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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 10-9-64 (OFF. #572)

Call letters WHNT-TV  
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

Name of licensee NORTH ALABAMA BROADCASTERS, INC.

Transmitter location 906 Monte Sano Boulevard, Huntsville, Alabama

Main studio location 906 Monte Sano Boulevard, Huntsville, Alabama

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	ERP Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BPCT-3051	1-17-63	CH.19	V-485 kw	U	3-17-63
DOCKET #14768		500-506	A-260 kw		9-17-63
AH: 1060' MSL: 1854.5'					
<u>Construction Permit for a New Comm. TV B/C Station.</u>					
WIRE	11-20-63	NO OBJECTION OPERATION STATION WHNT-TV ON EQUIPMENT TESTS ACCORD. SECTION 3.628 OF THE RULES			
WIRE	11-26-63	RE TENDERED LIC. APPL. AUTH. GR. OPERATE WHNT-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SECTION 3.629 RULES & CP			
BMPCT-5886. ADVISE					
BPCT-3250	10-10-63	CH.#19	V-485 kw	U	12-10-63
AH:1060'		500-506	A-260 kw		6-10-64
<u>CP to replace expired CP (BPCT-3051) which auth. a new stati</u>					
BMPCT-5886	10-14-63	CH.#19	V-386 kw	U	12-10-63
AH: 1060'		500-506	A-208 kw		6-10-64
<u>Mod. of CP (BPCT-3051) to chg. ERP, type of ant. system, AH.</u>					
BLCT-1328	10-9-64	CH.#19	V-398kw	U	10-9-64
AH:1060' MSL:1854.5		500-506	A-199kw		4-1-67
<u>License to cover CP (BPCT-3250 as mod.)</u>					
BMLCT-570	3-23-66	same	same A-79.4 kw	same	3-23-66
<u>Mod. of Lic. to reduce Aural ERP</u>					
BRCT-572	3-29-67	CH.19	V 398kw	U	4-1-67
		500-506	A 79.4kw		4-1-70
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BPCT-4203	4-25-69	Ch. 19	V.929 kw	U	6-25-69
AH: 1750 MSL:2549		500-506	A.139 kw		12-25-69
<u>CP chg. ERP, Trans. &amp; HAAT.</u>					
WIRE	10-8-69	PENDING FILING LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER. TEMP. PER. END. 11-7-69 ACCORD BPCT-4203 EXCEPT WITH HORIZONTAL ERP OF 1002 KILOWATTS VISUAL 150 KILOWATTS AURAL.			
WIRE	10-21-69	RETENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. *OPER. ON PTA ACCORD. CP BPCT-4203.			
BLCT-1913	2-9-70	CH. 19	V.1000kw	U	2-9-70
AH. 1750 MSL. 2549'		500-506	A.200 kw		4-1-70
<u>LICENSE (BPCT-4203 for changes.</u>					

Form BC 126 #2  
June 1954

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Transmitter location SEE CARD #1

Main studio location .....

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To
BRCT-572	4-1-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			4-1-73
WLRE	5-19-70	AUTH. TO OPER. REMOTE CONTROL			
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRCT-572	3-30-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			4-1-76
BRCT-572	3-9-76	Ch. 19	V. 1000 kW	U	4-1-76
AH: 1750'	MSL: 254'	500-506	A. 200 kW		4-1-79
Renewal of license					
BTC-8489	11-9-77	Vol T/C			
BRCT-78120	KM 9-13-79	Renewal of License (S)			4-1-82

FORM BC-121

Aug. 1955

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters NEW WHNT-TVName NORTH ALABAMA BROADCASTERS, INC.John C. Godbold Sec. Treas. Suite 130 Professional Center, Montgomery, Alabama  
P.O. Box 768, HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA. Letter dated 9-30-63Station location: Huntsville, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT- 3051 R & F	5-25-62	CP for a new Comm TV B/C station Freq: Ch #19, 500-506 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 519 kw, Aur. 270 kw (Horz) Station location: Huntsville, Alabama Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: 906 Monte Sano Blvd., Huntsville, Ala. T-L: 906 Monte Sano Blvd., Huntsville, Ala. (Vis & Aur. RCA TTU-25B) (1,057') Jack P. Blume, Atty (Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine) Gautney and Jones, Consulting Engineers	GRANTED DOCKET #14768	1-17-63
	5-28-62			
AMENDED	9-4-62	Amended Articles of Incorporation; change in corporate structure; officers, directors and stockholders. Amended to change Officers, Directors and Stockholders; change in stockholdings and subscription agreements.		
Rec. & filed	9-4-62			
AMENDED Received Filed	11-7-62 11-8-62 11-13-62			

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Letters WHNT-TV

Name NORTH ALABAMA BROADCASTERS, INC.  
Huntsville, Alabama (P.O. 960 Monte Sano Blvd.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-5686 Recd.&Filed	8-8-63 8-12-63	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3051, which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to change ERP from Vis. 485 kw, Aur. 260 kw TO Vis. 386 kw, Aur. 208 kw; change type of antenna to RCA TPU-30J; changes in the antenna system; and antenna height above average terrain to 1056 feet. Jack P. Blume, Atty. Gautney & Jones, Engrs.	GRANTED	10-14-63
BPCT-3250 Recd.&Filed	10-4-63 10-7-63	Construction Permit to replace expired CP (BPCT-3051) which authorized a new Comm. TV Broadcast Station. Jack P. Blume, Atty.	GRANTED	10-10-63
BLCT-1328 Recd.&Filed	11-25-63 11-26-63	License to cover CP (BPCT-3250, replacement for BPCT-3051, as mod. which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station.) and correct description of transmitter and studio locations to 960 Monte Sano Boulevard, Huntsville, Alabama Jack P. Blume-atty	GRANTED	10-9-64

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Letters WHNT-TVName NORTH ALABAMA BROADCASTERS, INC.  
CH. 19 Huntsville, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMLCT-570 Recd. & Filed	2-21-66 2-24-66	Modification of License to reduce Aural ERP from 199 kw to 97.48 kw. Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine, Atty.	GRANTED	3-23-66
BRCT-572 R & F	<del>12-30-66</del> 1-3-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Jack P. Blume, Atty. (Fly, Shuebruk, & Gaguine)	GRANTED	3-29-67
BPCT-4203 R & F #497935 \$150 PRESS: PN REC'D:	3-10-69 3-11-69 3-11-69 MAR 24 1969 4-3-69	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 782kw, Aur. 117.3kw; type trans. to RCA TTU-60A; slight chg. in trans. loc.; and incr. antenna height above average terrain to 1,751'.	GRANTED	4-25-69
BLCT-1913 R & F 30 #547455 PRESS	10-4-69 10-7-69 "	LICENSE (BPCT-4203) for changes. Jack P. Blume, Atty.	GRANTED	2-9-70



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Letters WHNT-TV

Name NORTH ALABAMA BROADCASTERS, INC.  
CH-19 HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-572 Received Filed #566939 \$150 PRESS: PN REC'D:	11-25-69 1-2-70 1-15-70 1-2-70 JAN 19 1970 1-2-70	Renewal of License  Atty.: James K. Edmundson, Jr. (Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine)  AMENDED 2-4-70 re other business interests and network programming.	GRANTED	4-1-70
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Applic. for remote control filed 4-1-70 <i>Smith 4-3</i>				
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Beam Tilt engr. data filed 4-29-70				
BRCT-572 R & F PN rec'd PRESS:	12-29-72 1-2-73 1-2-73 JAN 22 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: James K. Edmundson (Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine) Amended 2-5-73 re equal employment Amended 2-28-73 re additional info on equal employment	GRANTED	3-30-73

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Letters WHNT-TVName NORTH ALABAMA BROADCASTERS, INC.  
CH-19 Huntsville, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-572 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	11-5-75 12-1-75 12-1-75 23 FEB 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Annual Reports Filed Atty: Jack P. Blume (Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine) Contours filed 12-1-75	GRANTED	3-9-76
BTC-8143 R&F #614947\$200 AC: 047 PN RECD. PRESS (Form 315)	9-16-76 9-17-76 9-17-76 10-15-76 5 OCT 1976	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Charles F. Grisham, Tine W. Davis, John C. Godbold, et al, to Gilmore - North Alabama Broadcasters, Inc.  Attys.: Transferor-Fly, Shuebruk, <u>Blume</u> and Gaguine Transferee-R. Russell Eagan (Kirkland, Ellis & Rowe)  Amended 9-21-76 re Addition to Exhibit 2 of form 315, "full, true and complete" copy of Articles. Amended 10-1-76 re additional information Amended 1-14-77 re additional information Amended 3-17-77 re supplemental information Amended 5-17-77 re additional information	DISMISSED REQUEST OF LICENSEE	6-29-77

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COMMERCIAL TV

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Letters WHNT-TV

Name NORTH ALABAMA BROADCASTERS, INC.  
Ch-19 Huntsville, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BALCT-610 R&F 614947\$100 AC: 047 PRESS (Form 316)	9-15-76 9-17-76 9-17-76 <b>5 OCT 1976</b>	Voluntary assignment of license to Gilmore - North Alabama Broadcasters, Inc. CONTINGENT ON GRANT OF BTC-8143. Atty.: Assignor-Fly Shuebruk, Blume & Gaguine Assignee-R. Russell Eagan (Kirkland, Ellis & Rowe)	DISMISSED REQUEST OF LICENSEE	6-29-77

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Letters WENT-TVName NORTH ALABAMA BROADCASTERS, INC.  
Ch-19 HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-8489 R&F PRESS (Form 316)	8-25-77	Voluntary acquisition of positive control by Charles F. Grisham thru purchase of stock from John B. Godbold, Bryghte D. Godbold, Aaron Arnov, Perry Mendel, Estate of Hilliard Aronov and Estate of Herman Aronov by the licensee corporation. Atty.: Jack Blume (Fly, Shuebruk, Blume, Gaguine, Boros and Schulkind)	GRANTED	11-9-77
	9-27-77		EFF:	12-15-77
BRCT-781201KM R&F PN REC'D PRESS	11-3-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE  JACK P. BLUME, ATTY (FLY, SHUEBRUK, BLUME, GAGUINE, BOROS & SCHULKIND)	GRANTED	9-13-79
	12-1-78 79 0124		COMMISSION ACTION	

4-1-79 Renewal

PETITION TO DENY THE LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION OF STATION WHNT(TV) HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA,  
2-27-79 by The Food and ~~and~~ Beverage Trades Department, AFL-CIO.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 3-23-79 by Jack P. Blume for North Alabama  
Broadcasters, Inc.

OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY 4-19-79 by Jack P. Blume for North Alabama  
Broadcasters, Inc.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 5-9-79 by Durkin for the Food and Beverage  
Trades Department AFL-CIO

COMMENTS ON PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 5-11-79 by Blume for North  
Alabama

REPLY TO THE OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY 5-17-79 by Durkin for FBID.

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MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 9-13-79, released 9-28-79 FCC 79-544 14557: In light of the  
foregoing analysis and out scrutiny of the ~~with~~ entire record before us, we find that no  
substantial and material question of fact has been reised as to whether license renewal would  
service the public interest. IT IS ORDERED, That the petitions for extension of time filed  
March 26, 1979 and May 9, 1979 by North Alabama Broadcasters, Inc. and the Food and Beverage  
Trades Department of the AFL-CIO, respectively, ARE GRANTED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the  
petition to deny filed February 28, 1979 by the Food and Beverage Trades Department of the AFL-  
CIO IS DISMISSED; and, when considered as an informal objection, IS DENIED. IT IS FURTHER  
ORDERED, That the application of North Alabama Broadcasters, Inc. for the renewal of license for  
Station WHNT-TV, Huntsville, Alabama, IS GRANTED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the Secretary of  
the Commission shall send, by Certified Mail-Return Receipt Requested, a copy of this  
Memorandum Opinion and Order to each of the parties to this proceeding.

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## APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

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Name: PETITIONS CONT'D:

Station Location:

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
		OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 10-30-79 by Jack P. Blume for North Alabama Broadcasters, Inc.	
		PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION 11-8-79 by Edward Durkin for Food and Beverage Trade Dept. of AFL-CIO.	
		MOTION TO DISMISS AND ALTERNATIVE OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION. 11-19-79 by Jack P. Blume for NORTH ALABAMA BROADCASTERS, INC.	

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Call Letters: WHNT-TV

Name: NORTH ALABAMA BROADCASTERS, INC.

CH-19

Station Location: HUNTSVILLE, AL

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
HTCTV-79112OLD R & F PRESS: PN REC'D: (Form 315)	11-19-79 11-20-79 11-30-79 79 1218	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Charles F. Grisham and Thomas M. Percer, to The Times Alabama Broadcasting, Inc.  Attys.: Transferor-Fly, Shuebruk, Blume, Gaguine, Boros and Schulkind Transferee-Arthur B. Goodkind (Koteen & Burt)	GRANTED 2-27-80 EEF: 5-13-80
BALCT-810612KH R&F  Form 316	6-12-81	Voluntary assignment of license to The Times Alabama Broadcasting, Inc.  Arthur B. Goodkind, Atty.	

## 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.

