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FM

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed February 10, 1966

WDBS (EFF: 8-6-71)

Call letters XWSRC-FM

Station location Durham, N. C.

WDBS, INCORPORATED (AL 4-30-71 EFF: 5-15-71)

Name of licensee X CAROLINA RADIO OF DURHAM, INC.

3306 Rose of Sharon Rd., Durham, N.C. (CP 11-18-71)
X 700 E. Club Blvd., Durham, N. C. (Redesc. LH 2-10-66)

Transmitter location X East Club Boulevard, Durham, North Carolina (BPH 5-3-65)

Main studio location Bivins Bldg., East Campus, Duke Univ., Durham, N.C. (CP 11-18-71)
X Same as transmitter.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-4736 HAAT: 115'	5-3-65 Ch. 296 CP for a new FM broadcast station (Cond'1).	107.1mc.	ERP: 2.95kw TPO: 1kw	U	7-2 1-3-66
BLH-3090 HAAT: 115'	2-10-66 ch#296 TPO 1 kw Lic. to cover CP(BPH-4736) which authorized a new FM broadcast station.	107.1mc	ERP 2.95kw	Unl	2-10-66 12-1-66
BLH-3090 HAAT: 115'	2-10-66 Ch.#296 TPO: 1kw Superseding auth. to correctly show ant.-trans. loc.	107.1mcs	ERP: 2.95kw	Unl.	2-10-66 12-1-66
BRH-1811	11-30-66	Renewal	of license.	12-1	12-1-69
BRH-1811(S)	6-10-70	Renewal			12-1-72
BRCH-1,001 (1)	1-12-71	Operate	by RC		
BALH-1456	4-30-71	VOL. AL	EFF: 5-15-71		
BPH-7621(L) HAAT: 295' (H&V) Comtel	11-18-71 CP chg. TL, chg. ANT., 2-18-72	107.1	ERP: 3kw(H&V) Temp. auth. oper.		11-18-72 BPH-7621 to 3-17-72.
EBSA	5-22-72				
BLH-5464(L) HAAT: 295' (H&V)	6-23-72 Lic(BPH-7621) for changes 107.1mc		ERP: 3kw(H&V) TPO: 1 kw		12-1-72
BRH-1811(S)	12-6-72	RENEWAL			12-1-75
BRH-1811(L)	11-12-75	Renewal	of License		12-1-78
BRH780801XI(L)	2-22-80	Renewal	of License (Cond'1)		12-1-81

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters ~~NEW FM~~ WSRC-FMName CAROLINA RADIO OF DURHAM, INC.
Durham, North Carolina (P.O. c/o J. H. Mayes, Jr., P. O. Box 28, Durham, N. C.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-4736 Rec'd Filed	12-8-64 12-11-64 12-11-64	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 107.1mc CH 296 ERP: 2.69kw Type transmitter: Visual FM-1K-A TPO: 1kw Type antenna: Jampro JA-4-B (4 sections) HAAT: 113.5 ft. Transmitter Loc.: East Club Boulevard, Durham, North Carolina (SAME AS AM) Studio Loc.: Same as transmitter Leo Resnick, Atty. Edward W. Deeters, Engr.	GRANTED Cond'l res Subject to WSRC receiving permission from the Comm. to determine power of WSRC. Subject to submission of sufficient data in accordance with Sect. 73.250	5-3-65
BLH-3090 R & F	11/27/65 11/29/65	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-4736) which auth. a new FM broadcast station.	GRANTED	2-10-66

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name CAROLINA RADIO OF DURHAM, INC.
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1811 R & F	8-31-66 9-2-66	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-30-66
BRH-1811 R & F #537381 \$75. P.N. filed PRESS	8-29-69 9-2-69 9-2-69 9-2-69 OCT 18 1969	Renewal of license	GRANTED	6-10-70
BALH-1456 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 CODE 049	11-6-70 12-1-70 #646810 DEC 14 1970	Voluntary assignment of license to WDBS INCORPORATED Atty - Finkelstein & Firestone AMENDED 12-15-70 - Loan Agreement(assignee & Duke University) AMENDED 3-5-71 - statement re programming PETITION TO DENY filed by Citizens 3-5-71	GRANTED Req. grant fee EFF: Grant fee \$1,200.00 paid 6-2-71.	4-30-71 \$1,200.00 5-15-71

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107.1mc.

Call Letters **WDBS**
WDBS-FM

WDBS, INCORPORATED

Name **Carolina Radio of Durham, Inc.**
Durham, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BEGH-1,001 R & F #651651 \$50. CODE 068 PRESS:	12-18-70 12-21-70 12-21-70 7 JAN 1971	Mod. of License to operate transmitter by remote control from Room 201 Bivins Building East Campus, Duke University, Durham North Carolina. Atty-None.	GRANTED	1-12-71
BPH-7621 R & F #003307 \$100 CODE: 013 PRESS: 27 SEP 1971 PN REC'd:	8-14-71 9-10-71 9-10-71 11-2-71	CP chg. trans. loc. to: 3306 Rose of Sharon Rd., Durham, N.C.; chg. studio loc. to: Bivins Bldg., E. Campus, Duke University, Durham, N. C.; install new Ant(CCA-FMC-7LP-7 sects., (h&v); make chgs. in ant.system(incr. hght); chg. TPO: 0.966kw; ERP: 3kw(h&v); HAAT: 294' (h&v). 36° 03' 40" - 78° 57' 16" Atty--- Engr--- Section IV-A.	GRANTED	11-18-71 req. grant fee: \$900.00 Grant Fee Paid. 014, 12-3-71. W022529
AMENDED 302 45	10-28-71			

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107.1mc.

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Name WDBS, INCORPORATED
Durham, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-5464 Rec'd W 064352-\$50. Filed PTA PRESS	4-3-72 4-5-72 4-17-72 4-17-72 5-8-72 JUN 19 1972	Lic.(BPH-7621) for changes. AC-068	GRANTED	6-23-72
BRH-1811 R & F PN PRESS	9-1-72 9-7-72 9-7-72 SEP 18 1972	Renewal of License	GRANTED	12-6-72
BRH-1811 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-17-75 7-30-75 " SEP 4 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-12-75

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Name **WDBS INCORPORATED**
Durham, N.C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
PAH -2710 R & F FORM 311 JUN 8 1978 PN FILED	6-1-78 6-5-78 7-11-78	Voluntary assignment of license to VILLAGE RADIO, INC. Atty for assignee - Wade Hargrove Raleigh, N.C. PETITION TO DENY filed 7-28-78 by Project Access/WDBS JOINT MOTION for ext of time to respond to above pet -	DISMISSED Request of Attorney (SEE OVER)	10-30-79
BRH780801XI R & F PRESS SEP 1 1978	7-5-78 8-1-78	Renewal of License Atty. Sydney F. Arak PETITION FOR EVIDENTIARY HEARING ON FORMAT CHANGE AT WDBS filed 7-11-80 by The Friends of Real Radio	GRANTED Cond' re: EEO RADIO STATION	2-22-80

BALH-2710 - OPPOSITION TO PET TO DENY filed 9-15-78 by
Atty Hargrove on behalf of assignee

OPPOSITION TO PET TO DENY filed 9-15-78 by Attys on behalf
of licensee

REPLY TO OPPOSITION filed 10-20-78 by Aden Field (Project
Access/WDBS)

Corrected Page 17 re above reply - filed 10-23-78

AMENDED 10-24-78 re: Delete Table I, add. of (4) new
minority stockholders; Del. Table II, reflects other B/c
and B/c int. of new & orig. stockholders.; Sub. Exh. D re:
assets of Village B/c.Co., Inc.

FORMAL AMENDMENT 2-12-79 re: chgs. in stockholders and
stockholdings, officers & directors. (Delete Roger D.
Jennings)

FORMAL AMENDMENT 4-7-79 ^{MAY 22 1979} re: chgs. in stockholders and
stockholdings. (Delete Joseph S. Wright)

AMENDED 7-31-79 re: C. McNeill less than 1% stockholder
in Village Comm., Inc. & has resigned

7-18-80 OPPOSITION TO PETITION FILED BY CHRISTOPHER SMAL
WOOD ON BEHALF OF WDBS INC.

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.

