

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.



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Form BC 126 12-8-80 on-the-air-I.D. as: "MURFREESBORO-NASHVILLE, TN."

June 1954

Official No. 1483

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed September 27, 1963

WKOS (eff. 5-26-80)

Call letters XWMTS-FM

WKOS, INC. (3-12-81, EFF:

Station location Murfreesboro, Tenn.

xMONTE HALE (ALH3-12-81, EFF:

x HALE BROADCASTING CORPORATION (ALH 3-30-78 EFF: 4-1-78

x WMTS, INC. (ALH 10-15-64; EFF: 10-15-64)

Name of licensee x ARTHUR D. SMITH, JR.

Tenn. (PH 5-2-80)

0.4 mi. W. of Lone Oak Rd., & 1.0 mi. N. of Couchville Pike, Near Gladeville, Tenn. (LH 9-27-63)

Transmitter location X Approx. 0.45 mi. from junction of Franklin Rd. & Stones River, /

Murfreesboro

Main studio location 915 N. W. Broad St., Murfreesboro, Tenn. (BMPH 3-29-63) (LH 9-27-63)
112 N. W. Broad Street, Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tenn.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-3689 HAAT: 170' TPO: 1 kw (Cond'1)	5-8-62	96.3mc CH.242	3.6	Unl.	7-8 1-8-63
Construction permit for a new FM Broadcast station					
BMPH-7436 (1)	12-17-62	Mod. of CP(BPH-3689) for an extension of completion date to 5-1-63			
BMPH-7547 (2)	3-29-63	Mod. of CP(BPH-3689, as mod.) to chg. type ant. (Gates FMA-4A, 4 secs.) & chg. main studio & RC point loc.			
BMPH-7567 (3)	4-18-63	Mod. of CP(BPH-3689, as mod.) for ext. of completion date to 6-30-63.			
BLH-2423 HAAT:170'	9-27-63	96.3mcs Ch.242	ERP:3.6kw TPO:1kw	Unl.	9-27 8-1-64
Lic. to cover CP(BPH-3689, as mod.) which auth. a new FM Broadcast Station. (Trans. Gates FM-1C)					
BRH-1483	7-10-64	Renewal of License			8-1 8-1-67
BALH-715 EFF:10-15-64	10-15-64	Voluntary assignment of license to WMTS, INC.			
BTC-5270	3-31-67	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Mrs. Joyce R. Ehrhart to Henderson Broadcasting Corporation.			
BRH-1483	7-18-67	96.3mc	3.6kw	Unl.	8-1 8-1-70
BRH-1483(S)	7-30-70	Renewal			8-1-73
EBSA BPH-8230	5-22-72 1-2-74	CP chg. tr ns., ant.sys. TPO, ERP, HAAT 96.3mhz 20kwH&V 170' H&V RC 1-2-75			
BRH-1483(S)	9-11-74	RENEWAL(COND'L RE: EEOP REPORT)			8-1-76
BLH-6299(L)	9-11-74	Lic.(BPH-8230)-Changes			8-1-76
BTC-7569 Vol.	TC 10-31-74	EFF: 12-9-74			
BRH-1483	7-29-77	(S) REN. OF LICENSE			8-1-79
BTC-8443	12-5-77	Vol TC EFF:12-6-77			
BALH-2662	3-30-78	VOL. AL EFF: 4-1-78			
BRH 790402	BV 9-21-79	(L) RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-82
EBSA	5-26-80	CALL SIGN CHANGE			

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed

Call Letters

Station Location

Name SEE CARD #1

Transmitter Location

Main studio location

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPH-790413AB HAAT: 810' (H&V) (L)	5-2-80	96.3mhz ERP: 97kw CP to chg. TL, ant. sys., ERP and HAAT.	5-2-81
..... COMTEL	12-5-80	RE APPLICATION FILED 9-17-80 SEEKING DUAL CITY I.D. AS "MURFREESBORO-NASHVILLE". EXAM. DATA INDICATES STATION WKSO-FM" PROVIDES PRINCIPAL CITY COVERAGE TO NASHVILLE. ACCORDINGLY, PURS- UANT TO SECTIONS 0.281 & 73.1201 (B)(2) OF THE COMMISSION RULES AUTH. GR. ON-AIR STATION I.D. AS "MURFREESBORO-NASHVILLE". THIS ACTION DOES NOT MODIFY EXISTING LIC. OR AFFECT PRIMARY OBLIGATION TO MURFREESBORO, TENN THIS AUTH. OR A PHOTOCOPY SHOULD BE POSTED WITH THE STATION LIC.	
BLH-801126AB HAAT: 810' (H&V) (L)	12-15-80	96.3mHz ERP:97kW(H&V), 100kW(MAX)(H&V), License to cover (BPH-790413AB) for changes.	8-1-82
BALH801231GV	3-12-81	VOL ALH	EFF:
BALH801231GS	3-12-81	VOL ALH	EFF

FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters ~~new~~ WMTS-FM

Name ARTHUR D. SMITH, JR.
MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE (P.O. Pan-O-Ram Hotel, St. Elmo, Route 4, Chattanooga, Tenn.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-3689 Rec'd Filed	3-1-62 3-8-62 3-8-62	CP for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 96.3mc CH 242 ERP 3.57kw Type Antenna- Jampro JA-4A (4 sections) HAAT 172 feet Type transmitter - Gates FM-1B TPO 1kw Trans. location - Molloy Lane (Same as AM) Murfreesboro, Tennessee Studio location - 112 N. W. Broad St. (Same as AM) Murfreesboro, Tennessee Remote Control - Same as studio Atty. Prince, Taylor and Paul Eng. Alfred W. Parsons, Murfreesboro, Tenn.	GRANTED (Cond'l re: WMTS submit 302's)	5-8-62

FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters *W.K.T.S.-M*

Name ARTHUR D. SMITH, JR.
MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-7436 R & F	11-6-62 11-13-62	Mod. of CP (BPH-3689, which auth a new Class B FM B/C station) for extension of completion date from 1-8-63 to 5-1-63. Atty: Prince, Taylor & Paul	GRANTED	12-17-62
BMPH-7547 R & F	3-4-63 3-8-63	Mod. of CP (BPH-3689, as mod which auth a new Class B FM B/C station) to chg type ant (Gates-FMA-4A, 4 sect) and chg main studio & KC loc from 112 to 915 N. W. Broad St., Murfreesboro, Tenn. Atty: Prince & Paul	GRANTED	3-29-63
BMPH-7567 R & F	3-27-63 3-29-63	Mod. of CP (BPH-3689, as mod which auth a new Class B FM B/C station) for extension of completion date from 5-1-63 to 6-30-63. Atty: Prince & Paul	GRANTED	4-18-63

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WMTS - FM

WMTS, INC.

Name *ARTHUR D. SMITH, JR.

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-7637 R & F	6-24-63 6-27-63	Mod. of CP (BPH-3689, as mod which auth a new class B FM B/C station) for extension of completion date from 6-30-63 to 7-31-63. Atty: Prince & Paul	DISMISSED unnecessary -	8-5-63 re: 302's filed
BLH-2423 R & F PROG. TEST 7-29-63	7-17-63 7-19-63	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-3689, as mod) which auth a new class b FM B/C station & specify trans as (GATES-FM-1C). Atty: Prince & Paul	GRANTED	9-27-63
BRH-1483 R & F	4-28-64 5-7-64	Renewal of license. Atty: Prince & Paul	GRANTED	7-10-64
BALH-715 R & F	8-20-64 8-24-64	Voluntary assignment of license to WMTS, INC. Atty. - Ray Paul	GRANTED	10-15-64 EFF:10-15-64

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters **WMTS-FM**

Name **WMTS, INC.**
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-5270 R & F	2-13-67 2-15-67	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Mrs. Joyce R. Ehrhart to Henderson Broad- casting Corporation REQ. WAIVER OF SEC. 1.597 of Rules, - if nec. Atty - Prescott & Prescott, Dallas, Tex	GRANTED	3-31-67
BRH-1483 R & F	3/29/67 3/31/67	Renewal of license	GRANTED	7-18-67
BRH-1483 R & F #597437 \$75. PM PRESS	4-20-70 4-30-70 4-30-70 4-30-70 JUN 9 1970	Renewal of license	GRANTED	7-30-70

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

96.3mhz

Call
Letters WMTS-FMName WMTS, INC.
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-8230 R & F #145150 \$200 Code 015 FEB 1 1973 Press P. N. Rec'd	1-6-73 1-18-73 1-18-73 7-16-73	CP to install new trans. (Gates FM-10H3); install new ant. (Gates FMC-5B, 5 sects. (H&V); chg. TPO; ERP: 20KW (H&V); and HAAT: 167.5' (H&V). (35° 50' 13" - 86° 25' 00") Atty-- Engr-- AMENDED 7-2-73 Problems and Needs of the gain area.	GRANTED Submit 302 for WMTS(AM) Req. grant fee \$1800 Pd 014 W281159 2-20-74	1-2-74
BRH-1483 R & F P.N. PRESS JUN 15 1973	4-26-73 4-30-73 4-18-73	Renewal of License	GRANTED COND'L RE: EEOP REPORT	9-11-74
BLH-6299 Rec'd W 317564-\$50. Filed PTA PRESS	6-10-74 6-13-74 6-20-74-057 6-20-74 6-27-74 JUL 31 1974	Lic.(BPH-8230)-Changes.	GRANTED	9-11-74

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WMTS-FMName WMTS, INC.
Murfreesboro, Tenn.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-7569 R & F FEE PD: \$250 # 357758 CODE 049 (FORM 316) ALSO SEE AM	10-14-74 10-23-74 OCT 30 1974	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Henderson Broadcasting Corporation to Mary Reeves Davis (50%) and Thomas E. Perryman & Billie Jo Perryman (50% as a family group)	GRANTED EFF:	10-31-74 12-9-74
BRH-1483 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-26-76 3-29-76 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-29-77
BTC-8443 R & F (Form 315 (ALSO SEE AM) SEP 12 1977 PN filed	8-15-77 8-25-77 9-21-77	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Mary Reeves Davis, Tom Perryman and Billy J. Perryman to Hale Broadcasting Corporation Atty - Leonard Joyce (SEE AM FOR AMENDMENTS ETC) (OVER)	GRANTED EFF:	12-5-77 12-6-77

Amended
BTC-8443 ~~REPLY~~ TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY OR
DESIGNATE FOR HEARING filed 11-7-77 by
Vogel-Hale Corp.

RE: Amended 11-16-77 Legal Data

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

96.3mhz

Call
Letters **WMTS-FM**

HALE BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Name **WMTS, Inc.**
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BALH-2662 R & F FORM 316 (ALSO SEE	3-1-78 3-17-78 WMTS (AM) MAR 28 1978	Voluntary assignment of license to HALE BROADCASTING CORPORATION Atty - Leonard S. Joyce (Daly, Joyce & Borsari)	GRANTED EFF:	3-30-78 4-1-78
790413A1- PRESS: BPH-790413AB Resubmitted PN RECD. ACCEPTED B 13 '80	8-6-79 CUT OFF MAR 17 '80	Construction permit to chg TL: 0.4 mi W of Lone Oak Rd., and 1.0 mi North of Couchville Pike, near Gladeville, Tennessee; install new trans (RCA BTF-20ESI); ant(RCA BFG-8AD, 8 sects H&V; make chgs in ant sys(incr hght); chg ERP: 100KW H&V; and HAAT: 810'(H&V) 36 05 07 86 26 22 MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305 ATTY: Leonard Joyce	RETURNED-3-19-79-V10- OF-SECTION-73-207-- GRANTED Cond'ls	5-2-80

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call W K O S
Letters X W M T S-FMName Hale Broadcasting Corporation
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH790402BV PRESS: MAY 31 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Leonard S. Joyce	GRANTED	9-21-79
LETTER DATED 9-17-80 PRESS (0) SEP 29 1980		Filed by Leonard S. Joyce Request for Dual City Identification As: MURFREESBORO-NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.	GRANTED	12-9-80
BLH-801126AB PTA PRESS JAN 2 1981		License to cover (BPH-790413AB) for changes. Atty: Leonard S. Joyce	GRANTED	12-15-80

302 11-26-80

WKOS, INC.

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WKOS

xMONTE HALE

Name: HALE BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Station Location: Murfreesboro, Tennessee

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BALH801231GV Form 316 PRESS JAN 23 1980		Vol AL to Monte Hale Atty Leonard S. Joyce OVER	GRANTED 3-12-81 EFF: 4-1-81
BALH801231GS Form 314 PRESS PN FILED 1-30-81 JAN 23 1980		Vol AL to WKOS, Inc. Atty Leonard S. Joyce Simultaneously granted with station WMTS	GRANTED 3-12-81 EFF: 4-1-81

BALH001231GV AMENDED 1-15-81 re: Sec. VI (EEO data)