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BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

CH 44

First licensed

Call Letters W N A L

Station Location GADSDEN, AL

GADSDEN TELEVISION COMPANY (AE gr. 12-8-80 Eff.):

Name ~~X~~GADSDEN TELEVISION, INC.

Transmitter Location 2.5 mi. N. of Steel on Chandler Mtn., Gadsden, AL

Main studio location To be determined, Gadsden, AL

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPCT-5079 AH:1010' MSL:1838' ERP:V-316kW, A-50.1kW CP for New Commercial Television Broadcast Station.	7-12-79	Ch-44, 650-656MHz Unl.	9-12-79 1-12-81
BPCT-5079	7-12-79	Call Letters & EBSA	
BAFCT-800516KM	12-8-80	VOL AP	
BPCT 810213	2-13-81	CP for new commercial broadcast station.	8-13-81

May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call
Letters (NEW) W N A L

Name GADSDEN TELEVISION, INC.
 CH-44 GADSDEN, ALABAMA (PO c/o J. Frank Helderan, Jr., 209 Dogwood Circle, Gadsden, AL

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action 35901)	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-5079 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D:	7-26-77	CP for new TV on: Freq.: Ch-44, 650-656MHz ERP: Vis. 757kW(Max), Aur. 113.5kW(Max) HAAT: 1007 ft. TL: On Chandler Mtn., approx. 2.5 mi. N. of Steele, Ala. (33-58-37 86-12-03) SL: To be determined, Gadsden, Ala. Trans.: RCA TTU-30C Ant.: RCA TPU-36J(S)(BT) MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.636 OF THE RULES. Atty.: Frank J. Martin, Jr. (Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan) Engr.: Marvin Blumberg (A. D. Ring & Associates) Amended 4-4-78 re Request for Waiver of 73.636	GRANTED JUL 12 1979 No Order See over for condition	
	7-26-77			
	AUG 29 1977			
	8-9-77			
BAPCT-800516KM PRESS (Form 314) EN REC'D:	11-19-80	Vol. AL to GADSDEN TELEVISION COMPANY Atty.: Frank J. Martin, Jr. (Sutherland, Asbill etc.) (Assignor) M. Scott Johnson (Glaser, Fletcher & Johnson) 2-2-80 re Financial	GR. Eff.: 12-8-80 3-16-81	

BPCT-5079 - grtd. by Comm. Act. 7-12-79 - condition

Program test authority ~~that~~ shall not be ~~was~~ issued until J. Frank Helderman, Jr. has certified to ~~the~~ the Commission that he has severed all interest in, and all connection with, The Gadsden Times Publishing Company.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WNAL

Name GADSDEN TELEVISION COMPANY
CH-44 Gadsen, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-810213ME R&F	2-13-81	CP TO REPLACE EXPIRED CP(BPCT-5079) for new station. Frank J. Martin, Atty.	<i>fl</i> granted	2-13-81
BMPCT-810729KG		<i>1st. 24/6/81</i> MP (BPCT-5079, as reinstated) to extend completion date <i>2-81</i>	GRANTED to	10-5-81 4-5-82

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.

