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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-10-48

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LOCATION: BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

WOLVERINE BROADCASTING CO. (BAL-9046 8-22-77 EFF: 10-1-77)

Name of licensee MICHIGAN BROADCASTING COMPANY

On Golden Road, 0.3 mile east of Riverside Drive, Battle Creek, Mich. (MP 2-27-48) Lic 8-10-48
Transmitter location X Approx. 6 1/2 miles south of Battle Creek, Michigan (CP 10-21-47)

390 Golden Avenue, Battle Creek, Michigan (BRC 2-10-64)
X 25 W. Michigan, Battle Creek, Michigan (L c. 8-10-48)

Main studio location X To be determined, Battle Creek, Michigan (CP 10-21-47)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
B2-P-4756	10-21-47	930	1kw-DA	U	12-21 6-21-48
	Order Issued. CP for new station.				
BMP-3468	2-27-48	930	1kw-DA-2	U	12-21 6-21-48
	Mod. CP (4756) to change T site. (COND. CLAUSE)				
BMP-3967	6-14-48	930	Mod. CP (4756 as mod) for ext.		12-21 8-2-48
	of completion date. (COND. CLAUSE)				
BL-3264	8-10-48	930	1kw-DA	U	8-10 5-1-50
	Lic. to cover CP (4756 as mod) for a new station and specify studio site. (COND. CLAUSE)				
BS-2045	4-21-50	Extension of License			5-1 9-1-50
BR-2045	8-31-50	930	1kw-DA	U	8-31 5-1-53.
	Renewal of license.				
BR-2045	4-29-53	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			5-1-53 10-1-55
BR-2045	9-7-55	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			10-1 10-1-58
BR-2045	9-17-58	Renewal of license			10-1 10-1-61
BP-11439	7-26-61	930kc	1kw-5kw-LS DA-2	U	9-26 3-26-62
	CP to increase daytime power to 5kw; install new trans. (RCA 5H) and make changes in DA system (Cond'l) (one add'l tower and change daytime pattern)				
BR-2045	9-28-61	Renewal of License			10-1 10-1-64
BMP-9770	12-6-61	930kc	1kw, 5kw-DA-2	U	9-26 3-26-62
	Mod. of CP (BP-11439) to make changes in night-time DA pattern (Cond'l).				
BL-9161	5-16-62	930kc	1kw, 5kw, DA-2	U	5-16 10-1-64
Main	License to cover CP (BP-11439, as mod.) which auth. incr. daytime power; install new trans. (RCA, BTA-5T) make chgs. in DA system				
BL-9377	8-13-62	930kc	1kw, DA-2 alt-main	U	8-13 10-1-64
Aux.	night, aux.-day License to use old main trans. (BTA BTA-1L) as alt. main trans. night and aux. trans. day (at main trans. loc.) to be operated on 930kc, 1kw, DA-2.				
BRC-2406	10-19-64	Mod. of license to change studio loc. to 390 Golden Ave., Battle Creek, Michigan and operate transmitter by remote control from studio loc. (Main)			
	NOT ISSUED, TO BE ISSUED WITH RENEWAL.				
BRC-2562	8-23-65	Mod. of Lic. oper. Aux. Remote Control. (To be issued with Renewal)			

Form BC 126

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Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BR-2045 ERC-2406	4-29-65	930kc	1kw-5kw	LS-DA-2;U	4-29 10-1-67
BR-2045 ERC-2562	4-29-65	930kc	1kw-DA-2	Aux-day Alt.M,night	4-29 10-1-67
BR-2045	9-11-67	Renewal of License (main&Aux.&Alt.MainTran.)			10-1 10-1-70
BR-2045(L)	9-30-70	Renewal	MAIN & ALT. (L)	M & NDEA (S)	10-1-73
EBSA	5-25-72				
BTC-7585	11-22-74	Invol. TC.	EFF	1-14-75	
BR-2045(L)	2-4-75	RENEWAL	(MAIN & AUX.	ALT.)	10-1-76
BTC-7819	8/21/75	Invol relin of pos con EFF: NOT CONSUMMATED (LTR 9-25-75)			
BR-2045(L)	11-15-76	Renewal	Main & Aux.		10-1-79
BAL-9046	8-22-77	VOL AL	EFF:	10-1-77	
BR790529UI(S)	9-21-79	Renewal	of license		10-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name MICHIGAN BROADCASTING COMPANY
(P.O. 424 Post Building, Battle Creek, Michigan)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-P-4756	4-3-46	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 930 kc. Power: 1 kw. - DA-2 Hours of Operation: Unlimited time. Trans. Location: Approx. 6½ miles south of Battle Creek, Michigan Studio Location: To be determined - Battle Creek, Michigan (Filed by Guilford S. Jameson Atty; Frank H. McIntosh, Engr.)	Docket	7779
Rec'd	4-5-46		Granted after hearing	
Filed	4-30-46		10-21-47 Decision and Order Issued.	

RCA BTA-1L Transmitter

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-3468 Rec'd Filed	12-10-47	Modification of C.P. (B2-P-4756, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change transmitter location from Approx. 6½ miles south of Battle Creek, Michigan to 0.3 miles east of Riverside Drive on Golden Road, Battle Creek, Michigan. Guilford Jameson, Atty.; Andrew F. Inglis, Engr.	GRANTED	2-27-48
	12-12-47		re blanketing clause and subj. further to the condition that permittee moves the power line bordering antenna site or otherwise eliminates its effect upon the DA pattern should such action be necessary to meet proof of performance requirements.	
	12-12-47			
BMP-3967 Rec'd Filed	6-11-48	Mod. of C.P. (B2-P-4756, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from: 6-21-48 to: 8-2-48. (Guilford Jameson, Atty.)	GRANTED	6-14-48
	6-14-48		same cond. as above	
	6-14-48			

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-3264 Rec'd Filed	6-30-48 7-1-48 7-1-48	License to cover C.P. (B2-P-4756, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and specify studio location as 25 W. Michigan, Battle Creek, Michigan. (Guilford Jameson, Atty.) Andrew F. Inglis, Engr.)	GRANTED Cond. Clause	8-10-48
BR-2045 Rec'd	2-15-50 2-23-50	Renewal of license	GRANTED Cond. Clause	8-31-50
BR-2045 Rec'd Filed	1-21-53 1-26-53 1-26-53	Renewal of License	GRANTED	4-29-53

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			Nature	Date
BR-2045	7-1-55	Renewal of license	GRANTED	9-7-55
Rec'd	7-5-55			
Filed	7-5-55			
BP-11,439	7-5-57	Construction permit to increase daytime power from 1kw to 5kw; install new trans. (RCA BTA 5B) and make changes in DA system (one add'l tower and change daytime pattern)	GRANTED	7-26-61
Rec'd	7-12-57			
Filed	7-12-57			
		Atty.- Dempsey & Koplovitz (Let. 2-10-59). Engr. - Lohnes & Culver		
Amend.	10-23-58	AMENDED to make changes in DA pattern.		
R/ & F.	10-27-58			
BR- 2045	6-23-58	Renewal of license	GRANTED	9-17-58
Rec'd	7-3-58			
Filed	7-3-58			

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BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

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			Nature	Date
BR-2045 Rec'd Filed	6-27-61 7-3-61 7-3-61	Renewal of license	GRANTED	9-28-61
BRP-9770 R&F	8-30-61 9-5-61	Mod of CP (BP-11439 which auth incr daytime power; install new trans; and make changes in DA system) to make changes in nighttime DA pattern. Atty: Dempsey and Koplovitz	GRANTED Cond'l re: Phase Mon., Field meas. equip., DA & non-DA proof.	12-6-61
BL-9161 R. & F.	2-5-62 2-8-62	Lic to cover CP(BP-11,439 as mod) which auth. incr daytime power; install new trans; and make changes in DA System. (specify trans. as RCA BTA-5T) Atty- DEMPSEY & KOPLOVITZ	GRANTED	5-16-62
BL-9377 Recd Resub R. & F.	2-2-62 2-8-62 5-4-62 5-7-62	Lic. to use old main trans(RCA BTA-1L) as an alt.main-night & aux.-daytime trans.(at main trans.loc.) to be operated on 930kc, 1kw,DA-2. ATTY-Dempsey & Koplovitz.	Returned Seet. I nec. GRANTED	4-16-62 8-13-62

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Battle Creek, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRC-2406	2-3-64	Modification of license to change studio location to 390 Golden Avenue, Battle Creek, Michigan and operate transmitter by remote control from studio location. (Main Transmitter)	GRANTED	10-19-64
Rec'd	2-6-64		Not issued, to be	
Filed	2-6-64		issued with renewal.	
BR2045	6-26-64	Renewal of license---(Main)	GRANTED	4-29-65
Rec'd	6-29-64			
Filed	6-29-64			
BR-2045	6-26-64	Renewal of license---(Aux.-Alt. Main)	GRANTED	4-29-65
Rec'd	6-29-64			
Filed	8-31-64			

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BRC-2562 Rec'd Filed	11-4-64 11-6-64 11-16-64	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 390 Golden Avenue, Battle Creek, Michigan. (Auxiliary-Day and Alternate Main-Night)	GRANTED Wireless Not issued. To be issued with Ren.	3-23-65
BR-2045 R & F AUG 1 1967	6-26-67 7-3-67	Renewal of license (Main & Aux.-Alt.Main)	GRANTED	9-11-67
BR-2045 Rec'd Filed #613914 \$75 PN PRESS JUL 21 1970	7-1-70 7-2-70 7-5-70 #616368 \$30 7-2-70	Renewal of license (Main & Aux-Alt.Main)	GRANTED	9-30-70
9-30-70 Annual fee \$68.00 deducted from \$75.00 Renewal filing fee. & 7.00 credited to 1971.				

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BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
HR 2045 R & F PN PRESS JUL 17 1973	6-29-73 7-2-73 7-2-73	Renewal of License (Main & Aux-Alt.) AMENDED 11-12-73 re: EEO prog. AMENDED 1-23-74 re: EEO	GRANTED	2-4-75
BTC-7585 R & F FEE PD: \$250 # 361220 CODE 047 (FORM 316) NOV 15 1974	11-29-74 11-5-74	Involuntary transfer of control of lic corp from Robert H. Holmes and David N. Holmes to David N. Holmes (50 plus%) and Donald J. Walbridge, Administrator c.t.a. of the Estate of R.H. Holmes (deceased) Atty - Dempsey & Koplovitz	GRANTED EFF:	11-22-74 1-14-75
BTC-7819 Rec FEE PD: \$50 #461559 CODE 047 (FORM 316) FILED (add'l \$50 pd #462638) AUG 18 1975	8-6-75 8-11-75 8-15-75	Involuntary relinquishment of positive control of lic corp by David N. Holmes thru transfer of stock to Security National Bank of Battle Creek (pledgee) Atty - Fletcher, Heald (R. Hildreth)	GRANTED EFF: NOT CONSUMMATED no gr fee (letter 9-25-75)	8/21/75

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2045 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	5-26-76 6-1-76 % JUL 16 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTER. & AUX. TRANS.) AMENDED 9-13-76 re: EEO & Ownership Report AMENDED 10-12-76 re: programming Remote Control deleted.	GRANTED	11-15-76
BAL-9046 R & F FORM 314 PN Recd.	6-20-77 6-27-77 JUL 18 1977 7-25-77	Voluntary assignment of license to WOLVERINE BROADCASTING CO. (see over) Atty - Dempsey & Koplovitz	GRANTED EFF:	8-22-77 10-1-77
BR 790529 UI PRESS	JUN 22 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTER. & AUX. TRANS.)	GRANTED	9-21-79

RE: BAL-9046 - NOTED: Par.17,Sec.II incorrect(See TableII

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 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. 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 – 3" by 5" filing cards – 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). 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. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

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 radio station history.

