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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 11-6-59Call letters W.G.A.T.Station location Gate City, Virginia

TRI-CITIES BROADCASTING CORPORATION (EML 5-20-65)

X ROGERS-McGUIRE BROADCASTING CORP., (AL 4-19-61; EFF: 4-24-61)

Name of licensee X W. V. RAMSEY, Jr/as GATE CITY BROADCASTING COMPANYTransmitter location Horton St., 1150' south of U.S. Highway 23, Gate City, Virginia (BP-2-25-59)Main studio location 133 East Jackson St., Gate City, Virginia (Redescription)
X Main Street (Western Auto Bldg.) Gate City, Virginia (EP-2-25-59)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Day	Period From To
BP-11885	2-25-59	1050kc	250w	Day RC	4-25 10-25-59
	CP for a new standard broadcast station (Cond'l).				
BMP-8470 (1)	6-11-59	Mod. of CP(BP-11,885) to move antenna-transmitter location 1200' east of the present location (same site).			
BL-7590	11-6-59	1050kc	250w	Day	11-6 10-1-60
	Lic. to cover CP (BP-11,885 as mod.) which auth. a new standard broadcast station.				
	9-28-60	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-2100	1-18-61	Renewal of license			1-18 10-1-63
BAL-4168	4-19-61	Voluntary assignment of license to			
EFF:	4-24-61	Rogers-McGuire Broadcasting Corp.			
BP-15518	7-10-63	1050kc	1kw	Day	9-10 3-10-64
	CP to increase power to 1kw and install new transmitter (COLLINS 20-V) (Cond'l).				
BP-16147	5-20-64	1050kc	1kw	Day	7-20 1-20-65
	CP to replace expired CP(BP-15,518) which auth. incr. power and install new transmitter (Cond'l)				
BR-3793	3-22-65	1050kc	250w	Day	3-22 10-1-66
BTC-4694	3-22-65	Voluntary transfer of control of Lic.			
EFF:	3-29-65	Corp. from John K. Rogers, Charles J. McGuire & Mary Jane B. McGuire to James Herman Long and Baxter N. Shaffer, Jr.			
BL-10,870	4-27-65	1050kc	1kw	Day	4-27 10-1-66
	Lic to cover CP(BP-16,147 as reinstated) which auth increase power and install new trnas; specify type trans. Collins 20-V2				
BML-2119 (1)	5-20-65	Mod. of license to change name of licensee to TRI-CITIES BROADCASTING CORPORATION			
BTC-5065	4-27-66	Involuntary transfer of negative control of lic. corp. from Baxter N. Shaffer, Jr. to Nancy W. Shaffer, Administratrix of the estate of Baxter N. Shaffer, Jr., Deceased			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

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Station location Gates City, Virginia

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-3798	9-1-66	1050kc	1kw	Day (RC)	10-1 10-1-69
	Renewal of license.				
BZ-6240 (1)	12-9-66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.			
BR-3798(L)	9-25-69	Renewal			10-1-72
Field Memo	8-27-70	Studio & RC: 133 E. Jackson St., Gate City, Va.			
Comtel	12-17-70	PSA	295w		
EBSA	6-12-72				
BR-3798(L)	10-27-72	RENEWAL			10-1-75
BR-3798(S)	9-23-75		RENEWAL		10-1-78
BR-3798 (S)	3-13-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			10-1-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Aug. 1955

Call
Letters NEW W.G.A.T.Name W. V. RAMSEY, tr/as GATE CITY BROADCASTING COMPANY
(P.O. - Box 277, Mountain City, Tenn.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-11,885	3-1-58	Construction permit for a new standard	GRANTED	2-25-59
Rec'd	3-3-58	broadcast station to be operated on:	Cond'l re: Permittee	
Filed	3-3-58	Frequency - 1050kc	shall accept any inter-	
		Power - 250w	ference that may result	
		Hours of operation - Daytime	from a grant of the appli-	
		Trans. location - Horton St., 1150' south of	cation of WFSC, Franklin	
		U.S. Highway 23,	N. C. BP-11985	
		Gate City, Virginia		
		Studio location - Main Street (Western Auto Bldg.)		
		Gate City, Virginia		
		Remote Control Point - Same as studio		
		Atty. - Corwin R. Lockwood		
		Engr. - Walter A. Duke, Springfield, Tenn.		

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AUG. 1955

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Letters W G A TName A. W. V. RAMSEY, Jr/as. Gate City Broadcasting Company

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-8470 Rec'd Filed	3-24-59 3-25-59 3-25-59	Modification of c.p. (BP-11,885 which authorized a new Standard Broadcast Station) to move antenna-transmitter location 1200' east of the present location (same site).	GRANTED	6-11-59
BL-7590 R & F	7-18-59 7-20-59	License to cover C. P. (BP-11885 as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED	11-6-59
BR-3798 Rec'd Filed	6-15-60 6-20-60 6-20-60	Renewal of license	GRANTED	1-18-61
BAL-4168 Rec'd Filed	2-24-61 2-28-61 2-28-61	Voluntary assignment of license to Rogers-McGuire Broadcasting Corp. John L. Tierney, Atty. for Assignee	GRANTED EFF:	4-19-61 4-24-61

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Letters WGATName ROGERS-McGUIRE BROADCASTING CORP.
GATE CITY, VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-15,518 Rec'd Filed	4-20-62 4-23-62 4-23-62	Construction Permit to increase power from 250w to 1kw and install new transmitter (Collins 20-V) Eng. Louis A. King, Bristol, Tenn.	GRANTED Cond'l re: Sect. 3.54 of the Commission Rules	7-10-63
BR-3798 Rec'd Filed	9-12-63 9-12-63 9-12-63	Renewal of license---10-1-63 Atty. John L. Tierney	GRANTED	3-22-65
BP-16,147 R & F	4-10-64 4-10-64	Construction permit to replace expired CP (BP-15,518) which auth incr in power and install new trans. Atty: Robert M. Booth, Jr.	GRANTED Cond'l re: Sect. 73.54 of the Commission Rules	5-20-64

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GATE CITY, VA.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-4694 Recd. Filed	10-15-64 10-28-64 11-9-64	Voluntary /Transfer of control of licensee corporation from John K. Rogers, Charles J. McGuire & Mary Jane B. McGuire to James Herman Long and Baxter N. Shaffer, Jr. Atty. Booth and Lovett	GRANTED EFF:	3-22-65 3-29-65
BL-10,870 Rec'd Filed	12-18-64 12-20-64 1-12-65	License to cover construction permit (EP16147 as reinstated) which authorized increase power and install new transmitter; specify type transmitter as Collins 20-V2. Atty- Booth & Lovett	GRANTED	4-27-65
BML-2119 R&F	4-28-65 5-5-65	Modification of license to change name of licensee to TRI-CITIES BROADCASTING CORPORATION. Atty: Booth & Lovett	GRANTED	5-20-65

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Letters W G A TName TRI-CITIES BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Gate City, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-5065 R & F (Form 316)	4-4-66 4-6-66	Involuntary transfer of negative control of lic. corp. from Baxter N. Shaffer, Jr. to Nancy W. Shaffer, Administratrix of the Estate of Baxter N. Shaffer, Jr., Deceased.	GRANTED	4-27-66
BR-3798 R & F	7-1-66 7-6-66	Atty - Booth & Lovett Renewal of license Atty. Booth & Lovett	GRANTED	9-1-66
BZ-6240 R & F	10/3/66 10/11/66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. Atty: J. F. Hennessey Engr: L/ A. King, Bristol, Tenn.	GRANTED	12-9-66
Ltr.	6-12-68	Pittman, Lovett & Hennessey now attys.		

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TRI_CITIES BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Name

Gate City, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3798	6-25-69	Renewal of license	GRANTED	9-25-69
R & F	7-3-69	Atty-Pittman, Lovett & Hennessey		
#527005\$75.	7-3-69	Atty. ltr. 9-10-69 re: commercial practices		
P.N. filed	7-11-69			
Amendment filed	7-25-69	re: Paragraph 6 of Ownership Report.		
PRESS AUG 1 1 1969				
BR-3798	6-30-72	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	10-27-72
R & F	7-3-72	John N. Papajohn, Atty.		
PN Recd.	"			
PRESS				
JUL 26 1972				
BR-3798	5-29-75	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-23-75
R & F	6-2-75	J.N.Papajohn, Atty.		
PN Recd.	"			
PRESS	JUN 23 1975			

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GATE CITY, VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3798 R & F PRESS	5-16-78 6-1-78 JUN 14 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. John N. Papajohn (Pittman, Lovett, Ford & Hennessey)	GRANTED	3-13-79
BR810526UG PRESS: UUL	28 1981	Renewal of License Attorney: John N. Papajohn	GRANTED	10-22-81

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.

