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June 1954

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**BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD**

Date first licensed August 17, 1971 (Official No. 731)

Call letters WMA-TV

Station location ANNISTON, ALABAMA

Name of licensee ANNISTON BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location TOP OF BLUE MOUNTAIN, ANNISTON, ALABAMA

1330 Noble St., Anniston, Alabama (BMPCT--7049 7-30-69)  
Main studio location X TOP OF BLUE MOUNTAIN, ANNISTON, ALABAMA

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
DOCKET NO.	15857	CH.40	V-200 kw	U	12030-67
BPCT-3320	10-30-67	626-632	A-39.8 kw		6-30-68
BMPCT-6358	AH:880'	MSL:1752.9'			
<u>CP &amp; MOD. OF CP FOR A NEW STATION &amp; TO MAKE CHANGES.</u>					
BTC-5449	3-11-68	VOLUNTARY TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF PERMITTEE CORPORATION FROM EDEL Y. AYERS AND FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ANNISTON, EXECUTORS OF THE ESTATE OF HARRY M. AYERS TO HARRY BRANDT AYERS AND ELISE AYERS SANQUINETTI, AS A FAMILY GROUP. EFF: 4-15-68			
BMPCT-6845	7-9-69	MP (BPCT-3320, as mod) ext. date			1-9-70
BMPCT-7049	7-30-69	CH.40	V-174 kw	U	
	AH:880'	MSL:1752.9'	626-632	A-34.7 kw	1-9-70
<u>MP (BPCT-3320) chg. ERP; type antenna; system; increase AH.</u>					
WIRE	10-16-69	RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. PENDING FILING COMPLETE AURAL PROOF OF PERFORMANCE ACCORD. SEC. 73.687(b) RULES AUTH. GR. OPER. TEMP. PER. END. 11-17--9. ACCORD BMPCT-7049. ADVISE WHEN COMMENCES UNDER THIS AUTHOR.			
WIRE	11-17-69	ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO 12-8-69			
WIRE	12-8-69	ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO 12-22-69			
WIRE	12-22-69	ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO 1-5-70			
WIRE	1-5-70	ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO 1-15-70			
WIRE	1-14-70	RE AMENDED LICENSE APPLI. BLCT-1917 AUTH. GR. OPER ON PTA SEC. 73.629 CP BMPCT-7049.			
WIRE	5-12-70	Operate via remote control			
BLCT-1917	8-17-71	Lic. (BPCT-3320 as mod.)			4-1-73
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRCT-731	3-30-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (s)			4-1-76
BRCTV-136	5-15-73	Remote control authority			
BPCT-4849	6-9-75	Ch. 40	V. 468 kw	U	8-9-75
	AH: 880'	MSL: 1752.9'	626-632	A.99.3 kw	12-9-76
CP to chg ERP & trans.					

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SEE CARD #1

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
WIRE	9-26-75	Pend. completion of construction and filing lic. appl., auth. grtd. oper WHMA-TV temp. per. end. 10-28-75 accord. BPCT-4849.			
WIRE	10-29-75	Above auth. ext. to 12-12-75.			
WIRE	12-16-75	Above auth. ext. to 2-12-76.			
WIRE	2-18-76	Above auth. ext to 5-12-76.			
WIRE	6-14-76	re letatty 6-11-76 Pending comple. of constru. and filing lic. appl. auth. extend. temp. oper. WHMA-TV accord. BPCT-4849. This auth. expires 7-12-76.			
WIRE	7-13-76	Pend. completion of const. & filing lic. appl. auth. extend temp oper. accord BPCT-4849 This auth. exp. 9-12-76			
WIRE	7-16-76	Pending completion of const. and fil. lic. appl. auth. extended temp oper. WHMA-TV accord. BPCT-4849. This auth. expires 9-12-76.			
Wire	9-10-76	Above extended to 11-12-76			
WIRE	11-12-76	Above extended to 12-12-76			
WIRE	11-17-76	re lic. appl. auth. grted PTA accord. BPCT-4849 and section 73.629 rules.			
BRCT-731 BLCT-2524	5-16-77	Ch. 40	V. 468 kW U		4-1-79
AH: 880' MSL: 1752.9' 626-632 A. 93.3 kW Renewal and Modification					
BRCT- 781201KI	3-22-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			4-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call WMSA-TV  
 Letters NEW

Name ANNISTON BROADCASTING COMPANY  
 PO c/o Malcolm Street, 1330 Noble Street, Anniston, Alabama 36201

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
EPCT-3320 R & F	4-10-64	Construction permit for a new Commercial Television broadcast station; Channel #70, <del>806-812 mcs.</del> ERP: Vis. 45.6 kw, Aur. 22.8 kw Unlimited hours Transmitter location: Top of Blue Mountain, 200' South of Lookout Tower, Anniston, Alabama Studio location: Same as transmitter ( RCA TTU-2A )                      Alt: 877 feet STATION LOCATION: ANNISTON, ALABAMA Harry J. Daly-atty Claude M. Gray-engr. P.O. Box 602, Birmingham, Ala.	DOCKET #15857	
	4-13-64		GRANTED	DEC 16 1965
			MEMO OPINION & ORDER IN DOCKET 15857	issue with EPCT
✓ AMENDED R & F	8-9-65	Amended pursuant to Supplement #1 to Fourth Report and Order in Docket 14229 on 6-16-65 to change to Channel #40, 626-632 mcs. instead of Channel #70, 806-812 mcs. Daly and Joyce-attys		
	8-10-65			

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters NEW WDMA-TVName **ANNISTON BROADCASTING COMPANY**  
CH. 40 **ANNISTON, ALABAMA**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BNPCT-6358 R & F	8-31-66	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3320, which auth. a new station) to make the following changes: ERP to Vis. 202 kw (HORZ), Aur. 39.8 kw (HORZ) change type of transmitter to GE TT-25-A; type of antenna to RCA TFU-24DM and increase antenna height above average terrain to 879.6 feet and make other equipment changes. Daly & Joyce, Atty Claude M. Gray, Engr. (Box 602, Birmingham, Ala.)	GRANTED ✓ ✓	10-30-67
	9-14-66			
BTC -5449 R & F OCT 3 1967	9-12-67	Voluntary transfer of control of permittee corporation from Edal Y Ayers and First National Bank of Anniston, executors of the estate of Harry M. Ayers to Harry Brandt Ayers and Klise Ayers Sanquinetti, as a Family Group. Daly and Joyce, atty	GRANTED ✓ EFF: ✓	3-11-68 4-15-68
	9-26-67			

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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WVMA-TV

Name ANNISTON BROADCASTING COMPANY  
City ANNISTON, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-6845 R & F PRESS	6-21-68	MP (BMPCT-3320, as mod) to extend completion date to 12-1-68. <u>Daly &amp; Joyce, Atty.</u> AMENDED 12-5-68 to update information in BMPCT-6845 and extend completion date to 6-1-69. AMENDED 6-20-69 to update information.	\$30. #438096	6-25-68
	6-25-68		GRANTED	7-9-69
BMPCT-7049 R & F #529856 \$30 PRESS:	7-17-69	MP (BMPCT-3320), chg. ERP to Vis. 172kw, Aur. 34.4kw; type ant. to RCA TFU-30J; chgs. in ant. sys. (incr. hght.) (Note: Correct coordinates: 33-40-51, 85-48-56) <u>Atty.: Daly and Joyce</u>	7 GRANTED	7-30-69
	7-23-69			
	7-23-69 JUL 25 1969			
BLCT-1917 R & F \$30 #549461 PRESS	10-13-69	LICENSE (BMPCT-3320, as mod.) new station. <u>Daly &amp; Joyce, Atty.</u> AMENDED 1-14-70 to submit aural proof of performance. Ltr. 4-17-70 req. <del>Remove</del> a.e. control. Amended 7-27--70 re error date	GRANTED	8-17-71
	10-16-69			
	" OCT 24 1969			

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Amended 7-28-71 re Sec VI. (only 1 copy filed)

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Letters .....

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CH-40 ANNISTON, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-731 R & F PN:rec'd PRESS: PN REC'D	12-26-72 1-2-73 1-2-73 JUN 18 1973 2-8-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Leonard S. Joyce (Daly, Joyce and Borsari) AMENDED 1-3-73 to submit corrected balance sheet	GRANTED	3-30-73
BRCTV-136 R&F PRESS: NO FEE PAID	4-27-72 5-1-72 MAY 8 1973	Request authority to operate transmitter by Remote Control from 1330 Noble Street, Anniston, Alabama. REQUEST PARTIAL WAIVER OF SECTION 73.676 OF THE RULES. Atty: Leonard Joyce (Daly, Joyce & Borsari) Amended 4-16-73 re engineering	GRANTED	5-15-73
EPCT-4849 R & F #412089 \$100 AC: 058 PRESS:	3-26-75 4-8-75 4-8-75 13 MAY 1975	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 464kW, Aur. 92.8kW and chg. type trans. to RCA TTU-30A.  Atty.: <u>Daly</u> , <u>Joyce</u> , Borsari and George	GRANTED	6-9-75 2-5-11-76

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Name ANNISTON BROADCASTING COMPANY  
CH-40 Anniston, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-731 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	11-24-75 12-1-75 12-1-75 8 FEB 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Annual Reports Filed No Contours filed <i>Atty. called 1-30-76</i> Atty: John A. Borsari (Daly, Joyce, Borsari and George) <i>Atty called 2-20-76 - contours to be filed shortly</i> Ltr. 2-23-76 re Public Notice.	GRANTED	5-16-77
BLCT-2524 R&F 565850\$100 AC:001 Press	5-10-76 5-11-76 5-11-76 10 DEC 1976	Lic. to cover (BPCT-4849) for changes.  Atty.: Daly, <u>Joyce</u> , Borsari and George AMENDED 9-30-76 re Engineering.	GRANTED	5-16-77
BRCT-781201KI R&F PN REC'D PRESS	11-28-78 12-1-78  79 01 23	RENEWAL OF LICENSE  LEONARD S. JOYCE , ATTY	GRANTED	3-22-79 <u>SEE CONDITION ON BACK</u>

CONDITION: (BRCT-781201KI) granted 3-22-79

This grant is conditioned upon our Second Report and Order in Docket No. 18110, 50 FCC 2d 1046 (1975) ordering divestiture of this station by January 1, 1980, ~~and the appeal of that decision currently pending before the United States Supreme Court (Case No. 76-1471)~~

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SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION FOR WAIVER 9-28-79 by Aloysius B. McCabe

PETITION FOR WAIVER 10-22-79 by Aloysius B. McCabe for Anniston B/c Co.  
SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION FOR WAIVER 10-22-79 by McCabe for Anniston

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MOTION FOR STAY PENDING JUDICIAL REVIEW 11-9-79 by McCabe for Anniston B/c.

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION 12-7-79 by Aloysius B. McCabe for Anniston B/c.

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"MEMORANDUM" OPINION AND ORDER ADOPTED JULY 1, 1982, RELEASED JULY 7, 1982,  
BC, FCC 82-306, 31560:

8. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That Anniston Broadcasting Company's "Petition for Stay or, in the Alternative, Extension of Divestiture Deadline," IS GRANTED to the extent of staying the divestiture deadline for a period of 180 days from the release date of this Order and in all other respects, IS DENIED.

## 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.

