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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 10-16-50

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(See card #2)

Location: Hamilton, Alabama

x HUGH J. FITE (AL 11-30-55, EFF: 1-1-56)

x RANKIN FITE, HUGH J. FITE AND MINNIE WATT FITE, ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF ERNEST B. FITE, DECEASED d/b as MARION COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 11-23-55, EFF: 11-27-54)

Name of licensee d/b as MARION COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location 1 1/2 miles south of Courthouse, Hamilton, Alabama. (re-described BZ 8-29-56)

Main studio location 1 1/2 miles south of Courthouse, Hamilton, Ala.

Main studio location x

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BP-7476	3-13-50 Lic. 3-13-50.	970	1kw	Daytime	CP for new station, rented prop. to filling HP for approval of Baker 2nd T site.
BL-4156	10-16-50	970	1kw	Daytime	10-16 5-1-53 Lic. to cover CP(BP-7476, as mod. which authorized a new standard B/C station. (BL Cl. and waiver 3.30(a))
BP-7954	6-6-51	970	5kw	Day	8-6 2-6-52 CP to increase power and install New T. (COND. CL.)
BMP-5767	1-5-52	Mod. of CP 7954 for extension of comple- tion date (COND'L CLAUSE)			8-6 8-8-52
BMP-5920	7-15-52	Mod. of CP(7954 as mod.) for extension of completion date (CONDITIONAL CL.)			8-6 2-8-53
BP-6090	1-8-53	Mod. of CP(7954, as mod) to change type transmitter and extend completion date (Cond'l Clause)			8-6-51 8-8-53
BR-2521	4-15-53	970	1kw	Daytime	5-1 4-1-55
BL-5086 (1)	9-17-53	Lic. cover CP (BP-7954, as mod) inc. power & install new trans. (COND'L)			9-17 4-1-55
Telegram	3-30-55	Action on renewal deferred 3-30-55 & continued operation auth. until final determina- tion on renewal			
BR-2521	5-4-55	970kc	5kw	Day	5-4 4-1-58
BAL-2161 EFF:	11-23-55 11-27-54	Involuntary assignment of license to RANKIN FITE, HUGH J. FITE AND MINNIE WATT FITE, ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF ERNEST B. FITE, DECEASED d/b as MARION COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY			
BAL-2153 EFF:	11-30-55 1-1-56	Voluntary assignment of license to HUGH J. FITE.			
BZ-3792	8-29-56	970kc	5kw	Day	8-29-56 4-1-58 Authority to determine operating power by direct measure- ment of antenna power.

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location

KATE F. FITE (AL 6-18-58) EFF: 6-30-58

Name of licensee *KATE F. FITE, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF HUGH J. FITE, DECEASED (AL 6-6-58)
EFF:

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BZ-3896 (1)	8-26-57	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power			
Telegram	3-28-58	Action on renewal deferred 3-27-58. Continued operation authorized pending final determination on application.			
BR-2521	4-9-58	970kc	5kw	Day	4-9 4-1-61
BZ-3974 (1)	4-3-58	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.			
BAL-3047 EFF:	6-6-58	Involuntary assignment of license to Kate F. Fite, executrix of the Estate of Hugh J. Fite, Deceased			
BAL-3048 EFF:	6-18-58	Voluntary assignment of license to Kate F. Fite.			
	3-29-61	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-2521	7-27-61	970	5kw	Daytime	7-27 4-1-64
BZ-5107 (1)	3-4-64	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.			
	3-25-64	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.			
BR-2521	3-24-65	970	5kw	Day	3-24- 4-1-67
Ltr. dated 12-16-65 & rec'd 12-20-65 giving notification per Sect. 73.48(a)(5) Rules that a Cates BC-5P-2 trans. is now installed & in oper.					
BR-2521	3-29-67	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-70
BZ-6058	11-6-67	970kc	5kw	Day	11-6 4-1-70
		Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power.			
BZ-6007(1)	4-17-68	Direct meas.			
BZ-7142(1)	2-31-70	Direct Measurement			
BR-2521(L)	9-11-70	Renewal of License & NDRA			4-1-73
EBSA	5-25-72				

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location Hamilton, Alabama

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-2521(S)	3-30-73	Renewal			4-1-76
WIRE	1-7-74	PSA	500w		
BR-2521(L)	4-19-76	Renewal			4-1-79
BR781208UD (S)	3-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters x New

Name HUGH J. FITE, ERNEST B. FITE and RANKIN FITE d/b as

MARION COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY

(PO Hamilton, Alabama)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
HP-7476	1-5-50	Construction permit for a new standard broad-	GRANTED	3-13-50
Rec'd	1-9-50	cast station to be operated on	re subj. to filing of AP	
Filed	1-9-50	Frequency: 970kc	for approval of antenna	
		Power: 1kw	and T site.	
		Hours of operation: Daytime	Ltr. 3-16-50	
		Trans. location: To be determined-		
		Hamilton, Alabama		
		Studio location: To be determined-		
		Hamilton, Alabama		
		Paul D. P. Spearman, Atty.		
		Max V. Holley, Engr.		

Issued with AP-2156

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name Hugh J. Fite, Ernest B. Fite and Rankin Fite d/b as
Marion County Broadcasting Company

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-5093 Rec'd Filed	4-14-50 4-17-50 4-17-50	Modification of construction permit (BP-7476 which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter (Raytheon RA-1000).	Granted Issued	4-20-50 4-22-50
BMP-5136 Rec'd Filed	4-14-50 5-9-50 5-9-50	Mod. of C.P. (BP-7476, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna, transmitter and studio locations as 1.5 miles south of Hamilton on east side of U. S. 78, Hamilton, Alabama. (Paul D. P. Spearman, Atty. George M. Lohnes, Engr.)	Granted Blanketing closed to waiver of Sec. 31.2 for to identify as Hamilton, Alabama.	4-17-50 5-17-50 5-17-50

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HUGH J. FITE, ERNEST B. FITE and RANKIN FITE d/b as
 Name MARION COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-5274 Rec'd Filed	8-5-50 8-8-50 8-8-50	Modification of construction permit (EP-7476, as modified, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to install a new transmitter (G.E. XT-1-A). Paul D. P. Sperman, Atty.	Dismissed Request of applicant	8-15-50
BL-4166 Rec'd Filed	8-17-50 8-21-50 8-21-50	License to cover construction permit (EP-7476, as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED re blanketing waiver 3.30(a)	10-13-50
EP-7954 Rec'd Filed	12-28-50 1-2-51 1-2-51	Construction permit to increase power from 1kw to 5kw and install a new transmitter (Raytheon RA-5). Paul D. P. Spearman, Atty. George M. Lohnes, Engr.	GRANTED re blanketing clause.	6-6-51

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Name HUGH J. FITE, ERNEST B. FITE and RANKIN FITE d/b as

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Name MARION COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-5767 Rec'd Resub. & filed	12-5-51 12-10-51 12-18-51	Modification of construction permit (BP-7954 which auth. increase power and install. of a new transmitter) for extension of completion date from 2-6-52 to 8-8-52. John C. Spearman, Atty.	RETURNED NOTARY DATE NOT GIVEN SUBMITTED ONLY IN DUP. GRANTED Cond'l re blanketing	1-5-52
BMP-5920 Rec'd Filed	6-26-52 6-30-52 6-30-52	Modification of construction permit (BP7954, as mod., which auth. increase power and install. of a new transmitter) for extension of completion date from 8-8-52 to 2-8-53.	GRANTED Same conditions as CP	7-15-52
BMP-6090 Rec'd Filed	12-16-52 12-18-52 12-18-52	Modification of construction permit (BP-7954, as mod., which auth. increase power and install. of a new transmitter) to change type transmitter (Collins 21-E).	GRANTED cond'l re blanketing and submission of measurements for transmitter.	1-8-53

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MARION COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2521 Rec'd Filed	1-29-53 2-2-53 2-2-53	Renewal of License	Granted	4-15-53
BL-5086 Rec'd Filed	7-9-53 7-10-53 7-24-53	License to cover construction permit (BP-7954, GRANTED as mod., which auth. increase power and installation of a new transmitter.	GRANTED	9-17-53 re blanketing clause
BR-2521 Rec'd Filed	12-28-54 12-29-54 12-29-54	Renewal of License	GRANTED	5-4-55
BAI-2153 Rec'd Filed 1	10-17-55 10-24-55 10-24-55	Voluntary assignment of license to Hugh J. Fite. Contingent on filing and grant of application for assignment to executrix.	GRANTED EFF:	11-30-55 1-1-56

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HUGH J. FITE (AL 11-30-55, EFF: 1-1-56)

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MARION COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-2161	11-5-55	Involuntary assignment of license to Rankin Fite, Hugh J. Fite, and Minnie Watt Fite, Administratrix of the Estate of Ernest B. Fite, deceased, d/b as Marion County Broadcasting Company.	GRANTED	11-23-55
Rec'd	11-9-55		EFF:	11-27-56
Filed	11-9-55			
BZ-3792	6-22-56	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	Returned 7-30-56	
Rec'd	6-27-56		Not filed in correct	
Resub.	8-1-56		name.	
Rec'd	8-6-56		GRANTED	8-29-56
Filed	8-6-56			
BZ-3896	5-17-57	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	Application returned	
Rec'd	6-3-57		as 2-17 dated, wrong.	
Resub.	5-25-57		GRANTED	8-26-57
Rec'd & Filed	7-5-57			
BR-2521	12-31-57	Renewal of license		
Rec'd & Filed	1-2-58		GRANTED	4-9-58

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AUG. 1955 KATE F. FITE

xKATE F. FITE EXECUTRIX OF ESTATE OF HUGH J. FITE, DECEASED

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Name xHUGH J. FITE

HAMILTON, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-3974	2-6-58	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	Application returned	
Rec'd	2-10-58		2-28-58 signed by	
Resub.	3-3-58		engineer	
Rec'd & Filed	3-6-58		GRANTED	5-8-58
BAL-3047	5-8-58	Involuntary assignment of license to Kate F. Fite, Executrix of the Estate of Hugh J. Fite, Deceased.	REFILED 5-14-58	
Rec'd	5-12-58		Filed on wrong form	
Resub.	5-20-58		GRANTED	6-6-58
Rec'd & Filed	5-22-58		EFF:	6-30-58
BAL-3048	5-20-58	Voluntary assignment of license to Kate F. Fite.	Contingent on Grant of BAL-3047	
Rec'd	5-22-58		GRANTED	6-18-58
Filed	5-22-58		EFF:	6-30-58
BR-2521	12-30-60	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
R.&F.	1-3-61		GRANTED	7-27-61
BR-2521	12-24-63	Renewal of License		
R.&F.	12-30-63		GRANTED	3-24-65
		Atty: Seymour M. Chase		

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Name KATE F. FITE
Hamilton, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-5107 Rec'd Filed	6-13-63 6-13-63 11-1-63	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. Atty- Lyon & Chase	GRANTED	3-4-64
BR-2521 R & F	12-30-66 1-3-67	Renewal of License Atty.: Seymour M. Chase	GRANTED	3-29-67
BZ-6658 R & F DM-10/2/67 NOV 2 1967	9/19/67 9/22/67	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of ant. power. Engr: Claude M. Gray, Birmingham, Ala.	GRANTED	11-6-67
BZ-6807 R & F DM APR 11 1968 DM 12-1-68	3/19/68 3/20/68 3/28/68	Direct Meas. Atty: Seymour M. Chase Engr: Odes E. Robinson, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	GRANTED	4-17-68

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Name KATE F. FITE
Hamilton, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2521 R & F #565758 \$75. P.N.	12-26-69 12-30-69 12-30-69 12-30-69	Renewal of License Atty.: Seymour M. Chase JAN 27 1970	GRANTED	9-11-70
BZ-7442 R & F DM PRESS MAR 30 1970	11-26-69 12-3-69 12-15-69	Direct Measurement.		
BR-2521 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	12-26-72 1-2-73 " JAN 26 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Seymour M. Chase, Atty.		
BR-2521 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-26-75 12-1-75 " FEB 4 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Seymour M. Chase, Atty. own law firm AMENDED 3-30-76 re: EEO		
			GRANTED	3-31-70
			Granted	3-30-73
			GRANTED	4-19-76

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HAMILTON, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-781208 UD PRESS	DEC 20 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE S.M. Chase, Atty.	GRANTED	3-30-79

W E R H RECORD OF DENIAL OF INFORMAL APPLICATIONS

Wire 4-30-62 Retel 30. Commission rules do not provide
for the operation of standard broadcast stations
beyond hours specified on station license. Refer
Section 1.331 Commission Rules.

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.

