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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed October 8, 1956

Call letters WFIS

Station Location: Fountain Inn, S. C.

Name of licensee FOUNTAIN INN-SIMPSONVILLE ENTERPRISE, INC.

Transmitter location 1.15 miles northwest of city limits, on Highway 276, Fountain Inn, S.C.
(CP 4-4-56)

Main studio location 1.15 miles northwest of city limits, on Highway 276, Fountain Inn, S.C.
(CP 4-4-56)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BP-10229	4-4-56	1600	1 kw	Daytime	6-4-56 12-4-56
CP for new standard broadcast station					
BMP-7250 (1)	6-22-56	Mod. of CP(BP-10,229) to change type transmitter.			
BL-6317	10-8-56	1600kc	1 kw	Day	10-8 12-1-57
Lic to cover CP(B)-10229 mod) new station					
BR-3336	11-27-57	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-60
	11-30-60	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-3336	1-1-61	renewal of license			6-1 12-1-63
BR-3336 (2)	3-7-62	Voluntary acquisition of transmitter and studio location (4-1-62)			
BL-4575 (1)	3-6-62	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.			
BR-3336	3-10-64	1600kc	1kw	Day	3-10 12-1-66
BR-3336	11-30-66	Renewal of license			12-1 12-1-69
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
BTC-5527	2-27-68	Voluntary acquisition of control of lic.			
EFF.	3-22-68				
BR-3336(S)	11-24-68	RENEWAL			12-1-72
BTC-6508	4-5-71	VOL. TC			
EBSA	6-12-72				
BR-3336(S)	12-6-72	Renewal			12-1-75
BR-3336(L)	11-12-75	RENEWAL			12-1-78
BTC790129EB	3-6-79	VOL. TC	EFF:		
BR730731XU (S)	1/24/79	Renewal			12/1/81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters **New WPIS**

Name **FOUNTAIN INN-SIMPSONVILLE ENTERPRISE, INC.**
PO BOX 311, Fountain Inn, South Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-10,229	11-25-55	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1600kc Power: 1kw Hours of Operation: Daytime Trans. Location: 1.15 mi. NW of city limits on Hwy. 276, Fountain Inn, S. C. Studio Location: Same Younts & Spence, Attys. Fountain Inn, S.C. Palmer A. Greer, Engr., Greenville, S. C.	GRANTED	4-4-56
Rec'd	11-28-55			
Filed	11-28-55			
BMP-7250	6-4-56	Modification of construction permit(BP-10,229 which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to change type transmitter (GATES BC 1J) Atty. - Melvin K. Younts	GRANTED	6-22-56
Rec'd	6-11-56			
Filed	6-11-56			

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W.F.T.S.

Name FOUNTAIN INN-SIMPSONVILLE ENTERPRISE, INC.
Fountain Inn, South Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-6317 Rec'd Filed	8-29-56 8-30-56 8-30-56	License to cover Construction Permit BP-10,229 as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED	10-8-56
BR-3336 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	8-31-57 9-8-57 8-31-57 10-16-57 10-16-57	Renewal of License		not acceptable 11-27-57
BR-3336 R & F	8-31-60 9-2-60	Renewal of license	GRANTED	8-1-61
BZ-1525 Recd. Resub. R. & F.	9-25-61 10-2-61 12-26-61 12-28-61	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	Returned Signed by Ch. Engr. GRANTED	DEC 1 - 1961 3-6-62

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

(1600kc)

Call
Letters W F I SName FOUNTAIN INN-SIMPSONVILLE ENTERPRISE, INC.FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3336 Rec'd Filed	8-31-63 9-5-63 9-5-63	Renewal of license---12-1-63	GRANTED	3-10-64
BR-3336 R & F	8-19-66 8-23-66	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-30-66
BTC-5527 R & F JAN 10 1968	12-13-67 12-21-67	Voluntary acquisition of control (100%) of lic. corp. by Leroy A. Hamilton thru purchase of stock from D.L. Bramlett, Jr., A.E. Greene, Melvin K. Younts, Joe Thomason and S.W. Hiott, Jr.	GRANTED EFF.	2-27-68 3-22-68
BR-3336 R & F #537235 \$75. P.H.	8-26-69 8-29-69 8-29-69 8-29-69	Renewal of License AMENDED 11-3-69 re: balance sheet	GRANTED	11-26-69
BTC-6508 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 CODE 047	1-22-71 1-25-71 #659843	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Leroy A. Hamilton (100%) to Leroy A. Hamilton and Ben Hill Davis, Jr. (50% each) (SEE OVER)	GRANTED Req. grant fee Grant fee \$680.00 paid	4-5-71 \$680.00 5-24-71

RE: ETC-6508 - Sec.VI mailed ~~9-1-71~~ 3-12-71

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1600 kc

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Letters W F I S

Name FOUNTAIN INN-SIMPSONVILLE ENTERPRISE, INC.
FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3336 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	8-29-72 9-5-72 " SEP 20 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	Granted	12-6-72
BR-3336 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-28-75 8-1-75 " AUG 25 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-12-75
BR780731XU PRESS	7-24-78 SEP 11 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	Granted	1/23/79

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W F I SName FOUNTAIN INN-SIMPSONVILLE ENTERPRISES, INC.
Fountain Inn, South Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC790129EB Form 316 (Also see W C K M) PRESS FFR 6 1979	1-26-79	Vol. acquisition of positive control (100%) of lic corp by Ben H. Davis, Jr. thru redemp- tion of stock by the licensee corporation from Leroy A. Hamilton Atty - Richard Kennedy (Daly, Joyce & Borsari)	GRANTED EFF:	3-6-79
Letter Dated PRESS (O)	4-10-79 APR 19 1979	Filed by Richard F. Kennedy Request for Dual City Identification as: FOUNTAIN INN-SIMPSONVILLE Atty. Richard F. Kennedy (Daly, Joyce and Borsari)		

DUPLICATE

APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W F I S

Name: FOUNTAIN INN-SIMPSONVILLE ENTERPRISES, INC.

Station Location: FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
LETTER	4-10-79	Request Waiver of Section 73.1201 (b)(2) of rules to identify as FOUNTAIN INN-SIMPSONVILLE,	Gr. 9-11-79

Post Dual-City granted
when cards are found.

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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 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.

