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June 1954  
Official No. 1567

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

FM BROADCAST

Date first licensed OCTOBER 2, 1964

W Q L R (EFF: 6-24-72)  
4-11-66  
X WSEO-FM (Wire 3-21-66; Eff: 3-23-66)  
Call letters X W K M I-FM

Station location KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

Name of licensee FAIRFIELD BROADCASTING COMPANY (ALH 5-23-72 ; EFF: 6-29-72)  
~~X STARR BROADCASTING CORPORATION~~

Transmitter location 2.9 miles south-southwest of Prairieville, Michigan (PH-8-3-73)  
3 J.P.C. (LH 10-2-64)  
3.5 mi. NE of city on Gull Rd., Kalamazoo, Mich. (PH 10-8-63)

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Main studio location Suite 334, Industrial State Bank Building, 151 South Rose, \* (BSH-7-7-72)  
Kalamazoo, Michigan  
X 1360 Melody Lane, Kalamazoo, Mich. (PH 10-8-63)(LH 10-2-64)

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-3894 HAAT: 285'	10-8-63	106.5mc	ERP: 23.5kw Ch. 293 TPO: 5kw	Unl.	12-8-63 to 6-8-64 (Cond' 1)
<u>CP for a new Class B FM broadcast station.</u>					
BMPH-7734 (1)	1-7-64	Mod. of CP(BPH-3894) to chg. type trans. (Gates FM-5B); chg. type ant. (Gates FMA-6A, 6 secs.); incr. ERP to 23.5kw; and chg. transmission line.			
BLH-2557 HAAT: 285'	10-2-64	106.5mc	ERP: 23.5kw Ch. #293 TPO: 5kw	Unl.	10-2-64 to 10-1-67
Lic. to cover CP(BPH-3894, as mod.) which auth. a new FM broadcast station.					
BPH-1567	9-8-67	106.5mc	23.5kw	U	10-1-67 to 10-1-70
(Renewal of NDEA)					
BTC-5755	10-28-68	Invol. TC			
BRSB-1567 (1)	1-30-69	Obstruction marking chgs per ASB			
BRH-1567(5)	9-30-70	Renewal and NDEA			10-1-73
BTC-6668	10-29-71	VOL. TC			
BALH-1651	5-23-72	Vol. ALH			
EBSA	5-25-72				
BSH-1567(2)	7-6-72	Change SL and RC location.			
Comtel	7-7-72	Trans: Gates Type FMS-5B mod. with Gates Type TE-3 exciter and 994-6533 Stereo Generator.			
BPH-8448 HAAT: 550'	8-3-73 (H&V)	106.5mhz.	ERP: 40kw(H&V) #293 Class B (RC)		8-3-74
CP chg. TL, install new trans., ant., make chgs. ant system (incr. hgt.) chg. TPO, ERP, HAAT.					
BSCA-1286	9-27-73	SCA 67 kilohertz			
BRH-1567(L)	9-27-73	RENEWAL			10-1-76
BLH-6065(L)	4-22-74	Lic. (BPH-8448) Changes			10-1-76
BLH-6509(L)	3-26-75	Aux. trans. & ant. for aux. purp. only.			10-1-76
HAAT: 285' - ERP: 23.5kw RC (at former main TL)					

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Station location .....

Name of licensee SEE CARD NO. 1

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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BPH-10248 HAAT: 600' {L}	11-16-76 H&V CP	106.5MHz chg TPO	ERP: ERP	33kw H&V HAAT &	U {RC} Ant 11-16-77
RH-1567{S}	9-15-76	Renewal of license Main & Aux. & Ant.			10-1-79
BMPH-15308(1)	11-29-77	MP(BPH-10248) ext time to			5-16-78
BLH-7764 HAAT: 600'	6-29-78	106.5MHz #293 Lic. (BPH-10248, as mod.)	ERP: 33kw (H&V) (RC) U	for chgs.	10-1-79
BRH790531WN (S)	9-21-79	RENEWAL (MAIN, AUX TRANS & ANT)			10-1-82

FORM BC-121  
AUG. 1955

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters SEE WKMI-FM

Name STERE BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN (P.O. Howard D. Steers, 1360 Melody Lane, Kalamazoo, Mich.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-3894 Rec'd Filed	9-27-62 10-1-62 10-1-62	CP for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 106.5mc CH 293 ERP 23kw Type Antenna- RCA-BFA-6A (6 sections) HAAT 283 feet Type transmitter - RCA-BTF-5D Trans. location - On Gull Road, 3 1/2 mi (Same as AM) NE of Kalamazoo, Michigan TPO: 5kw Kalamazoo, Mich. Studio location - 1360 Melody Lane, Kalamazoo, Michigan Remote Control - Same as studio	GRANTED Cond'l re	10-8-63 WKMI submit 302s

FORM BC-121 #2  
AUG. 1955

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call WSEO-FM  
Letters XWFL-FM

Name STEERE BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
BALABAZOO, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-7734 R & F	11-22-63 11-26-63	Mod. of CP (BPH-3894 which auth a new FM B/C station) to chg type trans (GATEO-FM-5B) & type ant (GATEO-FM-6A, 6 sect), <i>Chay</i> ELP from 13kw to 23.6kw and chg transmission line. Atty: Fisher, Wayland, Luvall & Southmayd.	GRANTED	1-7-64
BLH-2557 R & F	5-14-64 5-18-64	Lic to cover CP (BPH-3894 as mod) which auth a new FM B/C station. Atty: John P. Southmayd	granted	10-2-64
BHH-1567 R & F	6-15-67 6-16-67	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	9-8-67
BTO-5755 R & F PER PD: \$30 (Form 326)	10 -68 10-14-68	Involuntary transfer of control of Lic. corp. from Howard D. Steere to Mrs. Pauline Steere and Jeremiah D. Berkey, Co-Executors of the Estate of Howard D. Steere, Deceased	GRANTED	10-28-68

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WSEB-TV

Name STEERE BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1567 R & F #612645\$75. P.N. S.P.N	6-2-70 6-30-70 6-30-70 6-30-70 7-13-70 JUL 15 1970	Renewal of License  Atty: John P. Southmayd	GRANTED	9-30-70
--- BTC-5658 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 #003221 ALSO SEE AM SEP 21 1971	8-14-71 9-9-71	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Mrs. John W. Paige (formerly Mrs. Pauline Steere) and Jeremiah D. Berkey, Co-Executors of the Estate of Howard D. Steere, Deceased, to Jeremiah D. Berkey, trustee of Howard D. Steere Residual and Marital Trusts  Atty - Fisher, Wayland etc (J.P. Southmayd)	GRANTED	10-29-71 EFP: 12-31-71 (per 323)
Pub. notice filed 10-26-71				

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Name  FAIRFIELD BROADCASTING COMPANY  
 STERE BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BALH-1651 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 #048673 CODE 049 MAR 21 1972 Pub. notice filed 4-13-72	2-29-72 3-8-72	Voluntary assignment of license to FAIRFIELD BROADCASTING COMPANY (SEE OVER FOR AMENDMENTS) Atty for assignor - J.P. Southmayd for assignee - Arent, Fox etc	GRANTED Req. Grant fee \$3,000.00 Paid: 050, 6-27-72, W086076 Eff: 6-23-72.	5-23-72
BPH-8448 R & F #192774 \$200 Code 015 Press P. N. Rec'd JUN 18 1973 6-21-73	5-24-73 5-29-73 5-29-73	CP to chg. TL to: 2.9 miles S-SW of Prairieville, Michigan; install new trans. (Gates FM-20H3); install new ant. (Gates FMC-5, 5 sects. (H&V); make chg. ant. system (increase height); chg. TPO; ERP: 40.0KW(H&V) and HAAT: 550' (H&V). (42° 28' 32" - 85° 29' 22")  Atty: David Tillotson	GRANTED req. grant fee \$1800 pd 014 9-14-73 232382	8-3-73

RE: BALH-1651 - AMENDED 3-27-72 - Sec. IV-A & 506 (senior)

AMENDED 4-17-72 - financial & programming data

REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF TAX CERTIFICATE - Filed 4-27-72

AMENDED 5-16-72 - legal & financial data (assignee)

AMENDED 5-22-72 - Letter agreement (signed) (same as above)

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RECEIVED & REFUND ACTION  
BALH-1651

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September 1969

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Letters W Q L RName **FAIRFIELD BROADCASTING COMPANY**  
**KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BRH-1567 R & F PN Recd. PRESS AUG 1 1973	6-21-73 6-28-73 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Peter Tannenwald, Atty. (Arent, & Kahn)	GRANTED	9-27-73
BSCA-1,286 R & F #228438 \$50 Code 057 Press SEP 16 1973	8-10-73 8-30-73 8-31-73	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kilohertz.  Atty: David Tillotson	GRANTED	9-27-73
BLH-6065 R & F W 261356-\$50 PDA PRESS FEB 4 1974	12-14-73 12-17-73 12-17-73-AC-057 12-26-73	Lic. (BPH-8448)-Changes  -Atty: Arent, Fox, et al (David Tillotson)	GRANTED	4-22-74

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Kalamazoo, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BLH-6509 Rec'd <u>W 334124-850</u> *Amended & F PTA PRESS	7-27-74 <del>8-8-74</del> 8-8-74-057 11-29-74 12-13-74 JAN 13 1975	Lic. to use former main transmitter (GATES, FMS-5B, mod. w/Gates, TE-3 exciter) & antenna (GATES, FMA-6A, 6 sects.) at former main trans. loc. for aux. purp. only. ERP: 23.5kw - HAAT: 285'. *enr. data Atty: Arent, Fox, etc. (David Tillotson)	GRANTED	3-26-75
BRH-1567 R & F P.N. PRESS	5-17-76 5-28-76 5-28-76 AUG 5 1976	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Atty.: David Tillotson	GRANTED	9-15-76
BPH-10248 R & F 607355#200 CODE 001 PRESS	8-16-76 8-26-76 8-27-76 OCT 21 1976	CP add circular polarization to Ant: GATES FMC-5, 5 sects H&V; mke chg Ant system {incr hght}; chg TPO, ERP: 33kw (H&V) & HAAT: 600' (H&V) Atty. David F. Tillotson Engr. John Seymour WASHINGTON, D. C.	GRANTED	11-16-76

PHASE 1 REFUND ACTION

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Kalamazoo, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BMPH-15308 R & F PRESS NOV 14 1977	10-31-77 11-2-77	MP (BPH-10248) for extension of time to: _____ (FOR CHANGES) Atty-David Tillotson	GRANTED	11-29-77
BLH-7764 R & F PTA: PRESS: JUN 2 1978	4-20-78 4-26-78 5-4-78	License (BPH-10248, as mod.) for changes. Antenna: COLLINS G5CPS-7, 7 sections (H&V) Atty: David Tillotson (Arent, Fox, Kintner)	GRANTED	6-29-78
BRH 790531 WN PRESS AUG 17 1978		RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. TRANS. & ANT.) David Tillotson, Atty.	GRANTED	9-21-79

## 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.

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 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 radio station history.

