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June 1954

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 5-28-69

Call letters W A B K

Station location Gardiner, Maine

KENNEBEC-TRYON COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (AL-7-21-77 EFF: 7-30-77)  
X ABENAKI COMPANY (EMP 3-12-68)

Name of licensee MDURGIN ASSOCIATES, INC.

Transmitter location Northern Ave., 0.3 mi. W. of Maine Turnpike, Farmingdale, Maine (BP 9-13-68)

Main studio location Same as transmitter

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BP-16675 (Cond'1)	9-13-67	1280kc	5kw-DA-N U		11-13 5-13-68
		CP for a new standard broadcast station.			
BTC-5534	1-24-68	Voluntary relinquishment of negative control of permittee			
BP-16675 (1)	1-11-68	Mod. of CP(BP-16675) to assign Call letters.			
BMP-12318 (2)	3-12-68	Mod. of CP(BP-16,675) to change name to ABENAKI COMPANY.			
BMP-12378(3)	4-24-68	MP(BP-16675) ext. time			6-13-68
BMP-12425 (4)	6-25-68	MP(BP-16,675) ext. time			9-13-68
BRC-3274 (5)	8-7-68	Operate RC.			
BMP-12494 BMP-12495 (a MEMO) (6)	9-12-68	MP(BP-16675) to make changes in MROV, chg. type trans. and ext. of time to 10-11-68.			
BL-12,121(L)	5-28-69	Lic.(BP-16,675, as mod.) for new b/c station 4-1-72			
XXXXXXXXXX					
BR-4774(S)	3-30-72	Renewal of license			4-1-75
BTC-6814	3-31-72	Acq. of positive Tc			
EBSA	5-22-72				
BR-4774(L)	6-19-75	Renewal of lic.			4-1-78
BRC-3806	12-19-75	ML to oper. trans. by RC while using DA ant.			
BS-4774(L)	12-10-77	ML replace antenna monitor			4-1-78
BAL-9005	7-21-77	VOL. ML EFF:			7-30-77
BR-4774(L)	5-12-78	Renewal of License			4-1-81
BR-4774(L)	5-12-78	Sepersedes to delete RC for direction al antenna.			



# BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

CARD # 2

AM

First licensed .....

Call Letters WABK .....

Station Location .....

SEE CARD # 1

Name .....

Transmitter Location .....

Main studio location .....

# Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
COMTEL	8-20-80	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TEST AU. GR. PURSUANT TO SECTION 73.157 COMM- MISSION RULES TO OPERATE NIGHTTIME POWER AND RADIATION PATTERN DUR- ING DAYTIME HOURS ONLY AS NECES- SARY TO OBTAIN FIELD STRENGTH MEASUREMENT DATA. POST THIS AU. WITH STATION AUTHORIZATION.	

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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name Durgin Associates, Inc.  
Gardiner, Maine (P.O. c/o Raymond E. Durgin, P.O. Box 25, Portland, Me. 04101)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-16,675 R. & F.	4-1-65	CP for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1280kc Power: 5kw DA-N Hours of operation: Unlimited Type transmitter: Gates BC 5P2 Trans. location: Northern Ave., 0.3 mi. west of Maine Turnpike, Farmingdale, Maine Studio location: Same as transmitter	GRANTED	9-13-67
	4-2-65		Cond'l re: Any pre-sunrise oper. must conform with Sections. 73.37 & 73.99 of the Rules.	
AMENDMENT R & F	4-14-66	AMENDED to change stockholders, officers, directors, and stockholdings.  Atty: Welch & Morgan (Daniel W. Toohey)		
	4-15-66			
AMENDMENT R & F	8-24-67	AMENDED to change stockholders, officers, directors, and stockholdings.		
	8-29-67			

SEP 14 1967

PETITION TO DENY filed 3-8-66 by Dempsey for WFAU.

MOTION TO DISMISS AND OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed 4-18-66 by Welch & Morgan.

REPLY TO "MOTION TO DISMISS AND OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY" filed 5-9-66 by Dempsey.

SUPPLEMENT TO MOTION TO DISMISS AND OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed 5-23-66 by appli.

MOTION TO STRIKE filed 5-27-66 by Dempsey.

OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO STRIKE filed 6-9-66 by Welch & Morgan.

SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION TO DENY filed 3-15-67 by Dempsey.

6 REQUEST TO SUBSTITUTE NEW AFFIDAVIT filed 4-6-67 by Dempsey.

FORM BC-121 #2  
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1280kc

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Letters Unassigned - W A B K

ABENAKI COMPANY

Name\* DURGIN ASSOCIATES, INC.  
Gardiner, Maine

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-5534 R & F (Form 316) JAN 16 1968	12-20-67 1-2-68	Voluntary relinquishment of negative control of permittee corp. by Roger V. Snow, Jr. & David P. Snow, Jointly, thru sale of stock by Roger V. Snow, Jr. to Jon A. Lund and Derek B. Payson  Atty - Welch & Morgan	GRANTED	1-24-68
BMP-12,318 R. & F. MAR 5 1968	2-16-68 2-21-68	Mod. of CP (BP-16,675, which auth. a new standard b/c station) to change name of permittee to ABENAKI COMPANY. atty-Welch & Morgan (Forbes W. Blair)	GRANTED	3-12-68
BMP-12,378 R.&F. #420740 \$30. Press APR 23 1968	4-12-68 4-15-68 4-15-68	MP (BP-16,675, as mod.) for extension of completion date from 5-13-68 to 6-13-68. Atty: Welch & Morgan (Forbes W. Blair)	GRANTED to	4-24-68 6-13-68
BMP-12,425 R. & F. #433433 \$30 JUN 19 1968	5-27-68 6-3-68 6-3-68	MP (BP-16,675, as mod) for extension of completion date to 9-13-68. atty-Welch & Morgan (Forbes W. Blair)	GRANTED to	6-25-68 9-13-68

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WABKName ARENAKI COMPANY  
Gardiner, Maine

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRC-3274 R & F #448481 \$30 AUG 7 1955	7-25-68 8-1-68 8-1-68	<sup>as mod.</sup> MP (EP-16,675) to operate transmitter by remote control from Northern Ave., 0.3 mi. W. of Maine Turnpike, Farmingdale, Maine, while using non-directional antenna. (Located about 1000 feet from transmitter). Atty.: Vincent B. Welch	GRANTED	8-7-68
BMP-12,494 R. & F. #450182 \$30 SEP 13 1968	8-8-68 8-12-68 8-12-68	MP (EP-16,675, as mod) to make changes in MEOV, change type transmitter to RCA BTA-5T1. atty-Welch & Morgan engr-Lobnes and Culyer	GRANTED	9-12-68 (Issued with BMP-12495)
BMP-12,495 R. & F. #451962 \$30 SEP 13 1968 (as mod.)	8-13-68 8-14-68 8-14-68	MP(EP-16,675,as mod) for extension of completion date to _____. (new) atty-Welch & Morgan (Thomas M. P. Christensen)	GRANTED to (Issued with BMP-12494)	9-12-68 10-11-68

FORM BC-121 #4  
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1280kc

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Name ABENAKI COMPANY  
Gardiner, Maine

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-12,121 R & F #456145 \$30 PT (OVER) OCT 23 1968	8/30/68 9/3/68 9/3/68 9/18/68	License (BP-16,675 as mod.) for new b/c station.  Atty: Forbes W. Elair Engr: Laverne M. Poast, D.C.	GRANTED	5-28-69
BR-4774 R & F PN PRESS JAN 6 1972	12-15-71 12-23-71 12-23-71	Renewal of License Atty-Dow, Lohnes & Albertson (Daniel W. Toohey)	GRANTED	3-30-72
BTC-6814 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #047439 CODE 053 (Form 316) MAR 14 1972	3-2-72 3-3-72	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of lic corp by Jon A. Lund thru purchase of stock (and retirement thereof) by the lic corp from Derek B. Payson and David P. Snow  Atty - Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED	3-31-72

AMENDED: SUPPL. INFO: R & F 3/13/69 re engr. data(EL-12121)

AMENDED: " " R & F 5/20/69 " " " (EL-12121)

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1280 kc

Call  
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## KENNEBEC-TRYON COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

Name X ABENAKI COMPANY  
GARDINER, MAINE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4774 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-21-74 12-3-74 " <b>JAN 14 1975</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE D.W.Toohy,Atty.(Dow & Albertson)	GRANTED	6-19-75
BRC-3806 R&F \$100-489571 AC:001 Press:	10-14-75 10-17-75 10-17-75 <b>OCT 20 1975</b>	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from Northern Avenue, Farmingdale, Maine (while using directional antenna) Atty: Daniel W. Toohy (Dow,Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	12-19-75
BAL-9005 R & F (ALSO SEE WKME-FM) FORM 311 Pub.notice filed 5-26-77 <b>JUN 8 1977</b>	4-23-77 4-26-77	Voluntary assignment of license to KENNEBEC-TRYON COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION  Atty for assignor - Dow,Lohnes & Albertson for assignee - H. Schulkind  AGREEMENT RE SALE - filed 4-27-77 AMENDED 5-5-77 - supplemental financial data AMENDED 5-23-77 to reflect withdrawal of Mr. Walsh from CP for new AM station in Middleboro, Mass.	GRANTED EFF:	7-21-77 7-30-77

AMENDED 7/15/77(BAL-9005) - B/C int.(assignee) & engr  
data re: overlap of WKME

AMENDED 7/18/77 - B/C int.(assignee); legal & engineering  
data

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name KENNER EC-TRYON COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION  
GARDINER, MAINE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4774	11-15-77	Renewal of License	GRANTED	5-12-78
R&F	12-1-77	Atty-Herbert M. Schulkind		
PN. Rece. PRESS	12-1-77			
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BR 801126 U A	DEC 21 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
PRESS JAN 2 1981				

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## 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.

