified, which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 3-22-54 to July, 1954. Filed by Vincent A. Pepper, Atty.	GRANTED	3-4-54
BMPCT-2060 Recd. & Filed	4-7-54 4-13-54	Mod. of CP(BPCT-822, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to change ERP from Vis. 79 kw, Aur. 43 kw to Vis. 199.5 kw, Aur. 117.5 kw and change type of transmitters. (440) (RCA TTU-12A) Filed by Vincent A. Pepper, Atty.	GRANTED	5-10-54
Amended Recd & filed	4-21-54 4-22-54	Amended to correct coordinates. Filed by Vincent A. Pepper, Atty.		

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Call

Letters W.C.O.V. - TV

Name CAPITOL BROADCASTING CO.

P. O. BOX 1029, Montgomery, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-2590 Recd Resubmitted Recd & Filed	10-26-54 10-22-54 11-2-54 11-3-54	Mod. of CP (BPCT-822, as modified, which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 11-10-54 to 2-1-55. Filed by Vincent A Pepper, Atty.	Application returned to attorney, ltr 10-28-54 Discrepancy in dates GRANTED	11-3-54 11-3-54
BMPCT-3079 Recd & filed EXT. # 4	4-22-55 4-26-55	Mod. of CP (BPCT-822, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 5-10-55 to 8-1-55. Filed by Vincent a Pepper, Atty.	GRANTED	4-29-55
BMPCT-3474 Recd. & filed Ext. # 7	10-12-55 10-14-55	Mod. of CP (BPCT-822, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 11-10-55 to 5-10-56. Filed by V. A Pepper, Atty.	GRANTED	10-17-55

FORM BC-121

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FORM A-170

Call
Letters WCOV-TVName CAPITOL BROADCASTING CO.
(P. O. Box 1099) Montgomery, Ala.

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-471 Recd & filed	5-1-56 5-2-56	License to cover CP (BPCT-822 as modified) which authorized a new comm. TV b/c station and to specify studio and transmitter location as Adrian Lane, Montgomery, Alabama, in lieu of 3 miles SE of Montgomery City Center, on Narrow Lane Road, Montgomery, Ala. (change in description only, not a move) Filed by Vincent A. Pepper, Atty. (437)	GRANTED	11-20-56
BRCT-234 Recd & filed	12-28-57 1-30-58	Renewal of license. Vincent A. Pepper, Atty.	GRANTED	3-26-58
BRCT-234 RECD.&FILED	1-5-61 2-14-61	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Thomas G. Shack, Jr. Atty. (Smith & Pepper)	GRANTED	5-17-61
BRCT-234 Recd. & filed	12-23-63 12-31-63	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Robert W. Healy, Atty. (Smith & Pepper)	GRANTED	9-30-64

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when renewal is granted
CORRECT GEO. COORDINATES

per atty ltr. no. 4-9-64 and
TV ENGR. SPECIFICATIONS dated
4-13-64 (ins Ken Zolden)

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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WCOV, INC. (12-1-64)

Name GARTON BROADCASTING CO.
CH. 20 Montgomery, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPC- 3322 R & F	4-23-64 4-22-64	Construction permit to change ERP from Vis. 200 kw, Aur. 100 kw TO Vis. - 254-kw, -Aur. 127 Install a new antenna system (RCA TFD-250); make changes in antenna structure and change antenna height above average terrain to 747 feet. Smith and Pepper-atty (A. M. Hooley) Creutz, etc (enr)	\$100.00 GRANTED	Fee Paid 11-27-64
AMENDED Rec. & filed	7-24-64 7-28-64	Amended to change ERP to Vis. 226.2 Kw, Aur. 113.0 Kw; and correct geographical coordinates	CONDITION	
BTC- 4623 Rec. & FILED	7-27-64 7-31-64	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Oscar P. Covington, et al (all stockholders) to WCOV, Inc. Smith & Pepper atty for transferor Spearman & Roberson-atty for transferee (Ed. Kenahan)	GRANTED EFF: 11-10-64	10-2-64
BAPLCT-68 Rec. & filed	11-25-64 11-30-64	Voluntary assignment of Construction Permit and License to WCOV, Inc. Smith and Pepper atty	GRANTED EFF: 12-1-64	12-1-64

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

Call
Letters WCOV-TVName WCOV, INC.
CH. 20 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-1476 Recd. & Filed	6-10-65 6-14-65	License to cover CP (BPCT-3322), which authorized changes in existing station Smith & Pepper-atty	GRANTED	1-5-68
AMENDED Recd. & Filed	1-4-66 1-11-66	AMENDED to reduce Aural ERP from 112 kw to 44.5 kw.		
BRCT-234 R & F	12-26-66 1-3-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Vincent A. Pepper, Atty. (Smith & Pepper)	GRANTED	3-29-67
BTC-6056 R & F #546803 \$30 PRESS: PN REC'D:	9-24-69 10-2-69 10-2-69 OCT 9 1969	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of WLEX-TV (parent corporation) by J. D. Gay, Jr. thru purchase of stock (4.9%) (and retirement thereof) by Gay-Bell Corporation from the Estate of H. Guthrie Bell (Deceased). Atty.: Robert J. Buenzle (Smith, Pepper, Shack & L'Heureux)	GRANTED EFF:	10-13-69 10-27-69

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WCOV-TVName WCOV, INC.
CH. 20 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-234 R & F \$150 #565948 PN Recd. PRESS	12-20-69 12-31-69 " " JAN 21 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Arthur V. Weinberg, Atty. (Smith, Pepper) AMENDED 3-25-70 re financial data.	GRANTED	4-20-70
Engr. data filed ENGR. DATA FILED	6-29-70 7-7-70			
BRCT-234 R & F PN rec'd PRESS:	12-15-72 1-2-73 1-2-73 JAN 22 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Amended 3-5-73 re programming and equal employment	GRANTED	3-30-73
BPCT-4607 R & F #173422 \$50 AC: 062 PRESS:	4-6-73 4-11-73 4-11-73 APR 30 1973	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 534kW(H); Aur. 107kW(H); and type trans. to RCA TTU-30A. Atty: John E. Fiorini III (Smith & Pepper)	GRANTED	5-17-73

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WCOV-TV

Name WCOV, Inc.
CH-20 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-2256 Rec. & filed: 253016 \$50 AC-058 PRESS:	11-10-73 11-16-73 11-16-73 DEC 5 1973	Lic. to cover (BPCT-4607) for chgs. Atty: Arthur V. Weinberg (Smith & Pepper)	GRANTED	1-30-74
BRCT-234 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	11-17-75 11-25-75 11-25-75 DEC 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Annual Reports Filed Contours filed 11-25-75. Atty: James L. Oyster (Smith & Pepper)	GRANTED	3-9-76
BRCT-781130KG R & F PN REC'D PRESS	11-29-78 11-30-78 79 0123	RENEWAL OF LICENSE JAMES L. OYSTER, ATTY	GRANTED	3-22-79

Request extension of time to 3-16-76 in which to file petition to deny - filed 3-1-76 by
The Civil Liberties Union of Alabama.

MOTION TO ACCEPT PETITION FILED TWELVE DAYS LATE filed 3-15-76 by the Montgomery Chapter of
the National Organization for Women.-----

PETITION TO DENY filed 3-16-76 by the Montgomery Chapter of the National Organization for
Women (Petition & Motion sent to Hobson 3-16-76 per Si Lowen).

OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO ACCEPT PETITION FILED TWELVE DAYS LATE filed 3-26-76 by Arthur V.
Weinberg on behalf of WCOV-TV. (sent to Marcus Rindal)

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.

