

W J S M-PM

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FREQUENCY MODULATION

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

W J S M-FM(EFF:6-26-67)

Date first licensed 6-23-65

Call letters X W J S M

Station location MARTINSBURG, PA.

SHERWOOD B. HAWLEY AND LARRY S. WALTERS DBA
SHERWALT MEDIA ASSOCIATES (ALH gr 8/29/75 EFF: 10/12/75)

Name of licensee X KENNETH W. FERRY tr/as BEACON BROADCASTING CONCERN

1. mi. E. of Clover Creek, Martinsburg, Pa. (Redesc. PH 8-24-65) L 2-10-66

X R.D. #2, Martinsburg, Pennsylvania (LH-6-23-65)

Transmitter location X 1.4 mi. E. of Clover Creek, Martinsburg, Pa. (PH 6-2-64)

118 Locust Street, Martinsburg, Pennsylvania (Ltr. 6-13-79)

ZIP 16662

X R.D. #2, Martinsburg, Pennsylvania (LH-6-23-65)

Main studio location X To be determined, Martinsburg, Pa. (PH 6-2-64)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period | |
|---|-------------|--|----------------------------|-----------|----------|----------------|
| | | | | | From | To |
| BPH-3828 HAAT:840' | 6-2-64 | 92.7mcs Ch.#224 | ERP:260w TPO:300w | Unl. | 8-2-64 | station 2-2-65 |
| CP for a new Class A FM broadcast/with RC oper. of trans. from studio location. | | | | | | |
| BMPH-7903 (1) | 10-6-64 | Mod. of CP(BPH-3828) to chg. ant.-trans. loc. (no site chg.); install vert. polarized ant. (Collins 300-C-1, 1 sect.); incr. TPO to 610w; and chg. ERP to 260w(H&V) & HAAT to 840'(H) & 830'(V); ext. completion to 4-6-65 | | | | |
| BMPH-8214 (2) | 3-30-65 | Mod. of CP(BPH-3828, as mod.) to chg. type trans. (Gates FM-1C); chg. type polarized ant. (Gates FMA-1/300-1, 1 hor. & 1 vert. secs.); and incr. TPO to 650w; ext. completion date to 6-6-65 | | | | |
| BLH-2885 HAAT: 840' (H) 830' (V) | 6-23-65 | 92.7mcs CH.#224 | ERP:260w(H&V) TPO:650w | U | 6-23 | 8-1-66 |
| Lic to cover CP(BPH-3828 as mod) which auth a new FM broadcast station | | | | | | |
| BPH-5040 HAAT:610ft. (H) 600' (V) | 8-24-65 | 92.7mc. Ch.#224 | ERP:390w.(h&v) TPO:1kw. | Unl. | 10-24-65 | 4-24-66 |
| Construction permit to increase TPO; increase ERP; and decrease HAAT; | | | | | | |
| BLH-3107 (1) | 2-10-66 | Lic to cover CP(BPH-5040) which auth incr. TPO & ERP & decrease HAAT. | | | | |
| BPH-1699 | 8-11-66 | 92.7mc | 390w | U | 8-11 | 8-1-69 |
| BPH-1699(2) | 7-24-69 | Renewal | | | | |
| Comtel | 4-5-72 | Auth. remain silent to | | | | 6-30-72 |
| EBSA | 5-22-72 | | | | | |
| BRH-1699 | 7-31-72 | Renewal of license | | | | 8-1-75 |
| BSB-1699(1) | 6-10-74 | ML to correct coordinates | | | | |
| BRH-1699(1) | 7-23-75 | RENEWAL | | | | 8-1-78 |
| BALH-2152 | 8/29/75 | Vol AL EFF: 10/12/75 | | | | |
| BRH-1699 | 7-12-78 | (L) REN. OF LIC. | | | | 8-1-81 |
| Ltr. recd | 6-13-79 | Chg. SL (See front of card #1) | | | | |

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters new FM W J S M

Name KENNETH W. FERRY tr/as
BEACON BROADCASTING CONCERN
MARTINSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|--|---|---|--|----------------------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BPH-3828 Amend Rec'd Amend & Resub R&F | CON'T 8-21-63 8-23-63 11-26-63 11-27-63 | 92.7mc CH 224 Amended to chg. freq. to 98.3mc -GM-252, dec. ERP to 260 watts, dec. HAAT to 844 feet chg. type antenna (Collins 37M-1), change type transmitter (Collins 830 D-1), dec. TPO to 305 watts and decrease antenna height | -REF'D - NOV-5--1963 -NOT-IN-CONFORMANCE -WITH-RULES- SEE CARD #1 | |
| BMPH-7903 R&F | 7-6-64 7-10-64 | Mod of CP (BPH-3828 which auth a new FM B/C station) to move ant-trans loc, incr TPO to .626kw, install vertical polarized ant (Collins-300-C-1, 1 sect), ^{inc hgt} install circular polarization using ERP of .26kw, and incr HAAT to 844'. Atty: <u>Frank Stollenwerck</u> | GRANTED | 10-6-64 to 4-6-65 |

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WJSM

Name KENNETH W. FERRY TR/AS BEACON BROADCASTING CONCERN
MARTINSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|-------------------|---------------------|--|---------|----------------------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BMPH-8214 R&F | 3-11-65 3-12-65 | Modification of CP (BPH-3828 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to change type trans (Gates-FM-1C); change type vertical ant (Gates-300-1, 1 section); change type horizontal ant (Gates-300-1, 1 section); and decrease TPO to .647kw. Atty: Alk & Lubic | GRANTED | 3-30-65 to 6-6-65 |
| BLH-2885 R&F | 4-1-65 4-5-65 | License to cover CP (BPH-3828 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station. Atty: Alk & Lubic | GRANTED | 6-23-65 |
| BPH-5040 R&F | 7-20-65 7-20-65 | Construction permit to increase TPO to 1kw, increase ERP to .392kw and decrease HAAT to 611'. | GRANTED | 8-24-65 |
| BLH-3107 R & F | 12/9/65 12/14/65 | Lic. to cover CP (BPH-5040) which auth. incr. TPO & ERP and decrease HAAT. | GRANTED | 2-10-66 |

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 XW J S M

Name KENNETH W. FERRY TR/AS BEACON BROADCASTING CONCERN.....
 Martinsburg, Pennsylvania

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BRH-1699 R & F | 5-18-66 5-27-66 | Renewal of license Atty- Stollenwerck & Douglas | GRANTED | 8-11-66 |
| BRH-1699 R & F #506802 \$75. PRESS MAY 20 1969 | 4-5-69 4-15-69 4-15-69 | Renewal of license Atty-George Douglas AMENDED 7-7-69 re: Programming | GRANTED | 7-24-69 |
| BRH-1699 R & F P.N. PRESS MAY 13 1972 | 5-1-72 5-3-72 5-3-72 | Renewal of License | GRANTED | 7-31-72 |
| 6-21-72. By Comm. Order, BRH-1699 | 3-29-75 | Waiver Section 73.261(a) DENIED. Minimum Operation, RENEWAL OF LICENSE | GRANTED | 7-23-75 |
| R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAY 14 1975 | 4-1-75 " | | | |

AMENDED 4-22-69 re: Exhs. 1 & 17

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SHERWOOD B. HAWLEY AND LARRY S. WALTERS DBA SHERWALT MEDIA ASSOCIATES

Name *Kenneth W. Ferry tr/as Beacon Broadcasting Concern
Martinsburg, Penna.

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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BALH-2152 R & F FEE PD \$100/44318 CODE 049 & \$100 (ALSO SEE AM) 22 JUL 1975 | 6-27-75 6-30-75 | Voluntary assignment of license to SHERWOOD B. HAWLEY and LARRY S. WALTERS dba SHERWALT MEDIA ASSOCIATES Atty - Fisher, Wayland etc(J. Pellegrin) | GRANTED EFF: gr fee req fee pd | 8-29-75 10/12/75 10/28/75 W 491284 |
| BRH-1699 R & F PRESS | 3-27-78 3-30-78 APR 19 1978 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE | GRANTED | 7-12-78 |
| BRH-810401XJ PRESS: | MAY 26 1981 4-1-81 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE public notice | grtd. | 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.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) 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 radio station history.

