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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

W I L S (11-25-46)

Date first licensed 7-21-47

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Station location: Lansing, Mich.

Name of licensee LANSING BROADCASTING COMPANY

600 Cavanaugh, Lansing, Michigan (BP 7-8-80)

x 600 West Cavanaugh Road, Lansing, Mich. (BS 2-13-74 Redescription)
x Lowcroft and Fenton Streets, Lansing Mich. (re-described BL-10-26-55)x 2000 Ft. south of Homes Rd., and 2000 ft. east of Logan St., Lansing
Township, Michigan (CP 11-17-49)

Transmitter location x Mt. Hope Road, Lansing, Michigan (MP 1-24-47) (Lic. 7-21-47)

Same as transmitter (BS 2-13-74 Redescription)

X Same as transmitter (L 2-13-68)

407-411 N. Washington Ave., Lansing, Michigan

Main studio location x 401 1/2 N. Washington Street, Lansing, Michigan (MP 1-24-47) (Lic. 7-21-47)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
32-P-5066 Letter	10-17-46 11-8-46	1430 CP for new station	500w	Daytime	granted subject to filing MP for approval of T site and antenna (Conditional Clause)
B2-P-5066 B2-MP-2380	1-24-47 Mod. CP(5066)	1430 for change type T, approval antenna and T site and specify S location	500w	Daytime	3-24 7-24-47
BL-2308 B2-2121	7-21-47 Lic. to cover CP (5066 as mod.)	1430 for a new station and change studio location and determine operating power by direct method. (Conditional Clause)	500w	Daytime	7-21 11-1-47
BR-827 ¹⁶⁹⁴	10-16-47	1430	500w	D	11-1 11-1-50
BP-5889	11-17-49	1320 CP to change freq., hrs. of opr., power, install DA-N and change T site. (COND. CLAUSE)	1kw-DA-N	Un	1-17 7-17-50
BP-5889	11-17-49	1320 Superseding CP to correct DA specs. (COND. CL.)	1kw-DA-N	Un	1-17 7-17-50
BL-2308	8-17-50	1320 Lic. to cover CP(5889) to change freq., power, hrs. of operation, T site & install DA-1. (COND. CLAUSE)	1kw-DA-1	U	8-17 11-1-51
BP-7965	8-24-51	1320 CP incr. power, install new T, and chg. from DA-N to DA-2	1kw*5kw-LS* *DA-2 (COND'L CLAUSE)	U	10-24 4-24-52
BR-1694	10-17-51	1320 (Cond'l clause)	1kw-DA-N	U	11-1 10-1-52
BNP-5883	6-11-52	Mod. CP 7965 for changes in antenna DA*2 & extension C & C dates (COND. CL.)			8-11 2-11-53
BR-1694	9-24-52	1320 (cond'l clause)	1kw-DA-N	U	10-1 10-1-55
Ltr.	9-23-52	Transmit football games to CKLW period 9-27-52 to 11-22-52			
BL-4739	8-7-52	1320 1kw, 5kw-LS DA-2 Lic. to cover CP (BP-7965, as mod.) which auth. increase in daytime power, change to DA-2 and install new transmitter (COND'L CLAUSE)		U	8-7-52 10-1-52
BP-8932	4-29-53	1320 *DA CP install old trans. as aux. trans.	1kw*	Aux.	6-29 12-29-53

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Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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BL-5043	7-9-53	1320	1kw-DA-2	Aux.	7-9 10-1-55
Lic. cover CP (BP-8832) install old trans. as aux. trans. (COND'L CLAUSE)					
BP-9773	4-6-55	1320	1kw-DA	Alt. - N	6-6-55 12-6-55
(2 Auths.)			1kw-DA	Aux. - D	
CP change presnet Aux. to Alt. Main Night & Aux. Day.					
BP-9946	6-30-55	1320	1kw-5kw-LS	U	8-30 2-28-56
			DA-2		
CP install new transmitter.					
BL-5729	6-22-55	1320kc	1kwDA	Alt. Night	6-22 10-1-55
			1kw DA	Aux. Day	
Lic. to cover cp 9773 to chg. present Aux. to Alt. Main Night and Auxiliary Daytime.					
BR-1694	9-7-55	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			10-1 10-1-58
		MAIN, ALTERNATE MAIN AND AUXILIARY			
BL-5849	10-26-55	Lic. to cover CP(9946) to install new transmitter (MAIN)& re-described trans. loc. (BL-5849).			
BP-11764	7-31-58	1320kc	1kw-5kw-LS	U	9-31 3-31-59
			DA-2		
CP to make changes in daytime DA pattern.					
Wire	9-30-58	Action on renewal application deferred 9-24-58, pending further consideration. Continued operation authorized.			
BR-1694	1-14-59	1320	1kw DA	A X D	1-14 10-1-61
			1kw DA	Alt. Night	1-14 10-1-61
BR-1694	1-14-59	1320	1kw-5kw-LS	U	1-14 10-1-61
			DA-2		
BL-7457	7-10-59	1320kc	1kw-5kw-LS	U	7-10 10-1-61
			DA-2		
Lic. to cover CP (BP-11764) which auth. changes in daytime DA-2 pattern.					
BL-7457	7-10-59	1320kc	1kw-5kw-LS	DA-2	7-10 10-1-61
Superseding authorization correcting license specifications and monitoring point descriptions					

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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-1694	9-20-61	(MAIN) (AUX.) Day (ALT. MAIN)-Night	Renewal of license		10-1 10-1-64
BR-1694	9-15-64	Main and Aux Day-Alt Main-Night	Renewal of License		10-1 10-1-67
BP-17219	5-31-66	1320kc	1kw-5kw-DA-2 U		7-31 1-31-67
	CP to make changes in nighttime directional antenna pattern, change studio location to same as transmitter, and make changes in ground system (Cond'l).				
BMP-11,983 (1)	2-15-67	Mod. of CP(BP-17,219) for extension of completion date to			4-2-67
BMP-12088 (2)	6-27-67	Mod. of CP(BP-17219) which auth. chg. in DA-N pattern, etc.) to change			
BR-1694	9-15-67	Renewal of License Main & Aux.-Alt. Main			10-1 10-1-70
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
BL-11,814	2-13-68	1320kc 1kw;5kw-DA-2 Unl			2-13 10-1-70
		Lic. to cover CP(BP-17,219 as mod).			
TELEGRAM	1-18-68	PSA(REVISED) 2000w			
BZ-6678 (1)	2-13-68	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power.			
BR-1694(L)	11-13-70	Renewal of Main & Aux-Alt.M			10-1-73
		Renewal of NDEA			
BL-11,814(L) "MEMO"	2-13-68	SUPERSEDEDING Authorization to correct description of Antenna & Ground Systems			10-1-70
EBSA	5-25-72				
Per Renewal Applic.	6-26-73	Gates, BC-1G/was installed (Aux.-Alt. Main)			
BR-1694(L)	9-27-73	RENEWAL MAIN-ALT & AUX.			10-1-76
BS-1694(L)	2-13-74	to show the correct studio & trans. loc.			10-1-76
BR-1694(L) BZ-9784	9-27-79	Renewal Of License and Direct Measurement			10-1-82
BR-1694(L) BZ-9784	9-27-79	superseded to include 315 ⁰ MP			10-1-82

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

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Station Location

Name

Transmitter Location

Main studio location

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BP790803AQ	7-8-80 CP to inc. MEOV's in night pattern	1320khz. 1kw, 5kw DA-2 U	7-8-81

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X NewName LANSING BROADCASTING COMPANY
(P.O. - P.O.Box 1206, Lansing 4, Michigan)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-P-5066	7-16-46	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1430 kc Power - 500w Hours of operation - Daytime Only Trans. location - To be determined, Lansing, Michigan Studio location - To be determined, Lansing, Michigan (Filed by Andrew W. Bennett, atty.; Lester H. Carr, Engr.)	GRANTED	10-17-46
Rec'd	7-19-46		subject to filing MP for approval of T site and antenna, contingent on transmitter meeting requirements of Section 3.45 and Conditional re waiver 3.55(b) and 3.60 Letter 11-8-46 Issued with MP-2380	
Filed	7-19-46			

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-MP-2380	11-26-46	Mod. of C.P.(B2-P-5066, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna, to change type of transmitter (RCA 1G) for approval of transmitter location at Mt. Hope Road, Lansing, Michigan and specify studio location as 401 1/2 N. Washington St., Lansing, Michigan.	GRANTED	1-24-47
Rec'd	11-29-46			
Filed	11-29-46			
		Andrew W. Bennett, Atty		

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-2308 Rec'd Filed	2-16-47	License to cover C.P. (E2-P-5066, as mod.) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and for change of studio location from: 401 $\frac{1}{2}$ N. Washington St., Lansing, Michigan to: 407-11 No. Washington Avenue, Lansing, Michigan. and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED subject waivers 3.55(b) and 3.60	7-21-47
	2-17-47			
	2-17-47			
BZ-2121 Rec'd Filed	2-16-47	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.		
	2-17-47			
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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-5889	2-1-47	C.P. to change frequency from 1430kc to 1240kc , change power and hours of operation from 500w, daytime to 250-watts, unlimited-time , install new-trans. (NCH-2TH-250L), and change trans. location from Mt. Hope Road, Lansing, Mich. to Site-to-be-determined , Lansing, Mich. (Facilities-to-be-relinquished-by-Station-WJIM) (Filed by Andrew W. Bennett, Atty) Lester H. Carr, Engr.	Docket # 8217	
Rec'd	2-7-47		Granted 11-17-49	
Filed	2-7-47		after hearing. Cond: (1) re blanketing clause (Re properly designed phase monitor (3) re field measuring equip. Decision & Order Issued	
• AMENDED	8-27-47	AMENDED To change frequency from 1240kc to 1320kc; power from 250w to 1kw daytime-only and hours of operation from unlimited to daytime , and omit request to install new transmitter.		
Recd.	8-29-47			
Filed	9-5-47			

(See amendment Card #4 a)

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File No.	Dated	Application for	<u>Action</u>	
			Nature	Date
BP-5889 (cont. from Card #4)				
AMENDED	10-11-47	AMENDED to change hours of operation from day-		
Recd.	10-16-47	time to unlimited, using DA at night and change		
Filed	10-16-47	transmitter location from -to be determined, Lansing, Michigan, to - 2000 ft. south of Holmes Road and 2000 ft. east of Logan St., Lansing, Michigan.		

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1694 Rec'd	9-11-47 9-15-47	Renewal of license Andrew W. Bennett, Atty.	Granted	10-16-47
BL-3986 Rec'd Filed	3-1-50 3-3-50 3-3-50	License to cover construction permit (BP-5889) which authorized change in frequency, power, hours of operation and transmitter location and installation of directional antenna for night use. Frank A. Flanagan, Atty. Jules Cohen, Engr.	GRANTED re blanketing clause; re field meas. equipment.	5-17-50

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
HP-7965	12-15-50	Construction permit to increase the daytime power from 1kw to 5kw, change from employing directional antenna for night use only to directional antenna for day and night (DA-2) and install a new transmitter (RCA 5-C). John A. Mason, Atty. A. R. Bitter, Engr. Toledo, Ohio	GRANTED	8-24-51
Rec'd	1-12-51		Cond'l re blanketing;	
Filed	1-12-51		T complies with Sec.3.46 & Sec.12; installation phase monitor; and availability field meas.equip.	
		Ltr. 4-29-51 notifying Comm. that Welch, Mott & Morgan have been retained to represent station.		

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Name: LANSING BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1694 Rec'd Filed	8-2-51 8-14-51 8-14-51	Renewal of license Filed by Harold E. Mott, Atty.	Granted	10-17-51
BMP-5883 Rec'd Filed	5-8-52 5-9-52 5-9-52	Modification of construction permit (EP-7965, which auth. increase in daytime power; change from employing DA night use only to DA for day and night(DA-2) and install a new transmitter) to make changes in the antenna system. <i>discontinued</i> Robert L. Heald, Atty. Andrew F. Inglis, Engr.	GRANTED and extension C & C dates Conditions same as CP	6-11-52
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	5-30-52 6-2-52 6-2-52	AMENDED to make changes in DA system.		

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-4739 Rec'd Filed	4-16-52 4-24-52 4-24-52	License to cover construction permit (BP-7965, as modified) which authorized increase in day-time power, change from employing DA night only to DA for day and night (DA-2) and install. of a new transmitter. Robert L. Heald, atty.	GRANTED re blanketing	8-7-52
BR-1694 Rec'd Filed	9-4-52 9-9-52 9-9-52	Renewal of License Filed by Vincent B. Welch, Atty.	GRANTED	9-24-52
BP-8832 Rec'd Filed	4-6-53 4-13-53 4-13-53	Construction permit to install old transmitter (RCA 1G) as an auxiliary transmitter at Howcroft and Fenton Sts., Lansing, Michigan (present location of main transmitter) to be operated on 1320kc with power of 1kw, night and day , for auxiliary purposes only. Vincent A. Pepper, Atty.	GRANTED	4-29-53

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File No.	Dated	Application for	<u>Action</u>	
			Nature	Date
BL-5043 Rec'd Filed	5-28-53 6-1-53 6-1-53	License to cover construction permit (BP-8832) which auth. installation of old transmitter as an auxiliary transmitter.	GRANTED blanketing clause	7-9-53
Rec'd	3-8-55 3-10-55	Construction permit to install an alternate main transmitter (RCA 1-G)	RESTORED per Section 3.64	3-22-55
BP-9773 Resub. Rec'd Filed	3-8-55 3-31-55 3-31-55	Construction permit to change present auxiliary transmitter (RCA 1G) to alternate main transmitter nighttime and auxiliary transmitter daytime on 1320kc, using power of 1kw.	GRANTED	4-6-55

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-5729 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	4-23-55 4-26-55 5-11-55 5-12-55 5-12-55	License to cover construction permit (BP-9773) which authorized change present auxiliary transmitter (RCA-1G) to alternate main trans. nighttime and auxiliary trans. daytime on 1320kc, using power of 1 kw.	Ret. 5-2-55, Sect. I - not submitted. GRANTED	5-2-55 6-22-55
BP-9946 Rec'd Filed	6-18-55 6-20-55 6-20-55	Construction permit to install a new transmitter (GATES BC-5E).	GRANTED	6-30-55
BR-1694 Rec'd Filed	6-22-55 6-30-55 6-30-55	Renewal of license, Main, Alt. Main & Auxiliary Leo Resnick, Atty.	GRANTED	9-7-55
BL-5849 Rec'd Filed	7-14-55 7-18-55 7-18-55	License to cover construction permit (BP-9946) which authorized installation of a new transmitter (Main)	GRANTED	10-26-55

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-11,764 Rec'd Filed	12-20-57 12-24-57 12-24-57	Construction permit to make changes in day- time DA-Pattern. Atty: Leo Resnick	GRANTED	7-31-58
BB-1694 Rec'd Filed	6-19-58 7-3-58 7-3-58	Renewal of license, Main, Alt. Main and Auxiliary Leo Resnick, Atty.	GRANTED	1-14-59
BL-7457 R & F	3-11-59 3-12-59	License to cover C.P. (BP-11,764) which authorized changes in daytime DA-pattern. Atty. Resnick	GRANTED	7-10-59

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LANSING, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1694 Rec'd Filed	6-20-61 7-3-61 7-3-61	Renewal of license (MAIN) Atty.: Leo Resnick	GRANTED	9-28-61
BR-1694 R. & F.	8-9-61 8-11-61	Renewal of License (AUXILIARY) -Day Atty: Leo Resnick (Alt. Main)-Night	GRANTED	9-28-61
BR-1694 R & F	6-16-64 6-23-64	Renewal of License (Main and Auxiliary- Alternate Main) Leo Resnick, Atty.	GRANTED	9-15-64
BP-17,219 R. & F.	11-6-65 11-12-65	CP to make changes in nighttime Directional Antenna pattern, change studio location to Same as transmitter, and make changes in ground system. Atty: Leo Resnick Engr: John H. Mullaney	GRANTED Cond'l re: Phase Mon., equip., DA proof.	5-31-66 Field meas.

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LANSING, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-11,983 R & F	1-30-67 2-1-67	Mod. of CP(BP-17,219 which auth make chgs. in night DA pattern, chg. studio loc to same trans make chgs in gr. sys) for extension of completion date from 1-31-67 to 3-2-67 Atty. Leo Resnick Engr. John H. Mullaney	as GRANTED to	2-15-67 4-2-67
BL- Rec'd	2/3/67 2/14/67	Lic. to cover CP (BP-17,219 as mod.) which auth. chng. night DA-pattern, chng. studio loc., chng. gr-system. Atty: Leo Resnick (Main) Engr: R. A. Jones, La Grange, Ill.	RETURNED: incorrect	4/5/67 re engr. data.
BZ- Rec'd	2/14/67	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. (Alt-M-Aux.)	RETURNED: incorrect	4/5/67 re engr. data.
BMP 12,088 Rec'd Resub. Filed	3-1-67 3-10-67 5-17-67 5-19-67	Mod. of CP(BP017219) which auth. cbg in DA-N pattern, Etc.) to change MEOV's. Atty. Leo Resnick F.E.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.	RETURNED Proof-returned GRANTED	4-5-67 (COND'L) 6-27-67

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Lansing, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1694 R & F JUL 20 1957	6-27-67 6-30-67	Renewal of license (Main & Aux.-Alt.Main) Atty- Leo Resnick	GRANTED	9-15-67
BL-11,814 Rec'd RESUB: Rec'd Filed PTA-10/ 67 24/67	2/3/67 2/14/67 5/17/67 5/19/67 10/10/67	Lic. to cover CP (EP-17,219 as mod.) which auth. chng. night DA-pattern, chng. studio loc., chng. gr-system, chng MEOV'S, specify studio loc. same as trans. Atty: Leo Resnick Engr: Robt. A. Jones, LaGrange, Ill.	GRANTED	2-13-68
BY-6678 Rec'd RESUB. R & F DM-10/24/67 NOV 9 1957	1/28/67 2/14/67 5/17/67 5/19/67	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of ant. power. (Alt-Main) Engr: Robt. A. Jones, LaGrange, Ill.	GRANTED	2-19-68

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Lansing, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1694	6-26-70	Renewal of License (Main, Aux.-Alt. Main)	GRANTED	11-13-70
R & F	7-6-70	Atty: Leo Resnick		
#613899 \$75.	(\$210. submitted)	AMENDED 8-17-70 re: commercial policy		
" \$30.	7-6-70			
P.N.	7-6-70			
JUL 21 1970				
10-12-70 Annual fee \$56.00 deducted from \$105.00 Renewal filing fee. \$49.00 Credited to 1971.				
BR-1694	6-21-73	Renewal of License (Main & Aux.-Alt. Main)	GRANTED	9-27-73
R & F	6-26-73			
P.N.	6-26-73	Atty.: Leo Resnick		
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Lansing, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BR-1694 R & F P.N. Press	5-12-76 5-28-76 5-28-76 JUN 30 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALT.M - AUX.) Atty; Leo Resnick AMENDED 10-26-76 re: EEO AMENDED 12-23-76 re: prog. SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 5-24-79 as an amendment to pending renewal application. PRESS: (BR790524YH)	GRANTED issued with BZ-9784	9-27-79
BP790803AQ PRESS (O)	SEP 4 1979	CP to increase the MEOV of the Night Pattern.	GRANTED	7-8-80
BZ-9784 R&F DM PRESS	5-30-78 4-16-79 7-20-79		GRANTED issued with RENEWAL	8-10-79

W I L S - RECORD OF DENIAL OF INFORMAL APPLICATIONS

Letter 10-8-47 To opr. add'l time to broadcast football
game, Oct. 11, 1947, only.

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.

