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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 12-31-52 W I F M (11-19-51, Eff. 12-1-51)  
Call letters XWELK  
LOCATION: ELKIN, NORTH CAROLINA

TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED (AL 7-7-54, Eff. 7-15-54)

xJAMES B. CHILDRESS (AL 11-4-53 EFF: 11-9-53)

Name of licensee JOHN A. HINSHAW, tr/as YADKIN VALLEY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location 1141 Elk Spur St. Ext., Elkin, North Carolina (CP 8-1-51)

Main studio location 1141 Elk Spur St. Ext., Elkin, North Carolina (CP 8-1-51)

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period	
					From	To
BP-7832	8-1-51	1540	250w (COND'L CLAUSE)	Day	10-1	4-1-52
CP for a new standard broadcast station						
BP-5725	11-8-51	Mod. of	CP 7832	to chg. type of T and	10-1	4-1-52
		chgs. ant. system	(COND'L CLAUSE)			
BL-4619	12-31-52	1540	250w	Day	12-31-52	12-1-54
		Lic. cover CP(BP-7832, as mod.) which authorized				
		new standard b/c station	(COND'L CLAUSE)			
BAL-1630	11-4-53	Voluntary AL to		JAMES B. CHILDRESS		
EFF:	11-9-53					
BAL-1806	7-7-54	Vol. assignment of license to TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED				
EFF:	7-15-54					
BR-2761	11-10-54	1540	250w	Daytime (Cond'l)	12-1	12-1-57
BR-2761	11-20-57	Renewal of license			12-1	12-1-60
	11-30-60	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.				
BR-2761	7-20-61	Renewal of license			7-20	12-1-63
BP-14789	4-4-63	1540kc	1kw-500w(CH)	Day	6-4	12-4-63
		CP to increase power to 1kw-500w(CH) and install new transmitter (GATES BC-1T). (Cond'l).				
	11-27-63	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.				
BL-10283	3-31-64	1540kc	1kw-500w(CH)	Day	3-31	12-1-66
& BR-2761	Lic. to cover CP(BP-14,789) which auth incr. power and install new trans., specify type trans. as Gates BC-1G. (Cond'l)		RENEWAL OF LICENSE			
BR-2761	1-16-67	Renewal of license			1-16-67	12-1-69
BS-2761	11-20-67	Mod. of license to delete obstruction markings. (memo.)				
(1)						
BR-6977(2)	10-29-68	Direct Meas.				
BR-2761	12-3-69	Renewal			12-1-72	
(1)						
BR-7640(3)	10-15-70	Direct Meas.				
(1)						
EBSA	6-12-72					

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June 1954

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Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BR-2761(L)	12-6-72	RENEWAL			12-1-75
BR-2761(S)	11-12-75		RENEWAL		12-1-78
BR 780726	US 11-14-78	(S)	REN. OF LIC.		12-1-81

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call W E L K  
Letters XMASName JOHN A. HUNSHAW, JR./as YADKIN VALLEY BROADCASTING COMPANY...  
(P.O. 1141 Elk Spur St. Extension, Elkin, N. C.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-7832 Rec'd Filed	8-18-50 9-15-50 9-15-50	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1540kc Power: 250w Hours of Operation: Daytime Trans. Location: 1141 Elk Spur St. Extension, Elkin, North Carolina Studio Location: 1141 Elk Spur St. Extension, Elkin, North Carolina George M. Lohnes, Engr.	GRANTED Cond'l re blanketing; and that permittee take appropriate measures to insure that existing FM ant. will not cause un- desirable reradiation effects	8-1-51
BMP-5725 Rec'd Filed	10-20-51 10-22-51 10-22-51	Modification of construction permit (BP-7832, which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter (Raytheon RA-250) and make changes in the antenna system.  George M. Lohnes, Engr.	GRANTED Cond'l re blanketing & (take appropriate meas. to insure that existing FM ant. will not cause un- desirable re-radiation effects	11-8-51

Gates, BC-250-GY

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TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED (AL 7-7-54, Eff. Call

xJAMES B. CHILDRESS (AL 11-4-53, Eff. 11-9-53)

Letters W I F MName JOHN A. HINSHAW Jr/as YADKIN VALLEY BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-4619 Rec'd Filed	11-1-51 11-2-51 11-2-51	License to cover construction permit (BP-7832, as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED cond'l re blanketing and appropriate measures be taken to insure that existing FM antenna system will not cause undesirable re-radiation.	12-31-52
BAL-1630 Rec'd Filed	10-5-53 10-13-53 10-13-53	Voluntary assignment of license to James B. Childress.	GRANTED EFF:	11-4-53 11-9-53
BA1-1806 Rec'd Filed	6-1-54 6-3-54 6-3-54	Voluntary assignment of license to Tri-County Broadcasting Company, Incorporated.  John F. Clagett, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	7-7-54 7-15-54

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Letters W I F MName TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2761 Rec'd Filed	8-16-54 8-17-54 8-17-54	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-10-54
BR-2761 Rec'd Filed	8-20-57 8-22-57 8-22-57	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-20-57
BR-2761 Rec'd Filed	8-2-60 8-5-60 8-5-60	Renewal of License	GRANTED	7-20-61
BP-14,789 Rec'd Filed Amended Rec'd Filed	4-15-61 4-18-61 4-18-61 6-4-62 6-5-62 6-5-62	CP to increase power from 250w to 1kw <sup>500w(CH)</sup> and install new transmitter (Gates BC-1T) Eng.- Palmer Greer, Greenville, S. C. AMENDED to reduce power to 500w during critical hours (CH).	GRANTED Cond'l re: accept interf. BP-14661; antenna resist. measurements; & reradiation with FM antenna & Sect. 3.87	4-4-63

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Name Tri-County Broadcasting Company, Incorporated  
Elkin, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2761 Rec'd Filed	8-21-63 8-23-63 8-23-63	Renewal of License	GRANTED (Issued with BL-10,283)	3-31-64
BL-10,283 R. & F.	8-28-63 8-29-63	Lic to cover CP(BP-14,789) which auth incr. power and install new transmitter; specify type trans as Gates BC-1G.	GRANTED Cond': Licensee shall take appropriate measurements to insure that the existing FM antenna sys. or other structure will not cause undegradable re-radiation effects. Pre-sunrise operation. (Issued with renewal)	3-31-64
BR-2761 R & F	8-6-66 8-8-66	Renewal of license	GRANTED	1-16-67

FORM BC-121 #5  
Aug. 1955

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Name TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED  
Elkin, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-6977 R & F DM OCT 29 1968	9/18/68 9/23/68 10/2/68	Direct Meas.	GRANTED	10-29-68
BR-2761 R & F #537309 \$75 PRESS: OCT 3 - 1969 PN REC'd:	8-28-69 8-29-69 8-29-69 8-29-69	Renewal of License AMENDED 11-21-69 re: Programming	GRANTED	12-3-69
BZ-7640 R & F #629591 \$30. DM PRESS OCT 13 1970	9-9-70 9-11-70 9-11-70 9-18-70	Direct Measurement.  Refunded	GRANTED	10-15-70

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BR-2761 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	8-28-72 8-30-72 " <b>SEP 15 1972</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	12-6-72
THE COMMISSION, by action of 11-14-74 notified the licensee that it has incurred an apparent liability for forfeiture in the amount of \$750 for willful or repeated violation of sec. 73. 267(b)(1) and 73.52(a) of Rules.				
BR-2761 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-23-75 7-25-75 " <b>AUG 14 1975</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 10-17-75 re: EEO	GRANTED	11-12-75

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR780726US PRESS	SEP 15 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-14-78
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RECORD OF APPLICATIONS REQUESTING FACILITIES OF BROADCASTING STATION <sup>V.I.F.V.</sup> ~~x~~ <sup>W.E.L.K.</sup>

Licensee: ~~x~~ John A. Hinshaw, tr/as Yadkin Valley Broadcasting Company

File No.	Date	Call Letters	Name and Location of Applicant	Remarks	Disposition



## 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 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.

