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4248

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 4-29-63

W D E Y(9-22-80)  
XW T H M  
Call letters

Station location Lapeer, Michigan

DAVID R. SOMMERVILLE AND JOHN F. SOMMERVILLE, dba  
WTHM BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 2-22-73 EFF: 3-1-73)X ~~SHILL BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 9-27-69 EFF: 10-1-69)~~

x LAPEER BROADCASTING COMPANY (AP 8-2-62, EFF: 8-31-62)

Name of licensee X ROBERT L. TAYLOR, JAMES HARRIS, ROBERT TRIPP, EDWARD P. OYSTER, WILLIAM A.  
MYERS, AND ROBERT M. MYERS, d/b as LAPEER BROADCASTING COMPANY

Morris Rd., 1.25 mi. S. of M-21, Lapeer, Mich. (red. 4-29-63)

(BP 3-22-62)

Transmitter location x Sec. 16, Township 7 N, R. 10 E, 1 mi. SE of Morris Rd., Lapeer, Michigan/

286 West Nepessing Street, Lapeer, Michigan (BRC-11-6-80)

x Morris Rd., 1.25 mi. S. of M-21, Lapeer, Michigan (DL-4-29-63)

Main studio location x To be Determined, Lapeer, Michigan (BP-3-22-62)



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BP-14304	3-22-62	1530kc	5kw-DA-D Day		5-22 11-22-62
BAP-598	8-2-62				CP for a new standard broadcast station(Cond'1)
eff	8-31-62				Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Lapeer Broadcasting Company
BP-14,304 (1)	11-2-62				Mod. of CP(BP-14304) for extension of completion of completion date to 1-1-63
BL-9872	4-29-63	1530kc	5kw DA- Day		4-29 10-1-64
					Lic. to cover CP (BP-14,304 as mod) which. auth. a new b/c station and spec. studio loc. as Morris Rd., 1.25 mi. S. of M-21, Lapeer, Mich. (Trans. Loc. redis) spec. trans. as RCA-BTA-5T
BR-4248	9-30-64		Renewal of License		10-1 10-1-67
BS-4248 (1)	6-9-67 (Memo)		Mdo. of lic. to chg. operating spec.		
BR-4248 (L)	7-15-68		Renewal of License		10-1-70
BR-4248	9-27-69		Vol. AL		
BR-4248(L)	9-30-70		RENEWAL		10-1-73
ERSA	6-12-72				
BAL-7724	2-22-73		VOL. AL EFF: 3-1-73		
BR-4248(L)	9-27-73		Renewal of License		10-1-76
BR-4248(L)	9-27-73		Superseded auth. to show antenna monitor on page 2.		
BS-4248(L)	12-4-73		ML to redescribe 200° MP		10-1-76
BS-4248(L)	1-19-76		ML chg antenna monitor( page 2)		
BR-4248(S)	3-21-77		Renewal of License		10-1-79
CALL	1-21-80		Stat. re sample system.		
E B S A	9-22-80		CALL SIGN CHANGE		
BRC-801016A (1)	11-8-80		Mod. of license chg. SL & HQ. loc.		



# BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

CARD # 2

First licensed .....

Call Letters <sup>AM</sup> ..... WDEY .....

Station Location .....

Name ..... SEE CARD # 1 .....

Transmitter Location .....

Main studio location .....



# Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
COMTEL	10-20-80	AUTH. GR. OPERATE BY REMOTE CONTROL FROM ADDRESS LISTED ON 301-A RECEIVED 10-16-80. POST THIS AS YOUR AUTHORITY TO SO OPERATE PENDING RECEIPT OF REVISED LIC.	



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Aug. 1955

Call

ROBERT L. TAYLOR, JAMES HARRIS, ROBERT T. IPP, EDWARD P. Letters ~~7-11-55~~ W T H M  
 Name ~~CUSTER, WILLIAM A. HARRIS and ROBERT L. IPP~~ Station Location: Lapeer, Michigan  
LAPER BROADCASTING COMPANY (P.O.-1133 Cedar Street, Lapeer, Michigan)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-14,304	2-8-60	Construction permit for a new standard	GRANTED	3-22-62
Rec'd	8-12-60	broadcast station to be operated on:	Cond'l res: Phase Mon.,	
Filed	8-12-60	Frequency - 1530kc	Field meas. equip., DA &	
		Power - 5kw DA-D	complete non-DA proof.	
		Hours of operation - Daytime	Permittee accept whatever	
		Trans. location - Sec. 16, T 7 N, R 10 E,	objectionable interf. may	
		1 mi SE of Morris Road,	be received from the oper.	
		Lapeer, Michigan	of a new standard broad-	
		Studio location - To be determined,	cast station in Wyoming,	
		Lapeer, Michigan	Michigan.	
		Atty. - Dow, Lohnes and Albertson	D-14419, Sect. 3.87 of	
		Engr. - Lohnes and Culver	Comm. Rules.	
			After Hearing	
			Docket No. 14296	
			Order Issued.	



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Aug. 1955

Call

Letters W T H M

LAPEER BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name ROBERT L. TAYLOR, JAMES HARRIS, ROBERT TRIP, EDWARD P. CYSTER, WILLIAM A. MYERS,  
AND ROBERT M. MYERS d/b as LAPEER BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAP-598 Rec'd Filed	7-9-62 7-11-62 7-11-62	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Lapeer Broadcasting Company.  Earl R. Stanley, Atty.	GRANTED Eff:	8-2-62 8-31-62
BP-10,619 R. & F.	10-12-62 10-16-62	Mod. of CP (EP-14,304 which auth. a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 11-22-62 to 3-22-63. Atty: Earl R. Stanley		
PETITION FOR DELETION OF		CONDITION re provisions Section 3.87 re pre-sunrise operation filed 11-15-62 by Earl Stanley for per mittee - DENIED 11-30-62 - LETTER		
BL-9872 R. & F.	10-20-62 10-31-62	Lic to cover CP(BP-14,304 as mod) which auth a new standard broadcast station and specify studio loc as Morris Road, 1.25 Miles South of M-21, Lapeer, Michigan, (T. Loc. redescribed.) Atty- Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED	4-29-63 Cond '1



FORM BC-121 #3  
Aug. 1955

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1530kc

Call  
Letters W T H M

~~SHEILL BROADCASTING COMPANY~~  
Name X LAPEER BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Lapeer, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4248 Rec'd Filed	6-11-64 6-25-64 6-25-64	Renewal of License  Earl R. Stanley, Esq.	GRANTED	9-30-64
BR-4248 R & F	6-15-67 6-27-67	Renewal of license Atty- Earl R. Stanley (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	7-15-68
BAL-6672 R & F FEE PD: \$135 (remotes included) (ALSO SEE: WTHM-FM) Fee pd; \$30 JUN 4 1969	5-8-69 5-22-69 -#516523 -#519241 (STL) Public Notice 6-18-69.	Vol. assignment of license to SHEILL BROADCAST- ING COMPANY Atty for assignor - E.R. Stanley for assignee - Bilger & Glaser AMENDED 9-4-69 - current bal.sheet(assignee)	GRANTED EFF:	9-22-69 10-1-69



1530kc

FORM BC-121

#4

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

Call

Letters W.T.H.M.

DAVID R. SOMMERVILLE AND JOHN F. SOMMERVILLE, dba

Name WTHM BROADCASTING COMPANY  
X. BELL BROADCASTING COMPANY  
 Lapeer, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4248	6-22-70	Renewal of License	GRANTED	9-30-70
R & F	7-6-70	AMENDED 7-30-70 re: Section II resubmitted		
#613800 \$75.	(\$240. submitted)	re date of signature		
P.N.	7-6-70			
	JUL 22 1970			
BAL-7724	10-13-72	Voluntary assignment of license to DAVID R.	GRANTED	2-22-73
R & F	10-13-72	SOMMERVILLE and JOHN F. SOMMERVILLE, dba	Req. Grant Fee	\$ 3,342.20
FEE PD: \$1000	#118423	WTHM, INC. (SEE OVER)		
CODE 047 (ALSO SEE FM)	NOV 1 1972	Atty - Dow, Lohnes & Albertson		(INCLUDE FM)
AMENDED	10-23-72	Amended to change assignee to David R. Somerville		
Rec'd	10-31-72	and John F. Somerville, d/b as WTHM Broadcasting		
Filed	10-31-72	Company.		
PUB. NOTICE FILED	11-21-72	AMENDED 2-2-73 - prog. & financial data	EFF: 3-1-73	
			fee paid 063	4-12-73
				W 173170



Sect. II returned 7-21-70 re: Sect. II dated later than the signature date of Sect. I.

RE: BAL-7724 Atty was called 10-20-72 - clarification  
re "Inc." in partnership trade name rec. 3/72  
AMENDED 2-12-73 re contributions to Partnership;  
correction re dates Table II.



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call **W D E Y**  
Letters **X W T H M**

Name **DAVID R. SOMMERVILLE AND JOHN F. SOMMERVILLE d/b as WTHM BROADCASTING COMPANY**  
**LAPEER, MICHIGAN**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4248 R & F PN PRESS 2 AUG 1973	6-28-73 7-2-73 7-23-73	Renewal of License  Atty: Richard D. Marks AMENDED 8-27-73 re: program logs	GRANTED	9-27-73
BR-4248 R & F PN PRESS	5-30-76 6-1-76 6-1-76 JUL 29 1976	Renewal of license Atty- Patrick M. Connolly (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) AMENDED 10-6-76 re: engineering, prog. & balance sheet AMENDED 10-18-76 re: engineering	Granted	3-21-77
BR790601DC PRESS SEP 27 1979		Renewal of License AMENDED 6-11-79 re: engineering AMENDED 9-20-79 re: engineering Atty. Frederick D. Cooke, Jr.		



(BR790601DC) Atty. was called 7-30-79 re: engineering



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## APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

1530KHz.

As

Call Letters: W D E Y

Name: DAVID R. SOMMERVILLE AND JOHN F. SUMMERVILLE D/B <sup>As</sup> WTHM BROADCASTING COMPANY

Station Location: LAPEER, MICHIGAN

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRC801016AE PRESS (O)	NOV 6 1980	Modification of License to change Studio Location to: 286 West Nepessing Street, Lapeer, Michigan & Operate Trans. by RC from Proposed Studio Location.  Atty. Todd D. Gray (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED: 11-6-80



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 one set is known to 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.

