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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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9-10-59

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DEBRA W. JACKSON (AL gr 4/12/76 EFF: 4/15/76)

x JULIAN A. WATTERS, III and DEBRA W. JACKSON

Station location Butler, Alabama

x dba BUTLER BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL. 12-24-74; EFF: 1-13-75)

x JULIAN A. WATTERS, III, tr/as BUTLER BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL-9-24-65; EFF: 10-1-65)

x PAUL D. NICHOLS AND HOUSTON L. PEARCE d/b as RADIO BUTLER COMPANY (BAL 10-5-61 EFF: 10-16-61)

Name of licensee PAUL D. NICHOLS, WILLIAM C. REID AND HOUSTON L. PEARCE d/b as RADIO BUTLER CO.

North side of Hwy. 10, 0.5 miles West of Butler, Alabama BP 5-16-

Transmitter location ~~XX~~ 1.2 mi. N.E. of Courthouse on Hwy. 17, Butler, Alabama (BP-3-25-59) 77

36904 North side of Hwy. 10, 0.5 miles West of Butler, Alabama (BP-5-16-77)
Main studio location ~~XX~~ 1.2 mi. N.E. of Courthouse on Hwy. 17, Butler, Alabama (BP-3-25-59)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Day	Period From - To
BP-12144	3-25-59	1220kc	1kw	Day	5-25 11-25-59
	CP for a new standard broadcast station.				
BL-731	3-29-61	1220kc	1kw	Day	5-25 11-25-59
	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.				
BR-3783	7-12-61	Renewal of License			7-12 4-1-64
BAL-4336 EFF:	10-5-61 10-16-61	Voluntary assignment of license to Paul D. Nichols and Houston L. Pearce d/b as Radio Butler Company.			
BP-14699 (Cond'1)	9-6-62	1240kc	250w, 1kw-LS	U	11-6 5-6-63
	CP to change frequency to 1240kc, change hours of operation to Unlimited using power to 250w-1kw-LS.				
BL-9720	4-18-63	1240kc	250w-1kw	U	4-18 4-1-64
	Lic. to cover CP (BP-14,699) which auth. chg. freq; and hours (from Day to U)				
BR-3783	3-17-64	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-67
BAL-5551 EFF	9-24-65 10-1-65	Voluntary assignment of lic. to Julian A. Watters, III, tr/as BUTLER BROADCASTING COMPANY			
BR-3783	3-29-67	1240kc	250w-1kw-LS	U	4-1 4-1-70
BZ-6895 (1)	7-31-68	Direct Mea.			
BRC-3358(2)	7-18-69	Operate RC.			
BR-3783(L)	8-19-70	RENEWAL & NDEA			4-1-73
EBSA	5-25-72				
BAL-8306	12-24-74	Vol. AL.			EFF: 1-13-75
BR-3783(L)	4-12-76	RENEWAL			4-1-79
BAL-8421	4/12/76	Vol AL			EFF: 4/15/76
BP-20,683(L)	5-16-77	CP to chg. trans. & studio loc. and increase ant. height to 300' to accomodate new FM station			
		5-16-78			
BR-3783(L)	5-11-79	Renewal of License			4-1-82

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Letters NEW W.P.R.N.Name PAUL D. NICHOLS, WILLIAM C. REID and HOUSTON L. PEARCEd/b as RADIO BUTLER CO.(P.O. - c/o Houston L. Pearce, Whitfield, Ala.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-12,144 Rec'd Filed	6-28-58 7-3-58 7-3-58	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1220kc Power - 1kw Hours of operation - Daytime Trans. location - 1.2 mi N.E. of Courthouse on Hwy 17, Butler, Alabama Studio location - Same as transmitter Engr. - W.J. Holey, Atlanta, Ga.	GRANTED	3-25-59
BL-7551 R & F	6-22-59 6-23-59	Lic. to cover c.p. (BP-12,144) for new standard broadcast station. <i>Wanda M. Gray, Engr. Birmingham, Ala.</i>	GRANTED	9-10-59

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Butler, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3783 Rec'd Filed	12-27-60 12-29-60 12-29-60	Renewal of license	GRANTED	7-12-61
BP-14,699 Rec'd Filed	2-21-61 2-23-61 2-23-61	Construction Permit to change frequency from 1220kc to 1240kc; change hours of operation from Daytime to Unlimited using power of 250w-1kwLS	GRANTED	9-6-62
Amend Rec'd Filed	6-11-62 6-13-62 6-13-62	Eng. James B. Scanlon, Memphis, Tenn. AMENDED to change applicant to Paul D. Nichols and Houston L. Pearce d/b as Radio Butler Co.	Cond'l re Permittee shall submit with the applic. for license antenna resistance meas. re: Permittee shall accept such interf. as may be imposed by other existing 250w Class IV stations	
BAL-4336 Rec'd Filed	9-16-61 9-18-61 9-18-61	Voluntary assignment of license to Paul D. Nichols and Houston L. Pearce d/b as Radio Butler Company.	GRANTED EFF:	10-5-61 10-16-61

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JULIAN A. WATTERS, III, tr/as BUTLER BROADCASTING

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x Paul D. Nichols, William O. Reid and Houston L. Pearce d/b as

COMPANY

RADIO BUTLER COMPANY

Name

Butler, Alabama

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			Nature	Date
BL-9720 R. & F.	10-1-62 10-2-62	Lic to cover CP(BP-14,699) which auth chg frequency; chg hours (from Day to U) using 205w-1kw-LS U.	GRANTED	4-18-63
BR-3783 Rec'd Filed	12-31-63 1-6-64 1-6-64	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-17-64
EAL-5551 R & F	8-11-65 8-16-65	Voluntary assignment of license to JULIAN A. WATTERS, III, tr/as BUTLER BROADCASTING COMPANY	GRANTED EFF	9-24-65 10-1-65
BR-3783 R & F	12-29-66 1-3-67	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-29-67
BZ-6895 R & F DM JUL 30 1968	5/1/68 6/19/68 6/28/68	Direct Meas.	GRANTED	7-31-68

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Letters W P R NName JULIAN A. WATTERS, III, tr/as BUTLER BROADCASTING COMPANY
Butler, Alabama 36904

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ. Rec'd RESUB: R DM	3/17/69 2/24/69 3/17/69 3/21/69 4/1/69	Direct Meas.	RETURNED Seet-F RETURNED by General Manager Issued with renewal	2-25-69 no 5-7-69 signed
BRC-3358 Rec'd Resub. R & F #528675\$30	5-22-69 6-2-69 7-14-69 7-16-69 7-18-69	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from Butler City Hall, 114 N. Academy Street, Butler, Alabama. (By Employees of the Station only)	RECEIVED signed by General Manager. GRANTED	6-6-69 7-18-69

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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R-3783 & F 570620 \$75. P.N.	1-2-70 1-13-70 1-13-70 1-13-70	Renewal of License Atty.: Leonard S. Joyce FILED 5-26-70 AMENDED 5-26-70 re: financial data; programming AMENDED 8-4-70 re: commercial policy	GRANTED	8-19-70
BR-3783 R & F PN Recd. PRESS FEB 1 1973	1-2-73 " "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Sheldon C. Hofferma, Atty. (Mullin & Rhyne) PETITION TO DENY AND INTERVENE filed 3-1-73 by Anthony Butler, Individually and on behalf of Choctaw Civic League et al MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO RESPOND TO PETITION TO DENY RENEWAL OF LICENSE filed 3-14-73 by Sheldon C. Hofferma, counsel for WPRN MOTION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO RESPOND TO PETITION TO DENY RENEWAL OF LICENSE filed 4-13-73 by Sheldon C. Hofferma, Counsel for Butler B/C Company OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY AND INTERVENE filed 4-23-73 by Butler B/C Company (amendment over) Grant cond'l on consumm- ation of BAL-8421 within 60 days.	GRANTED	4-12-76

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

Letter 10-22-70 re: 302's not resubmitted. (Ret. 5-7-69

BZ)

BR-3783 AMENDED 4-23-73 re: programming

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY filed
5-2-73 by Choctaw Civic League & Black Concerned
Citizens of Choctaw County

COMMENTS ON MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME to file Reply
to licensee's opposition filed 5-10-73 by Sheldon C.
Hofferman, Counsel for Julian A. Watters, III

RESPONSE TO LICENSEE'S COMMENTS ON MOTION FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME filed 5-15-73 by Petitioners

SUPPLEMENT TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY AND
INTERVENE filed 5-14-73 by Butler Broadcasting Company
RESPONSE TO LICENSEE'S COMMENTS ON MOTION FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME filed 5-15-73 by Lewis J. Paper, Counsel for
Petitioners

REPLY TO "OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY AND INTERVENE"
filed 6-22-73 by Petitioners

MOTION TO STRIKE AMENDMENT TO LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION
filed 6-22-73 by Petitioners

LETTER from Petitioners filed 6-22-73 requesting to
inspect the annual financial reports for station WPRN
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO RESPOND ON
MOTION TO STRIKE AMENDMENT TO LICENSE RENEWAL APPLIC.
filed 7-6-73 by Radio Station WPRN

OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO STRIKE AMENDMENT TO LICENSE
RENEWAL filed 7-13-73 by Sheldon C. Hofferman, Counsel
for WPRN

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO STRIKE AMENDMENT TO
LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION filed 7-23-73 by Choctaw
Civic League et al

AFFIDAVIT TO PETITION TO DENY filed 9-6-73 by Petitioner
WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION TO DENY filed 3-5-74 by Petitioner
AMENDED 9-19-74 re: statement on alleged violations

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 11-28-75 as an amendment
to pending renewal. PN 11-28-75 JAN 7 1976

MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF THE PETITION TO DENY WPRN'S
RENEWAL APPLICATION GRANTED per comm. ltr. 4-9-76

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September

DEBRA W. JACKSON

XJULIAN A. WATERS, III and DEBRA W. JACKSON dba

XBUTLER BROADCASTING COMPANY

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Letters W P R NName XJULIAN A. WATERS III, tr/as BUTLER BROADCASTING COMPANY
Butler, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BAL-8306 R & F FEE PD: \$250 # 372381 CODE 047 (FORM 316) DEC 17 1974	11-27-74 12-10-74	Voluntary assignment of license to JULIAN A. WATERS, III, and DEBRA W. JACKSON dba BUTLER BROADCASTING COMPANY Atty - Mullin, Connor & Rhyne	GRANTED EFF:	12-24-74 1-13-75
BAL-8421 R & F FEE PD \$200 #435930 CODE 047 PN filed 6-25-75 JUL 10 1975	5-30-75 6-4-75	Voluntary assignment of license to DEBRA W. JACKSON Atty - Mullin, Connor & Rhyne	GRANTED EFF: FEE REQ:	4/12/76 4/15/76 pd W 565868
BP-20,683 R & F \$200-618250 AC-001 Amended 11-9-76 re:	6-17-76 6-17-76 6-17-76	CP to chg. trans. & studio loc. to Hwy. 10 W. .75 mi. E. Center Butler, Alabama, inc. antenna height to 300' to accomodate new FM station. 320 06' 02" 88° 14' 07" Eng. ant. coverage	GRANTED	5-16-77 Major Environmental Act. under Sec. 1.1305 of the rules

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Name DEBRA W. JACKSON
BUTLER, ALABAMA

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BR781204WE PRESS:	FEB 14 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	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 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.

