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Form BC-126

June 1954

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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 12-15-58

Call letters W.F.L.N.

Station location Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

FRANKLIN BROADCASTING COMPANY, (AL 4-26-60; EFF: 6-6-60)

Name of licensee ☒ LAWRENCE M.C. SMITH tr/as FRANKLIN BROADCASTING COMPANY

63rd and Essington Ave., Philadelphia, Penna.

Transmitter location ☒ Essington and Passyunk Aves., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (CP 6-20-57)

19128

Main studio location 8200 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

(CP 6-20-57)



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Recd.	Freq.	Pwr.	Time	Period
BP-9633	6-20-57	900kc	1kw	Day-DA	8-20-57 2-20-58
CP for a new standard broadcast station. (cond'l)					
BMP-7057 (1)	10-11-57	Mod. of CP (BP-9633) to make changes in antenna system (move antenna 183' E. of location originally proposed) and correct coordinates.			
BMP-8029 (2)	2-5-58	Mod. of CP (BP-9633 as mod.) for extension of completion date to 6-20-58.			
BMP-8132	5-15-58	Modification of CP (BP-9633 as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type transmitter to (RCA ETA-1000) and make changes in directional antenna system (add third tower). (Cond'L)			
		900kc	1kw	Day-DA	8-20-57 6-20-58
BMP-8136 (1)	5-29-58	Mod. of CP (BP-9633) for extension of completion date to September 20, 1958.			
		900kc	1kw	Day-DA	
BMP-8191	7-18-58	Mod of CP (BP-9633 as mod.) to make changes in antenna system (two tower array) CONDL			
BL-7158	12-15-58	900kc	1kw	Day-DA	12-15 8-1-60
Lic. to cover CP (BP-9633, as mod.) which auth. a new standard broadcast station.					
BL-7158	12-15-58	900kc	1kw	DA-Day	12-15 8-1-60
Superseding authorization correcting studio and transmitter locations.					
BAL-3867	4-26-60	Voluntary assignment of license to Franklin Broadcasting Company			
REF:	6-6-60				
BR-3700	7-7-63	900kc	1kw	Day	8-1 8-1-63
BR-3700	7-31-63	Renewal of license			8-1 8-1-66
BR-3700	10-31-66	900kc	1kw	Day	10-31 8-1-69
BRC-3301 (1)	3-7-69	Operate RC. (P/P).			
BR-3700(1)	8-24-70	Mod. lic. to show (3) towers; No. 1 tower not utilized			



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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters .....W.F.L.N.....

Station location .....

Name of licensee ..SEE CARD #1.....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
TELEGRAM	12-3-70	PSA	124w		
EBSA	6-12-72				
Ltr.	10-15-73	Trans: Sintronic AM-1K-A			
Ltr.	5-30-75	New Trans: Sintronic AM-1K-A			
PS-3700(2)	6-26-75	ML former main as alt.			
BTC-7854	10/8/75	Invol TC EFF:			
BR-3700(L)	12-17-75	RENEWAL			8-1-75
BR-3700(S)	12-31-75	RENEWAL (Main & Alt. Main)			8-1-78
BTC-7891	2/17/76	Vol TC EFF:			"Cond'1"
BS-3700(L)	6-1-76	ML to add condition re. 73.114(A)(8) of the rules			8-1-78
BR-3700(S)	7-12-78	RENEWAL (MAIN & ALT. MAIN)			8-1-81
COMTEL	7-14-80	AUTHORITY & TERMS COMTEL EXTENDED THROUGH			1-23-79 10-15-80
COMTEL	10-21-80	AUTH. & TERMS COMTEL THRU 12-15-80.			1-23-79 EXT.
COMTEL	12-17-80	AUTH. & TERMS COMTEL THRU 3-15-81.			1-23-79 EXT.



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call  
Letters~~New~~ WFLN

Name LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH tr/as FRANKLIN BROADCASTING COMPANY  
PO 8200 Ridge Ave., Philadelphia 28, Pa.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-9633	1-16-55	Construction permit for a new standard broad-	GRANTED	6-20-57
Rec'd	1-17-55	cast station to be operated on:	After Hearing.	
Filed	1-17-55	Frequency: 900kc	Decision & Order issued.	
		Power: 1kw, DA	Docket #11566	
		Hours of Operation: Daytime	Conditions:	
		Trans. Location: <del>8200 Ridge Avenue,</del>	Phase Monitor;	
		Roxboro, Pennsylvania	Field Measuring Equip'mt;	
		Studio Location: 8200 Ridge Ave., Roxboro, Phila., Pa. and complete	non-DA proof	
		Station Location: <del>Ardmore,</del> Pennsylvania	of performance.	
		Frank H McIntosh, Engrs.		
		(Robert E. Baluta, Engr.)		
AMENDED	10-25-55	AMENDED to change transmitter location to		
Rec'd	10-26-55	<del>0.4 mile South of intersection of 61st Street</del>		
FILED	10-26-55	<del>and Passyunk Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.,</del>		
		install directional antenna and change		
		STATION LOCATION TO : PHILADELPHIA, PA.		

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AMENDMENT ON CARD #2



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FORM A-170

Call  
Letters **WFLN**Name **LAWRENCE M. G. SMITH tr/as FRANKLIN BROADCASTING COMPANY**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-9633 (Continued from Card #1).				
AMENDED	12-23-55	AMENDED to change transmitter location to		
Rec'd	12-27-55	Essington Avenue and Passyunk Avenue,		
Filed	1-4-56	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.		
AMENDED	6-27-56	AMENDED to make changes in the DA pattern.		
Rec'd	6-29-56			
Filed	7-2-56			
BMP-7887	9-12-57	Modification of construction permit		
Rec'd	9-26-57	(BP-9633 which authorized a new standard	GRANTED	10-11-57
Filed	9-26-57	broadcast station) to make change in antenna		
		system (Move antenna 183 feet east of location		
		originally proposed) and correct coordinates.		
		Atty's: Hilmer & Cooper		



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call

Letters W F L N

Name

LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH TR/AS FRANKLIN BROADCASTING COMPANY.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-8029 Rec'd Filed	1-14-58 1-17-58 1-17-58	Modification of construction permit (EP-9633 as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 2-20-58 to 6-20-58. Atty's: Hilmer & Cooper.	GRANTED	2-5-58
BMP-8132 Rec'd Filed	5-1-58 5-2-58 5-2-58	Modification of construction permit (EP-9633 as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type transmitter to (RCA BTA-1MX) and make changes in direc- tional antenna system (add third tower).	GRANTED	5-15-58
Amend't Rec'd Filed	5-13-58 5-14-58 5-14-58	Atty's Hilmer & Cooper Amended to make changes in Directional antenna system.	Cond' 1	



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters

Name

LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH TR/AS FRANKLIN BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-8135 Rec'd Filed	5-12-58 5-14-58 5-14-58	Modification of construction permit (BP-9633 as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 6-30-58 to 9-30-58.	GRANTED	5-29-58
BMP-8191 Rec'd Filed	7-14-58 7-15-58 7-15-58	Modification of c.p. (BP-9633 as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to make changes in antenna system (two tower array).  Atty's: Hilmer & Cooper.	GRANTED	7-18-58  Condl re phase monitor; field meas. equip; & complete non-D proof.



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name **FRANKLIN BROADCASTING COMPANY**  
**X LAWRENCE M.C. SMITH tr/as FRANKLIN BROADCASTING COMPANY**  
**PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

Call  
 Letters **W F L N**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-7158	7-14-58	License to cover C.P. (BP-9633 as modified) which authorized a new Standard Broadcast Station.	GRANTED	12-15-58
Rec'd	7-15-58			
Filed	7-15-58			
BL-3867	4-7-60	Voluntary assignment of license to Franklin Broadcasting Company. Lucien Hilmer, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	4-26-60 6-6-60
Rec'd	4-11-60			
Filed	4-11-60			
BR-3700	4-15-60	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	7-7-60
Rec'd&Filed	4-18-60			
BR-3700	4-26-63	Renewal of license Atty. Raymond S. Green(Philadelphia).	GRANTED	7-31-63
R & F	4-29-63			
BR-3700	4-18-66	Renewal of License	GRANTED	10-31-66
R & F	4-18-66			



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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WFLN

Name FRANKLIN BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRC-3301 R & F #471494 \$30 NOV 22 1968	11-6-68 11-12-68 11-12-68	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 8200 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (DA-N). Engr. William E. Benns, III	GRANTED	3-7-69
BR-3700 R & F #509296 \$75 PRESS MAY 1969	4-18-69 4-24-69 4-24-69	Renewal of License AMENDED 7-9-69 re: program duplication & financial data	GRANTED	7-13-69
BR-3700 R & F PN Recd. PRESS APR 24 1972	4-14-72 4-18-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Main & Alt.Main) PETITION TO PREVENT CONTINUED VIOLATION OF COMMISSION'S EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES RULES Filed 7-3-72 by Communications Coalition; Congress of African People & Black Affairs Council MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE OPPOSITION filed 7-14-72 by Franklin Broadcasting Company OPPOSITION OF FRANKLIN BROADCASTING COMPANY TO PETITION TO PREVENT CONTINUED VIOLATION OF COMMISSION'S EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES RULES filed 7-31-72 by Reed Miller, Atty. MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 7-26-72 by WASHINGTON, D. C. Coalition. (AM&FM) (over) AMENDED 8-2-72 re: prog.; employment policy	GRANTED	12-17-75 12-31-75



BR-3700 -MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 9-18-72 by  
Communications Coalition, et. al.

REPLY TO LICENSEES' OPPOSITIONS TO PETITION TO PREVENT  
CONTINUED VIOLATIONS OF COMMISSION'S EEO RULES filed  
9-19-72 by Robert Jay Stein on behalf of Citizens  
Communications Center.

September 21, 1972 additional pages to be filed with  
"REPLY TO LICENSEES' OPPOSITIONS TO PETITION TO PREVENT  
CONTINUED VIOLATIONS OF COMMISSION'S EEO RULES" filed  
by Robert Jay Stein on behalf of CCC

BR-3700 AMENDED 10-26-72 re: programming;description of  
student training program

SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION TO PREVENT CONTINUED VIOLATION OF  
COMMISSION'S EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES RULES filed  
5-21-74 by Petitioners

MOTION TO STRIKE SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION filed 5-30-74  
by Reed Miller, counsel for WFLN (AM&FM)

OPPOSITION TO MOTIONS TO STRIKE AND REPLY TO OPPOSITIONS  
TO PETITIONERS' SUPPLEMENT TO THEIR PETITION TO PREVENT  
CONTINUED VIOLATION OF COMMISSIONS EQUAL EMPLOYMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES RULES filed 6-12-74 by Janet C. Whitaker et al  
SUPPLEMENT TO OPPOSITION TO MOTIONS TO STRIKE AND REPLY TO  
OPPOSITIONS TO PETITIONERS SUPPLEMENT TO THEIR PETITION  
TO PREVENT CONTINUED VIOLATION OF COMMISSIONS EQUAL EMPLOY-  
MENT OPPORTUNITIES RULES filed 6-25-74 by Petitioners

AMENDED 4-10-75 re: programming

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 3-27-75 as an amendment  
to pending renewal. FN 3-27-75

**MAY 27 1975**

AMENDED 5-13-75 re: EEO

AMENDED 6-19-75 re: ascert. of comm. needs

AMENDED 7-2-75 re: EEO

AMENDED 8-13-75 re: change in officers

AMENDED 9-10-75 re: stockholders

REPLY OF WFLN TO COMMENTS OF PETITIONERS TO DENY IN  
RESPONSE TO THE AMENDMENTS TO THE EEO PROGRAM filed  
9-29-75 by Reed Miller on behalf of Station WFLN



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

900khz

Call  
Letters WFLH

Name Franklin Broadcasting Company  
Philadelphia, Penna.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
ETC-7854 Rec'd FILED FEE 10: \$200 # 476980 (INCLUDES FM) (Form 316) OCT 1 1975	9-8-75 9-10-75 9-16-75	Involuntary transfer of control of lic corp from Lawrence M.C. Smith to Eleanor Houston Smith, Executrix of the Estate of Lawrence M.C. Smith(deceased) (see over) Atty - Arnold & Porter	GRANTED EFF: no fee	10/8/75
ETC-7891 R & F FEE 10: \$200 # 497733 CASE 047 (ALSO SEE FM) NOV 25 1975 PN filed	11-10-75 11-12-75 12/2/75	Voluntary transfer of con rol of lic corp from Eleanor Houston Smith, Executrix of the Estate of Lawrence M.C. Smith(deceased) to Eleanor Houston Smith and Samuel Frederic Houston Smith, as Trustees Atty - Arnold & Porter(R. Miller) AMENDED 2-2-76 - Sec.II filed	GRANTED EFF: NO FEE	2/17/76 "Cond'1"



RE: BTC-7854 - correction re date of death filed 9-25-75



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900khz

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May 1976

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters W F L NName FRANKLIN BROADCASTING COMPANY  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3700 R & F PRESS	3-29-78 " APR 24 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTER. TRANS.) Reed Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	7-12-78
BRH810401XV PRESS	MAY 14 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. Reed Miller	grd	7-7-81 ISSUED



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

