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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 9-29-47

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SOUTHERN TIER BROADCASTERS, LTD. (AL gr 3/24/77 EFF: 4/21/77) Station location: Binghamton, New York

X ANDREW JAREMA, RECEIVER (AL. 10-30-74. EFF: 11-1-74)

X THE BINGHAMTON BROADCASTERS, INC. (AP 8-14-47 Eff: 8-24-47)

X ANDREW JAREMA and FRANK H. ALTDOERFER, a partnership d/b as

Name of licensee THE BINGHAMTON BROADCASTERS

Transmitter location $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of city limits of Binghamton and $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east of Park Avenue, Binghamton, New York (CP & MP 4-11-47) (Lic. 9-29-47)

13902
Main studio location 34 - 36 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York (CP & MP 4-11-47)

FCC-65 (Lic. 9-29-47)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
Bl-P-5244 Letter 1-20-47	12-17-46 CP for new station filing MP for approval	750	1kw	Daytime	granted subject to of T site and antenna
Bl-P-5244 BMP-2585	4-11-47 Mod. of C.P. (5244) T. site and to specify studio location.	750 kc	1kw	Daytime	6-11 12-11-47 approval of antenna,
BAP-54 Eff: 8-24-47	8-14-47 Voluntary Assignment of C.P. to THE BINGHAMTON BROADCASTERS, INC.				
MP-2904	7-17-47 Mod. CP (5244 as mod.) to change type of T.	750	1kw	Daytime	6-11 12-11-47
BL-2567 BZ-2388	9-29-47 Lic. to cover CP (5244 as mod.) for a new station and determine operating power by direct method.	750	1kw	Daytime	9-29 11-1-49
BR-1607	10-21-49	750	1kw	Daytime	11-1 11-1-52
FP-7041	2-23-50 CP to change frequency, power, hours of operation & install DA for night use. (CONDL. CLAUSE)	1360	500w*, 1kw-LS *DA	U	4-23 10-23-50
BL-4084	9-11-50 Lic. to cover CP (7041) which auth. change frequency power, hours and install DA-N. (CONDL. CLAUSE)	1360	500w* 1kw-LS *DA	U	9-11 11-1-51
BR-1607	10-10-51	1360	500w* 1kw-LS *DA-N	U	11-1 6-1-54
Telegram renewal	5-27-54 Action on renewal deferred 5-20-54 and continued operation auth. until final determination on renewal				
BR-1607	6-16-54	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			6-16 6-1-57
BP-9218	6-2-54 C.P. incr. power, install, new T and DA-2 for day and night use	1360	500w, 5kw-LS DA-2	U (COND'L CLAUSE)	8-2 2-2-55
BMP-6741 (1)	1-10-55	Mod. of CP (9218) for extension of completion date to April 2, 1955			
BMP-6794 (2)	3-18-55	Mod. of CP (9218, as mod.) for extension of completion date to June 2, 1955			

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Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BMP-6828 (3)	4-29-55	Mod. of CP(9218, as mod.) for extension of completion date to 8-2-55			
BP-9218	6-2-54	1360	500w- 5kw-LS, DA-2	U	8-2-54 2-2-55
Superseding auth. to correct the daytime theoretical phasings.					
BL-5734	1-9-56	1360	500w, 5kw-LS DA-2	U	1-9-56 6-1-57
Lic. to cover CP(BP-9218, as mod.) to increase daytime power, install DA for daytime use (DA-2) & install a new transmitter for daytime use only.					
BL-5824	2-20-56	1360	500w	Day AUX.	2-20-56 6-1-57
Lic. to use licensed main night transmitter as an Aux. Trans.					
BR-1607	5-29-57	RENEWAL OF LICENSE main and auxiliary			6-1 6-1-60
BR-1607	5-18-60	RENEWAL OF LICENSE MAIN & AUX			6-1 6-1-63
S-1607	7-11-60	1360kc	500w, 5kw-LS DA-2	U	7-11 6-1-63
Mod. of license to change Operating Specifications and redescription of Monitor Point in the direction of 268°.					
BTC-3726	6-7-61	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Frank H. Altdorffer to Frank H. Altdorffer & 8 others (As A Family Group).			
BTC-3738	6-7-61	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Frank H. Altdorffer & 8 others (As A Family Group) to Andrew Jarema.			
BR-1607	5-31-63	(Main) Renewal of license 1360 kc 500w			6-1 6-1-66 Aux.
BS-1607 (1)	2-4-64	Mod. of license to change operating specifications and to show the monitor point field intensities be made monthly.			
(Memo)					
BR-1607	5-19-66	1360kc	500w, 5kw-LS DA-2	U	5-19 6-1-69
Renewal of license (Aux.)					

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Station location

Name of licensee THE BINGHAMTON BROADCASTING, INC.

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From.. To.
Ltr. dtd. 8-2-67 & rec'd 8-3-67 giving notification per Sect. 73.48(a)(5) Rules that a CCA AM-5000D trans. is now installed & in oper. as Main trans. (Eff:8-2-67)					
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	FSA	500w		
BR-1607(L)	5-12-71	Renewal and Mod. of Main & Aux. Renewal of NDEA			6-1-72
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-1607(L)	5-23-72	1360kc	500w, 5kw-LS DA-2 U		6-1-75
BS-1607			500w non-DA (Auk. Day Only)		
BTC-7104	6-15-73	VOL TC	EFF: 8-15-73		
BTC-7275	12-10-73	VOL TC	EFF: 12-19-73		
BAL-8280	Invol. Al.	10-30-74	EFF: 11-1-74		
BAL-8890	3/24/77	Vol AL	EFF: 4/21/77		
BRC-4019 (1)	6-27-78	Mod. of License to operate transmitter by RC.			
BR-1607 BZ-9750(L)	3-27-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL & MODIFICATION			6-1-81
COMTEL	10-22-80	TEMP. AUTH. GR. OPERATE PARAMETERS AT VARIANCE, BOTH DAY & NIGHT, WHILE MAINTAINING MONITOR POINTS WITHIN LIC. LIMITS TO CONTINUE SERVICE & FACILITATE INSTALLATION OF NEW GROUND SYSTEM. FILE FCC FORM 302 AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO EXPIRATION OF THIS AUTH. THIS AUTH. EXPIRES 12-31-80.			

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 Name ANDREW JAREMA and FRANK H. ALTDORFER, a partnership d/b as THE BINGHAMTON
BROADCASTERS (PO 9 Perkins Ave., Fort Dick, Binghamton, New York)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
Bl-P-5244	9-11-46	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on:	Docket No. 7884	
Rec'd	9-11-46	Frequency: 590kc 750kc	Granted without a	
Filed	9-11-46	Power: 500w 1kw	hearing 12-17-46	
		Hours of operation: Daytime only	subject to filing MP	
		Trans. location: To be determined-Binghamton, New York	for approval of T site	
		Studio location: same	and antenna	
		Filed by Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty.	Letter	1-20-47
		Robert F. Wolfskill, Engr.		
AMENDED	9-24-46	AMENDED to change frequency <u>from</u> 590kc <u>to</u>		
Recd.	9-24-46	750kc, change power <u>from</u> 500w daytime <u>to</u> 1kw		
Filed	9-24-46	daytime only, change type transmitter (Gates B3 1E) and make changes in antenna		

BC 1E

Transmitter: Gates Type-1-E

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-2585	2-17-47	Mod. of C. P. (Bl-P-5244, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna, for approval of transmitter location at $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of city limits of Binghamton and $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east of Park Avenue, Binghamton, New York, and to specify studio location as 34 -36 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York. (Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty.) (Robert F. Wolfskill, Engr.)	GRANTED	4-11-47
Rec'd	2-17-47			
Filed	2-17-47			

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THE BINGHAMTON BROADCASTERS, INC. (AP 8-14-47 Eff: 8-24-47)Name ~~X~~ ANDREW JAREMA and FRANK H. ALTDOERFFER, a partnership d/b as THE BINGHAMTON BROADCASTERS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-2904 Rec'd Filed	6-28-47 7-1-47 7-1-47	Mod. of C.P. (B1-P-5244, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter (Raytheon RA-1000). (Filed by Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty.)	GRANTED	7-17-47
BAP-54 Rec'd Filed	7-3-47 7-7-47 7-7-47	Voluntary Assignment of Construction Permit to The Binghamton Broadcasters, Inc. (Filed by Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty.)	GRANTED Eff: 8-24-47	8-14-47

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THE BINGHAMTON BROADCASTERS, INC. (AP 8-14-47 Eff: 8-24-47)

Name ANDREW JAREMA and FRANK H. ALTDORFFER, A Partnership d/b as
THE BINGHAMTON BROADCASTERS.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-2567	7-3-47	License to cover C.P. (B1-P-5244, as mod.) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED re waiver 3.55(b) and 3.60	9-29-47
Rec'd	7-7-47			
Filed	7-7-47			
BZ-2388	7-3-47	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.		
Rec'd	7-7-47			
Filed	7-7-47			
AMENDED	8-18-47	AMENDED to change name of applicant from Andrew Jarema and Frank H. Altdoefffer, a partnership d/b as The Binghamton Broadcasters <u>TO The Binghamton Broadcasters, Inc.</u>		
Recd.	8-25-47			
Filed	8-25-47			

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-7041 Rec'd Filed	12-11-48 12-15-48 12-15-48	Construction permit to change frequency from 750kc to 1360kc; change power and hours of operation from 1kw, Daytime to 500w, 1kw-LS, Unlimited; install DA for night use. Stephen Tuhy, Attorney Dixie McKey, Engineer	Docket 9516 GRANTED being removed from the hearing docket subj. to re properly designed phase monitor; re field meas. equip; re non-DA proof of performance being made in addition to required DA proof of performance. ORDER ISSUED	2-23-50 after
*See amendment below				
BR-1607 Rec'd	8-19-49 8-22-49	Renewal of license. (Stephen Tuhy, Jr.,) Atty.	GRANTED	10-21-49
* AMENDED Recd. Filed	12-14-49 12-20-49 12-28-49	AMENDED to make change in tolerance values of DA night pattern.		
Rec'd 4-25-50 Engineering Bureau To E 4-25-50				

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-4684 Rec'd Filed	5-26-50 5-29-50 6-12-50	License to cover construction permit (BP-7041) which authorized change in frequency, power, hours of operation and installation of a directional antenna for night use. Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty. True McLean, Engr. Ithaca, New York	GRANTED re field meas. equipment.	9-11-50
BR-1607 Rec'd Filed	7-31-51 8-2-51 8-2-51	Renewal of license Filed by Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty.	Granted	10-10-51
BR-1607 Rec'd Filed	2-18-54 3-1-54 3-1-54	Renewal of License Filed by Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	6-16-54

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-9218 Rec'd Filed	2-18-54 3-9-54 3-9-54	Construction permit to increase daytime power from 1kw to 5kw and install DA for Daytime use (DA-2), and install a new transmitter (WE 355-E) for daytime use only. Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty. Commercial Radio Equipment Co., Engrs.	GRANTED	6-2-54 Cond'l re DA-non-DA proof; and inverse distance field strength not exceed 190 mv/m at 12 139 degrees true
BMP-6741 Rec'd Filed	12-29-54 12-31-54 12-31-54	Modification of construction permit (BP-9218) which auth. increase daytime power and install DA for daytime use (DA-2) and install new transmitter for daytime use only) for extension of completion date from 2-2-55 to 4-2-55. Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	1-10-55

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Name **THE BINGHAMTON BROADCASTERS, INC.**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-6794 Rec'd Filed	3-2-55 3-10-55 3-10-55	Modification of construction permit (BP-9218 as mod., which auth. increase daytime power and install DA for daytime use (DA-2) and install new transmitter for daytime use only) for extension of completion date from 4-2-55 to 6-2-55. Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	3-18-55
BMP-6828 Rec'd Filed	4-21-55 4-26-55 4-26-55	Modification of construction permit (BP-9218, as mod., which auth. increase daytime power and install DA for daytime use (DA-2) and install new transmitter for daytime use only) for extension of completion date from 6-2-55 to 9-2-55. Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	4-29-55 for period to 8-2-55

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Binghamton, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-5734 Rec'd Filed	5-20-55 5-24-55 5-24-55	License to cover construction permit (BP-9218, as modified) which authorized increase daytime power, install DA for daytime use (DA-2) and install a new transmitter for daytime use only Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	1-9-56
BL-5824 Rec'd Filed	8-9-55 8-11-55 8-11-55	License to use Licensed Main Night Transmitter (RAYTHEON - RA-1000), as an Auxiliary Trans. during Daytime hours of operation, on 1360kc, with power of 1-kilo., for Auxiliary purposes only. Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	2-20-56
Amended Rec'd & Filed	1-23-56 1-25-56	Amended to change requested power to 500 watts		
BR-1607 Rec'd Filed	2-26-57 3-5-57 3-5-57	Renewal of license (Main & Auxiliary) Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	5-29-57

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1607 Rec'd & Filed	2-25-60 3-1-60	Renewal of license. (Main and Aux.)	GRANTED	5-18-60
BTC-3726 Rec'd Filed	4-7-61 4-11-61 4-11-61	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Frank H. Altdorffer to Frank H. Altdorffer & 8 others (As A Family Group) Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	6-7-61
BTC-3738 Rec'd Filed	4-24-61 4-25-61 4-25-61	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Frank H. Altdorffer & 8 others (As A Family Group) to Andrew Jarema. (CONTINGENT ON GRANT OF BTC-3726) Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	6-7-61
BR-1607 R. & F.	2-25-63 2-28-63	Renewal of license. (Main & Aux.) Atty: Samuel Miller	GRANTED	5-31-63

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Binghamton, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1607 Rec'd Filed	2-25-66 3-1-66 3-1-66	Renewal of license (Main And Auxiliary) Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	8-19-66
RE: PSA	MOTION FOR STAY BY JUPITER BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (WSAI) BY HARRY PLOTKIN. PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION BY JUPITER BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (WSAI) FILED 11-24-67 BY HARRY PLOTKIN. Petition for Reconsideration <u>DENIED</u> and Motion for Stay <u>DISMISSED AS MOOT</u> by Commission Memorandum Opinion and Order adopted 12-20-67.		FILED	11-24-67
BR-1607 R & F #494534 \$105. PRESS . PER 5 1969	2-21-69 2-26-69 2-26-69	Renewal of license---(Main & Auxiliary) AMENDED 4-9-69 re: Foreign language programming AMENDED 7-11-69 re: Engineering Report	GRANTED	5-12-71 71

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

FORM BC-121

Aug. 1955

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Binghamton, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ- Rec'd	8/18/69 8/20/69	DIRECT MEAS.	RETURNED: incomplete	8/22/69
BR-1607 R & F P.N. PRESS	2-23-72 2-29-72 2-29-72	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Atty: Mark E. Fields AMENDED 5-3-72 re: community survey; emp. policy	GRANTED issued with ML	6-15-72 BS-1607
MAR 8 1972				
BTC -7104 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 #164968 CODE 047 (ALSO SEE FM) Pub. notice filed 4-3-73 APR 1 1973	3-15-73 3-19-73	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Andrew Jarema and Doris M. Jarema to Royal Industrial Corp. Atty - Miller & Fields (for transferor) Alk & Lubic (for transferee) Section VI (transferees) filed 5-7-73	GRANTED Req Grant Fee \$ 11,900.00 (INCLUDE FM) EFF: 8-15-73	6-15-73
REQUEST FOR CANCELLATION OF GRAN FEE AND REFUND OF FILING FEE PAID Shuebruk for Royal Industrial Corp.				11-29-73 by Fly,

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SOUTHERN TIER BROADCASTERS, LTD.
X ANDREW JAREMA RECEIVER

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Name X THE BINGHAMTON BROADCASTERS, INC.
Binghamton, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-7275	8-20-73	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from	GRANTED	12-10-73
R & F	10-23-73	Royal Industrial Corp. to Charles P. Le Mieux, Jr.	EFF:	12-19-73
FEE PD: \$250 #245425				
CODE 047 (Form 316)		Atty - Fly, Shuebruk etc		
NOV 1 1973				
BAL-8280	10-21-74	Involuntary assignment of license to		
R & F	10-24-74	ANDREW JAREMA, RECEIVER	GRANTED	10-30-74
FEE PD: \$250 # 358100			EFF:	11-1-74
CODE 047 (FORM 316)		Atty - Miller & Fields		
OCT 30 1974				
BR-1607	1-20-75	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. TRANS.)		
R & F	1-27-75		GRANTED	3-27-79
PN Recd.	"	AMENDED 5-18-77 to change name of applicant to		
PRESS	FEB 12 1975	"Southern Tier Broadcasters, Ltd." JUN 9 1977		
		SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 1-30-78 as an amendment to		
		pending renewal application. (Main & Auxiliary) Atty. Morton L.		
		FEB 23 1978		
		Berfield		

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SOUTHERN TIER BROADCASTERS, LTD.

Name x Andrew Jarema, Receiver

Binghamton, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-8890 Re'd & Filed FEE PD:\$200 #644659 CODE 047(12-8-76) JAN 1 1977 PN filed PN filed	12-3-76 12-7-76 12/30/76 12/15/76	Voluntary assignment of license to SOUTHERN TIER BROADCASTERS, LTD. (SEE OVER) Atty for assignor - Miller & Fields for assignee - Cohen & Berfield	GRANTED EFF:	3/24/77 4/21/77
BRC-4019 R & F PRESS: JUN 23 1978	5-30-78 6-12-78 JUN 23 1978	Modification of License to operate transmitter by Remote control from the main studio location at: 34 Chenango St., Binghamton, New York Atty; Morton L. Berfield	GRANTED	6-27-78
BZ-9750 R & F DM PRESS NOV 28 1978	2-3-75 11-16-78 NOV 28 1978	Direct Measurement Atty: Morton L. Berfield	GRANTED issued with Renewal.	3-27-79

NOTED: re BAL-8890 - fee(grant) on BTC-7104^(gr 6-15-73) not paid
req. for cancellation of gr fee filed 11-29-73

OK TO ACCEPT THIS APPLIC - per Roy Stewart

AMENDED 3-1-77 - Statement re stock(voting rights) ;

Sec.IV-A re past prog, EEOP

AMENDED 3-1-77 - re condition on stock sale; Sec.IV-A, past
programming

AMENDED 3-7-77 - stock sub. agreements; fin. data

Statment filed 3-22-77 re engineering problem

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1360 KHz

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Name: SOUTHERN TIER BROADCASTERS, LTD.

Station Location: Binghamton, NY

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR810129UU PRESS MAR 20 1981		Renewal of License Atty.: Morton L. Berfield	GRANTED 5-29-81

W K O P - RECORD OF DENIAL OF INFORMAL APPLICATIONS

BS-1607 11-7-47 To opr. add'l time to broadcast
football games, only, Nov. 8, 15, and 22, 1947.

Tele. 10-26-48 request for STA 11-2-48 not considered
in accordance Sec. 1.324.

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.

