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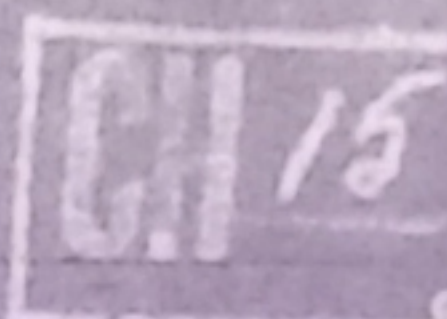
**REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE**

**Cat. No. 4550L**

**Patent No. 2,390,130**



Date first licensed 9-3-64 (OFFICIAL # 334)



Call letters WOML-TV

Station location: Florence, Alabama

Name of licensee TELEVISION MUSCLE SHOALS, INCORPORATED

Transmitter location 6 mi. NW of Russellville, Ala. (HP 10-15-76)  
x800 Cypress Mill Road, Florence, Alabama

Main studio location 840 Cypress Mill Rd., Florence, Ala. (HP 5-24-68)  
x800 Cypress Mill Road, Florence, Alabama



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

WOWL-TV

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BPCT-2208	1-30-57	CH#41	V-15.8 kw	U	3-30-57
AH 390 feet		632-638	A-7.94 kw		9-30-57
CP for a new Comm. TV B/C station.					
BPCT-2208	6-14-57	same	same	same	3-30-57
Mod. of CP					9-30-57
to deleted present condition and substitute another condition.					
COMM. REPORT AND ORDER 8-1-57 OUTSTANDING CP OF WOWL-TV MODIFIED TO SPECIFY OPERATION ON CHANNEL # 15 IN LIEU OF CHANNEL # 41: SUBJECT TO SUBMISSION TO COMM. BY 8-15-57 ALL REVISED ENGINEERING SPECIFICATIONS NECESSARY.					
DOCKET # 12052					9-6-57 MODIFIED CP CHG. FREQ, ERP:
etc.		CH.#15	V- 20.9 kw		11-6-57
AH! 400'		476-482 mcs.	A- 11.7 kw		5-6-58
WIRE	10-28-57	RE LIC. APPL. PROC. TEST AUTHORIZED ACCORD. SEC. 3.629 RULES & CP DOCKET #12052, SUBJECT TO FILING DATA TO SATISFY CONDITION CONTAINED IN CP RE WOWL(AM) WITHIN 30 days. ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COMMENCES ON THIS AUTHORITY			
BTC-2745	3-18-58	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of permittee corporation by Richard B. Biddle, C.V. Green, O.B. Miley, Radio Muscle Shoals, Inc. and John Thompson from Richard B. Biddle, C.V. Green, James B. Gambill, O.B. Miley, George W. McBurney and Radio Muscle Shoals, Inc. EFF: 4-22-58			
BTC-3971	3-9-62	Voluntary acquisition of psotive control of permittee corporation by Richard B. Biddle and Radio Muscle Shoals, Inc., thru sale of stock by C.V. Green to Television Muscle Shoals, Incorporated. EFF:			
BLCT-736	9-3-64	CH.#15	V-20.9kw	U	9-3-64
AH:400'		476-482	A-11.7kw		4-1-67
License to cover CP (BPCT-2208 as mod)					
BRCT-554	3-29-67	Same	Same	Same	4-1-67
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					4-1-70
BPCT-4072	5-24-68	CH.15	V-230 kw	U	7-24-68
AH:400' MSL:956'			A-23.3 kw		1-24-69
CP to Chg. ERP: type of transmitter.					
WIRE	7-31-68	NO OBJECTIONS CONDUCTING WOWL-TV EQUIP. TESTS ACCORD. SEC. 73.628 RULES.			



Form BC 12b  
June 1954  
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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters HOWL-TV

Station location Florence, Alabama

Name of licensee TELEVISION MUSCLE SHOALS, INCORPORATED

Transmitter location SEE CARD #1

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
WIRE WOWL-TV ON BPCT-4072.	10-30-68	RE TEND.	LICENSE APPL.	AUTH. GR. OPER.	
BRCT-554	4-1-70	PROG. TEST	ACCORD. SEC. 73.629	RULES AND CP	
BLCT-1840	11-13-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)	(BPCT-4072) for chgs.		4-1-73
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRCT-554	7-13-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			4-1-76
BRCT-554	5-10-76	Renewal of license (S)			4-1-79
BPCT-4940	10-15-76	Ch. 15	V. 851 kW DA		12-15-76
AH: 730' MSL: 1486'		476-482	A. 170 kW DA		4-15-78
CP TO CHG ERP, TL, trans, ant & HAAT					
WIRE	3-31-77	Re tendered lic. appl.,	auth. grtc.		
ope. WOWL-TV main trans. and ant. on program test		accord. Sect. 73.629 rules & CP BPCT-4940.			
BRCTV-355 (1)	5-10-77	Remote control authority			
BLCT-2560	9-30-77	Lic. (BPCT-4940) for chgs.			9-30-77
					4-1-79
BRCT 781113 KG	5-11-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-82



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Form BC-121  
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

Call WOL-TV

Letters NEW

Name TELEVISION MUSCLE SHOALS, INCORPORATED  
(Richard B. Biddle, Cypress Mill Road, Florence, Alabama)

Station location: Florence, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BPOT-2208	9-22-56	CP for a new comm TV b/c station	GRANTED	1-30-57
Recd	9-25-56	Freq: Ch # 41, 632-638 Mcs.		
Filed	9-25-56	ERP: Vis. 15.2 kw, Aur. 7.6 kw Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: 800 Cyprus Mill Road, Florence, Ala. T-L: 800 Cyprus Mill Road, Florence, Ala. (Vis & Aur. GE-TT 20 A) (391) Filed direct		
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8-14-57 ENGINEERING SPECIFICATIONS in Accordance with Report & Order (8-1-57) in Docket 12052 to Modify CP to change from Ch. # 41, 632-638 mcs. TO Ch. # 15, 476-482 mcs.; ERP Vis. 20.9 kw, Aur. 11.5 kw; Antenna hght. above average terrain as 397.4 ft. and transmitter & studio locations at 800 Cyprus Mill Road, Florence, Alabama. Spearman & Roberson-atty Lynn C. Smeby- engr.			EFFECTIVE 9-6-57 CP MODIFIED IN DOCKET # 12052 REPORT & ORDER FOR CHANNEL # 15.	

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.



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Tuscumbia, Ala.

Frank H. McIntosh & Associates, consulting Engrs.



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FORM BC-121  
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

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Letters WOL-TV

Name TELEVISION MUSCLE SHOALS, INCORPORATED  
Florence, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT- 736 Recd & filed	10-24-57 10-28-57	License to cover CP (HFC-2208 as modified) which authorized a new commercial TV b/c station Filed by Robert L. Heald, Atty.	GRANTED	9-3-64
HFC-2745 Recd Filed	3-1-58 3-10-58 3-10-58	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of permittee corporation by Richard B. Biddle, C. V. Green, O. B. Miley, Radio Muscle Shoals, Inc. and John Thompson from Richard B. Biddle, C. V. Green, James B. Sambill, O. B. Miley, George W. McBurney and Radio Muscle Shoals, Inc. Robert L. Heald Atty for Permittee, transferor and transferee	GRANTED EFF: 4-22-58	3-18-58



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Letters WOML-TVName TELEVISION MUSCLE SHOALS, INCORPORATED  
Florence, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-3971 Recd Resubmitted R & F	1- -62 1-24-62 1-31-62 2-5-62	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of permittee corporation by Richard B. Biddle and Radio Muscle Shoals, Inc., thru sale of stock by C. V. Green to Television Muscle Shoals, Incorporated. Filed direct	<del>Ret. 1-30-62 not dated or</del> <del>notarized</del> GRANTED ERP:	<del>3-9-62</del>
LETTER	8-1-63	SPEARMAN AND ROBERSON Firm no longer represents WOML-TV Station.		
BRCT-554 R & F	12-19-66 12-23-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-29-67
BRCT-4072 R & F JAN 1 1968 PN RECD	1-7-68 10-10-68 5-16-68	Construction Permit to make the following chgs. ERP: Vis. 230 kw, Aur. 29.2 kw; type of transmitter to Vis. Townsend Amp. TA-15-BT Plus GE Driver TT-24-A; Aural GE TT-20-A.  Amended 5-16-68 re programming.	GRANTED SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 73.640	5-24-68



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters **WOWL-TV**

Name **TELEVISION MUSCLE SHOALS, INCORPORATED**  
CH. 15 **FLORENCE, ALABAMA**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-1840 R & F PRESS	10-26-68 10-28-68 OCT 31 1968	LICENSE (BPGT-6972) for changes.	\$30. #455615 GRANTED	10-28-68 11-13-70
BRCT-554 R & F \$150 6564. PN Recd. PRESS	12-15-69 12-22-69 " JAN 20 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 1-26-70 re engr. & programming. AMENDED 2-11-70 re legal. AMENDED 2-16-70 re programming.	GRANTED	4-1-70
ENGR. DATA FILED BRCT-554 R & F PN REC PRESS	ED 6-8-70 12-20-72 12-26-72 12-26-72 JAN 5 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Amended 1-22-73 re changes in transmitting equipment. Amended 3-19-73 re programming, equal employment	GRANTED	10-13-73



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

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Letters WOWL-TV

## TELEVISION MUSCLE SHOALS, INCORPORATED

Name  
CH-15 FLORENCE, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-7213 R & F 219969 \$250 AC: 051 PRESS: 4 Form 310	7-26-73 7-30-73 7-30-73	Voluntary transfer of de facto control of license corp. to de jure control by Richard B. Biddle thru merger of Radio Muscle Shoals Inc. into TV Muscle Shoals, Inc.	GRANTED	10-12-73
BRCT-554 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	11-3-75 11-5-75 2 FEB 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Annual Reports Filed No Contours filed Amended 3-18-76 re Section II.	GRANTED	5-10-76



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call  
Letters WOML-TVName TELEVISION MUSCLE SHOALS, INCORPORATED  
CH-15 FLORENCE, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-4940 Received Filed #558788 \$125 #585364 \$375 AC: 001 PRESS: PH REC'D: FEE PAID GRANTED FEE: AC: 001	4-16-76 4-21-76 6-10-76 4-21-76 6-10-76  13 JUL 1976  12-1-76 \$4,500.00	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 1410kW, Aur. 400kW; chg. TL to 6 mi. NW of Russellville, Ala. (34-35-01 87-47-14); chg. type trans. to RCA TTU-30A; type ant. to RCA TPU-36J-DA (BT); and HAAT 730 ft. MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION  Atty.: None Engr.: Frank K. Spain (Tupelo, Mississippi)	GRANTED	10-15-76



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Card No. 7

Call  
Letters COMM. TV  
WCWL-TV

Name TELEVISION MUSCLE SHOALS, INCORPORATED  
Ch. 15 FLORENCE, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCTV-355 R & F Press:	2-28-77 3-3-77 MAY 31 1977	Request for authority to operate transmitter by remote control from: 840 Cypress Mill Road, Florence, Alabama.	GRANTED	5-10-77
BLCT-2560 R & F PRESS:	3-25-77 3-28-77 JUL 20 1977	License to cover (BPCT-4940) for changes. Atty: None	GRANTED	9-30-77
BRCT-781118K R&F PN REC'D PRESS	11-9-78 11-13-78 79 01 30	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	g GRANTED	5-11-79 5-11-79



## 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 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.

