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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed 3-1-50

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Station Location: Bad Axe, Michigan

X HARMON LEROY STEVENS, HERMAN LEROY STEVENS and JOHN F. WISMER d/b as

PORT HURON BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 8-6-52, EFF: 8-21-52)

X HARMON L. STEVENS and HERMAN L. STEVENS, d/b as

PORT HURON BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 3-12-52, Eff. 4-1-52)

Name of licensee X SAGINAW BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location 935 South Van Dyke Road, Bad Axe Michigan (MP 1-12-50) (Lic. 3-1-50)

Main studio location 935 South Van Dyke Road, Bad Axe, Michigan (MP 1-12-50) (Lic. 3-1-50)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BP-7263	10-21-49	1540	250w	Daytime	
	CP for a new station granted subj. filing MP for approval T site and antenna. Ltr. 10-27-49.				
BP-7263	1-12-50	1540	250w	Daytime	3-12 9-12-50
BMP-4884	M d. CP (7263) for approval of antenna, T and studio sites. (Cond. CL)				
BL-3964	3-1-50	1540	250w	Daytime	3-1 5-1-51
	Lic. to cover CP (7263 as mod) for a new station (COND. CLAUSE)				
BR-2420	4-12-51	1540	250w	Daytime	5-1 5-1-54
AL-1321	3-12-52	Vol. assignment of license to HARMON L. STEVENS and HERMAN L. STEVENS, d/b as PORT HURON BROADCASTING COMPANY			
	Eff. 4-1-52				
AL-1406	8-6-52	Vol. assignment of license to HARMON LeROY STEVENS, HERMAN LeROY STEVENS and JOHN F. WISMER d/b as PORT HURON BROADCASTING CO.			
	8-21-52				
BP-9092	12-8-53	1540kc	250w	Day	2-8-54 8-8-54
	CP to install new transmitter (COND'L CLAUSE)				
BR-2420	4-28-54	1540	250w	Daytime	5-1 10-1-55
BL-5362	5-4-54	Lic. to cover CP (9092) for new trans.			
	(1)				
BP-9470	10-14-54	1540	250w	Aux.	12-14 6-14-55
	C.P. install old main T as an auxiliary				
BP-8958	3-10-55	1340	250w	U	5-10 11-10-55
	CP change freq. hours of operation.				
BL-5623	2-25-55	1540	250w	Aux.	2-25 10-1-55
	Lic. cover CP (BP-9470) install old main xmtr as Aux. xmtr.				
BP-9781	4-14-55	1340	250w	Aux.	6-14 12-14-55
	CP change freq. of aux. xmtr.				
BL-5704	5-20-55	1340kc	250w	U	5-20 10-1-55
	Lic. to cover cp(8958) to change freq. and hours of operation				
BL-5784	8-9-55	Lic. to cover CP(9781) to change freq. for Aux. Trans.			
	(1)				

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

THUMB BROADCASTING, INC. (AL 7-19-71 EFF: 8-5-71)

1-30-64

* JOHN F. WISMER and JAMES MUEHLENBECK d/b as THUMB BROADCASTING COMPANY (BAL-1-14-63 EFF: /
Date first licensed

Call letters N.L.E.V.

* JOHN F. WISMER, HARMON L. STEVENS AND JAMES MUEHLENBECK
d/b as THUMB BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 12-2-57) EFF: 12-9-57* HARMON LEROY STEVENS AND JOHN F. WISMER, d/b as STEVENS-WISMER
BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 4-17-56, EFF: 5-1-56)

HARMON LEROY STEVENS, HARMON LEROY STEVENS AND JOHN F. WISMER

Name of licensee d/b as PORT HIRON BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From.. To..
BR-2420	9-7-55	1340 Main	250w and Aux. Trans.	U	10-1 10-1-58
BAL-2293 EFF:	4-17-56 5-1-56	Vol. assignment of license to HARMON LEROY STEVENS AND JOHN F. WISMER, d/b as STEVENS-WISMER BROADCASTING COMPANY			
BAL-2351 EFF:	12-2-57 12-9-57	Voluntary assignment of license to John F. Wismer, Harmon L. Stevens and James Muehlenbeck, d/b as Thumb Broadcasting Company			
BR-2420	9-17-58	1340 MAIN & AUX	250w Main & Aux	U	10-1 10-1-61
BR-2420	9-7-61	Renewal of license Main & Aux			10-1 10-1-64
BP-14396	8-29-62	1340kc	250w, 1kw-LS DA-D	U	10-29 4-29-63
	CP to increase daytime power to 1kw, install new transmitter (RCA BTA-1R) install directional antenna (DA-D) (Cond'l)				
Letter	1-25-63	Cancelled License BR-2420 for operation of Auxiliary Transmitter (RCA 250-G).			
BL-9838	5-15-63	1340kc	250w, 1kw-LS DA-D	U	5-15 10-1-64
	Lic to cover CP(BP-14,396) which auth incr day power and install new transmitter; install DA-D and specify type trans as RCA-BTA-1R1.				
BAL-4272 EFF:	1-14-64 1-30-64	Voluntary assignment of license to John F. Wismer and James Muehlenbeck dba Thumb Broadcasting Company			
BL-10267	3-12-64	1340kc	250w	Aux.	3-12 10-1-64
	Lic. to use old main trans. (RCA BTA 250M at present loc of main trans. for aux. purposes only.				
BR-2420	9-14-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Main and Aux			10-1 10-1-67
BS-2420 (1)	9-27-67	Mod. of license to change obstruction markings (Memo).			
BR-2420(S)	2-2-68	Renewal of License (Aux.)			10-1-70
(L)		Renewal of License (Main)			10-1-70
		Renewal of NDEA			
BL-6762(L)	4-12-68	Direct Meas. (Main)			
BL-6762(S)	11-4-12-68	Direct Meas. (Aux.)			

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Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BR-2420	9-30-70	Renewal of License (Main-S & Aux.-L) & NDEA			10-1-73
AL-7329	7-19-71	VOL. AL	EFF: 8-5-71		
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-2420(L)	9-27-73	RENEWAL	MAIN & AUX.		10-1-76
BP-19,771	9-9-74	1340khz. 250w,	1kw Alt. M.	9-9-75	
		CP to install a new Alt. M. trans.	DA-D Unl.		
BZ-9005(1)	2-13-76	Direct Measurement			
BL-14,021(L)	3-2-76	Lic. to cover BP-19771 for	Alternate		10-1-76
		transmitter			
BL-14,021(L)	3-2-76	page 2 superseded to correct antenna			10-1-76
		monitor			
BR-2420(S)	9-15-76	Renewal Main & Aux.			10-1-79
BP-20,937	3-5-79	1340 KHz. 250w,	1kW Unl.	3-5-80	
CP to make chgs. in ant. syst.			DA-D		
COMTEL	1-28-80	Stmt. re sample system			
BR 790601 VN	2-29-80	(S) RENEWAL			10-1-82
BL-800123AA (L)	2-13-81	LIC TO COVER BP-20937 FOR CHANGES			10-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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 Letters **New**

 Name **SAGINAW BROADCASTING COMPANY**
(PO 117 West Genesee Ave., Saginaw, Michigan)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-7263	6-14-49	Construction permit for a new standard broad-	Granted	10-21-49
Rec'd	6-15-49	cast station to be operated on	subj. filing MP for ap-	
Filed	6-15-49	Frequency: 1540kc	proval of antenna and T	
		Power: 250w	site.	
		Hours of operation: Daytime	Ltr. 10-27-49	
		Trans. location: To be determined,		
		Bad Axe, Michigan		
		Studio location: To be determined,		
		Bad Axe, Michigan		
		Robert M. Booth, Jr., Atty.		
		James R. Croy, Engr.		

RCA 250-G

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-4884 Rec'd Filed	11-23-49 11-29-49 11-29-49	Mod. of C.P. (BP-7263, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna, transmitter and studio locations at 935 South Van Dyke Road, East Ave, Michigan. (William A. Porter, Atty.)	GRANTED re blanketing clause	1-12-50
BL-3964 Rec'd Filed	2-6-50 2-8-50 2-8-50	License to cover C.P. (BP-7263, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. (William A. Porter, Atty.)	GRANTED re blanketing clause	3-1-50
BR-2420 Rec'd	2-23-51 3-1-51	Renewal of License	GRANTED	4-12-51

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FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name **HARMON L. STEVENS and HERMAN L. STEVENS, d/b as**
PORT HURON BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 3-12-52, Eff.
SAGINAW BROADCASTING COMPANY

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 Letters **W L E W**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-1321	1-22-52	Assignment of license to Harmon L. Stevens and Herman L. Stevens d/b as Port Huron Broadcasting Company. R. Russell Eagan - Port Huron B/cg. Co. Bingham, Collins, Porter & Kistler - Saginaw B/cg. Co.	GRANTED Eff.	3-12-52
Red'd.	1-23-52			4-1-52
Filed	1-23-52			
BAL-1406	6-18-52	Voluntary assignment of license to Harmon LeRoy Stevens, Herman LeRoy Stevens and John F. Wismer d/b as Port Huron Broadcasting Company. R. Russell Eagan, Atty.	GRANTED EFF	8-6-52
Rec'd	6-20-52			8-21-52
Filed	6-20-52			
BP-8958	8-3-53	Construction permit to change frequency from 1540kc to 1340kc and change hours of operation from daytime to unlimited time, using power of 250w. Kirkland, Fleming, Green, Martin & Ellis, Attys. Frank H. McIntosh, Engr.	GRANTED DOCKET NO. 10944 GRANTED AFTER HEARING.	3-10-55
Rec'd	8-6-53			
Filed	8-6-53			

FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Name **HARMON LEROY STEVENS AND HERMAN LEROY STEVENS d/b as**
PORT HURON BROADCASTING COMPANY

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-9092 Rec'd Filed	11-24-53 11-27-53 11-27-53	Construction permit for installation of a new transmitter (RCA BTA 250M). Kirkland, Fleming, Green, Martin & Ellis, Attys.	GRANTED re blanketing	12-8-53
BR-2420 Rec'd Filed Resub. Rec'd Filed	1-26-54 2-1-54 2-1-54 3-24-54 3-26-54 3-26-54	Renewal of License (Rehe. dated after Sect. I) Filed by R. Russell Eagan, Atty.	REHEARD Granted	3-15-54 4-28-54
BL-5362 Rec'd Filed	6-18-54 6-21-54 6-21-54	License to cover construction permit (BP-9092) which authorized installation of a new transmitter. (RCA BTA-250M)	GRANTED	8-14-54

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HARMON LEROY STEVENS, HERMAN LEROY STEVENS AND JOHN F.

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WISNER d/b as PORT HURON BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
HP-9470	9-21-54	Construction permit to install old main transmitter (RCA 250G) at 935 S. Van Dyke Rd., Bad Axe, Michigan (present location of main transmitter) to be operated on 1540kc, with power of 250w, for auxiliary purposes only.	GRANTED	10-14-54
Rec'd	9-23-54			
Filed	9-23-54			
		Kirkland, Fleming, Green, Martin & Ellis, Attys.		
BL-5623	1-24-55	License to cover construction permit (HP-9470) which authorized installation of old main transmitter as an auxiliary transmitter.	GRANTED	2-25-55
Rec'd	1-26-55			
Filed	1-26-55			

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Name HARMON LEROY STEVENS, HERMAN LEROY STEVENS AND JOHN F.
WISMER d/b as PORT HURON BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-9781 Rec'd Filed	3-30-55 4-1-55 4-1-55	Construction permit to change frequency for auxiliary transmitter from 1540ks to 1340ks. R. Russell Egan (Kirkland, Fleming, Green, Martin & Ellis, Attys.)	GRANTED	4-14-55
BL-5704 Rec'd Filed	4-18-55 4-20-55 4-20-55	License to cover construction permit (BP-8958) which authorized change frequency and change hours of operation. R. Russell Egan, Atty.	GRANTED	5-20-55
BR-2420 Rec'd Filed	6-28-55 7-5-55 7-5-55	Renewal of license (Main & Auxiliary) R. Russell Egan, Atty.	GRANTED	9-7-55
BL-5784 Rec'd Filed	6-22-55 6-24-55 6-24-55	License to cover construction permit (BP-9781) which authorized change frequency for auxiliary transmitter to 1340kc.	GRANTED	8-9-55

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STEVENS- WISMER BROADCASTING COMPANY
 HARMON LeROY STEVENS, AND JOHN F. WISMER, d/bas (AL 4-17-56: EFF: 5-1-56)
 Name X HARMON LeROY STEVENS, HERMAN LeROY STEVENS AND JOHN F. WISMER
 d/b as PORT HURON BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-2293 Rec'd Filed	4-6-56 4-9-56 4-9-56	Voluntary assignment of license to Harmon LeRoy Stevens and John F. Wismer, d/b as Stevens-Wismer Broadcasting Company. Russell Eagan, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	4-17-56 5-1-56
BAL-2851 Rec'd Filed	10-31-57 11-12-57 11-12-57	Voluntary assignment of license to John F. Wismer, Harmon L. Stevens and James Muehlenbeck, d/b as Thumb Broadcasting Company R. Russell Eagan, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	12-2-57 12-9-57
BR-2420 Rec'd Filed	6-26-58 7-2-58 7-2-58	Renewal of licenses (Main and Aux) R. Russell Eagan, Atty.	GRANTED	9-17-58

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HARMON L. STEVENS, JOHN F. WISMER AND JAMES MUEHLENBECK d/b as

Name THUMB BROADCASTING COMPANY
BAD AXE, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-14,396 Rec'd Filed	9-27-60 10-3-60 10-3-60	Construction Permit to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw; install new transmitter(RCA-BTA-1R); install directional antenna system (DA-D) Atty.- Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson et al Eng.- Gautney & Jones Renewal of License (MAIN & AUXILIARY) R. Russell Eagan, Atty.	GRANTED Cond'l res: Phase Mon., Field meas. equip., DA & complete non-DA proof. Permittee shall accept such interf. as may be im- posed by other existing 250w Class IV stations	8-29-62
BR-2,420 Rec'd&Filed	6-16-61 6-20-61	&	GRANTED	9-7-61
BL-9838 R. & F.	11-26-62 11-29-62	Lic to cover CP(BP-14,396) which auth incr day power and install new trans; install DA-D and specify type transmitter as RCA-BTA-1R1. Atty- Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters	GRANTED	5-15-63

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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X Harmon L. Stevens, John F. Wismer and James Muehlenbeck

Name d/b as THUMB BROADCASTING COMPANY

Bad Axe, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-10,267 R. & F.	7-1-63 7-3-63	Lic to use old main trans(RCA-BTA-250-M) at present loc of main trans, to be operated on 1340kc, 250w, for Auxiliary Purposes ONLY. Atty- Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters	GRANTED	3-12-64
(SEE AMENDMENT BELOW) BAL-4978 R & F	12-3-63 12-5-63	Voluntary assignment of license to John F. Wismer and James Muehlenbeck dba Thumb Broadcasting Company Atty. - R. Russell Eagan (Kirkland, Ellis etc)	GRANTED EFF:	1-14-64 1-30-64
BL-10,267 AMEND R&F	CON'T 2-19-64 2-24-64	AMENDED to change applicant name to John F. Wismer and James Muehlenbeck d/b as Thumb Broadcasting Company to reflect BAL-4978 gr. 1-14-64	GRANTED	3-12-64

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WLEW

Name JOHN F. WISMER AND JAMES MUEHLENBECK d/b as THUMB BROADCASTING COMPANY
BAD AXE, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2420 R. & F.	6-26-64 7-1-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Main & Aux.) Attys: Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters (R. Russell Eagan)	GRANTED	9-14-64
BR-2420 R & F JUL 18 1967	6-22-67 7-3-67	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Atty: R. Russell Eagan	GRANTED	2-20-68 condl re accept interf. if CL IV inc. power to 1kw.
BZ-6762 Rec'd Amended: R & F DM-2/7/68	2/28/67 3/6/67 10/9/67 10/11/67 MAR 27 1968	Auth. to determine operating power direct meas. ant. power. (Main) Engr. data. Engr: Herman E. Hurst, D.C. Atty: R. Russell Reagan	GRANTED	4-12-68
BZ-6763 R & F DM-3/11/68 MAR 27 1968	2/12/68 2/15/68	Direct Meas. (AUX.) Atty: Erwin G. Krasnow Engr: Geo. E. Gautney, D.C.	GRANTED	4-12-68

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1340kc

Call
Letters W L E W

THUMB BROADCASTING, INC.

Name **JOHN F. WISMER AND JAMES MUEHLENBECK d/b as THUMB BROADCASTING COMPANY**
BAD AXE, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2420	6-29-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX.)		
R & F	7-18-70	Erwin G. Krasnow, Atty. (Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson)		
\$75 Plus \$30	#614296 "	AMENDED 9-23-70 re: business interests	GRANTED	9-30-70
PN Recd.	7-13-70			
PRESS	AUG 5 1970			
9-29-70 Annual fee \$24.00		deducted from \$105.00 Renewal filing fee. Credit \$81.00 to 1971.		
BAL -7325	5-19-71	Voluntary assignment of license to		
R & F	5-25-71	THUMB BROADCASTING, INC.	GRANTED	7-19-71
FEE PD: \$1000 #506294)SEE OVER FOR AMENDMENTS)	Req. grant Fee \$7,300	
CODE 047 (also see FM)		Atty - Kirkland, Ellis etc (E.G. Krasnow)	grant fee includes	
JUN 25 1971			WLEW-FM also.	
Pub. notice filed 7-8-71			EFF: 8-5-71	
			Grant Fee Paid.	
			063, 8-10-71, W-022615	

RE: BAL-7329 - Supplement to Tables I & II; programming
re WLEW-FM; bank ltr re terms of payment

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1340kHz

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Letters W.L.E.W.

Name THOMAS BROADCASTING, INC.
BAD AXE, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2420 R & F PH PRESS JUL 24 1973	6-4-73 6-29-73 6-29-73	Renewal of License(Main & Auxiliary) atty: Erwin G. Krasnow	GRANTED	9-27-73
BP-19,771 R & F \$50-336860 AC-056 Letter. 9-12-74	8-5-74 8-15-74 8-15-74	Construction permit to install a new Alternate Main transmitter McMartin BA-1K. 250w, 1kw, DA-D, Unl. Atty: John C. Quale	GRANTED	9-9-74
BL-14,021 R & F Amend PTA \$50#465440 PRESS JAN 21 1976	8-13-75 8-20-75 11-13-75 1-5-76 8-20-75	Lic. to cover BP-19,771 for XXXXXX Alternate Transmitter: new Section II-A	GRANTED	3-2-76

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1340khz

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Name THUMB BROADCASTING, INC.
Bad Axe, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-9005 R & F DM PRESS JAN 21 1976	12-10-75 12-12-75 1-5-76 1976	Direct Measurement (Main only) Atty: Erwin G. Krasnow(Kirkland, Ellis, etc).	GRANTED	2-13-76
BR-2420 R & F P.N. PRESS AUG 5 1976	5-3-76 5-28-76 5-28-76 1976	Renewal of License (Main & Alternate Main) Atty.: John C. Quale AMENDED 8-16-76 re: Section I AMENDED 9-8-76 re: engineering	GRANTED	9-15-76
BP-20,937 R&F PRESS: Amend R & F	8-18-76 8-24-76 5-2-78	Construction permit to make changes in antenna system(increase south tower height to support new antenna) re: supplemental engineering (OVER)	Gr.	3-5-79

(BR-2420) Atty. was called 8-3-76 re: Sect. II dated a later date than Sect. I

BP-20,937

Amend 5-2-78 re: Engineering statement, Sec. VG

Amend. R&F 6-8-78 DA Pattern

Name: THUMB BROADCASTING, INC.

Station Location: BAD AXE, MICHIGAN

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR 790601 VN PRESS JUL 10 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTER.) Rodney L. Joyce, Atty.	GRANTED 2-29-80
BZ-FILED 9-6-77 DISMISSED		S MOOT 5-17-78	
BL-800123AA R & F PTA PRESS JAN 28 1981	1-23-80 1-28-80	Lic. to cover BP-20,937 for changes	GRANTED 2-13-81

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.

