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June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 10-2-57 Call letters W B R B

Station Location: Mt. Clemens, Michigan

RADCOM, INC. (AL 3-6-79 EFF: 4-13-79

*ALRITE BROADCASTING COMPANY (BML 10-8-71)

x WRIGHT & MALTZ, INC.,(APL 11-12-59, EFF: 1-1-60)

x W B R B, INC. (MP 2-10-56)

Name of licensee x MT. CLEMENS BROADCASTING CO.

Pitko Ave., o.2 mi. E. of Gratiot, Clinton Township, Michigan (Redescription)

Michigan BP-7-17-69)

x Clinton Township, at the end of Pitko Ave. 0.2 mi. E. of Gratiot, Mt. Clemens

Transmitter location x Corner Hayes and Hall Roads, Mt. Clemens, Michigan (CP 12-14-55)

36724 South Gratiot, Clinton Township, Michigan (Redescription) 1-61)

x36724 South Gratiot, Mt. Clemens, Michigan(RC-1-19-66) Michigan (BML 2-

XXlot 18, Ingleside Farms Subdivision, Clinton Twp., Gratiot Ave., Mt. Clemen

x 234 South Gratiot St., Mt. Clemens, Michigan (L 10-2-57)

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Main studio location x To be determined, Mt. Clemens, Michigan (CP 12-14-55)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
P-9970	12-14-55	1430kc	500w-DA-	Daytime	2-14-56 8-14-56
	CP for a new standard broadcast station (COND'L CLAUSE)				
MP-7116 (1)	2-10-56	Mod. of CP(BP-9970) to change name of permittee to WBRB, INC.			
MP-7267	7-5-56	1430kc	500w	Day	2-14-56 12-1-56
	SR Mod of CP(9970) for extension of completion date to December 1, 1956.				
MP-7411 (1)	Mod. of CP(9970) as modfor extension of completion date to April 15, 1957.				
MP-7596 (2)	3-28-57	Mod. of CP(9970, as mod.) for extension of completion date to 6-15-57.			
MP-7660 (3)	5-17-57	Mod. of CP(9970, as mod.) to change type transmitter to (RCA BTA-500MX).			
BL-6657	10-2-57	1430kc	500w-DA-D	Day	10-2 10-1-58
License to cover construction permit (BP-9970, as Mod.) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.					
Wire	9-30-58	Action on renewal application deferred 9-24-58, pending further consideration. Continued operation authorized.			
BR-3495	12-10-58	Renewal of license			12-10 10-1-61
BP-11554	7-29-59	1430kc	500w, DA-D	Day	9-29 3-29-60
	CP to ~~increase power~~; make changes in the directional antenna system and change antenna-trans. loc. (Cond'l)				
BMP-8714	10-9-59	1430kc	500w, DA-D	Day	9-29 3-29-60
	Mod. of CP(BP-11554) to make chgs. in DA system (incr. hgt. & side mount FM ant. on center tower) (Cond'l)				
BAPL-200 EFF: 1-1-60	11-12-59	Voluntary assignment of license and CP to Wright and Maltz, Inc.			
BMP-8923 (1)	3-31-60	Mod. of CP(BP-11554 as mod.) for extension of completion date to 6-1-60.			
BMP-9004 (2)	7-12-60	Mod. of CP(BP-11554 as mod.) for extension of completion date to 9-1-60.			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WBRB

Station location .....

Name of licensee See Card #1

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BML-1917 (1)	2-1-61	Mod. of license to change studio loc.			
BMP-8714 (3)	5-15-61	Mod. of inverse values	CP(BP-11554) to change the distance field intensity (MEMO).		
~~BRX-1495~~	~~[illegible] 9-28-61~~	~~1430kc~~	~~500w~~	~~DA~~	~~10-1 10-1-64~~
BL-8111	8-25-61 Lic. to cover cp in DA sys. & chg.	1430kc	500w (BP-11554 as mod) ant.-trans. loc.	DA Day	8-25 10-1-61 to make chgs.
BR-3495	9-28-61	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			10-1 10-1-64
BR-3495	9-14-64	Renewal of License			10-1 10-1-67
BRC-2660	1-19-66	1430kc Mod of lic to chg studio loc to 36724 South Gratiot, Mt. Clemens, Mich and Operate trans by RC from studio loc.	500w-DA	Day	1-19 10-1-67
BP-17308	8-4-66 CP to make changes in Directional Antenna system (increase height; side mount FM antenna and Marti communications antenna). Cond'l	1430kc	500w-DA-D	D	10-4 4-4-67
BL-11,582	5-24-67	1430kc Lic to cover CP(BP-17,308) which auth chg. in DA-system	500w-DA-D	Day	5-24 10-1-67
BR-3495(S)	9-29-67	Renewal of License			10-1 10-1-70
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
BS-3495(1)	3-5-69	Mod. of license to make changes in the Operating Specifications. (Memo)			
Comtel	5-8-70	Chg. marking to: No marking required for towers #1 & #3; paragraphs 1,3,12 & 21 for tower #2.			
BR-3495(L)	5-23-71	Renewal of license			10-1-73
BTC-6532	3-30-71	VOL. TO EFF: 4-8-71			
BML-2376(1)	10-8-71	Mod. of lic. to change corporate Name.			
EBSA	6-12-72				

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To-
		1430khz	500w	DA Day	RC
BR-3495(L)	9-27-73	RENEWAL			10-1-76
BP-20,078	10-1-76	CP add night oper with DA			10-1-77
		1430khz	500w	DA-2 U	RC-Day
BR-3495(L)	10-18-76	Renewal			10-1-79
BMP-14,467(1)	10-31-77	MP(BP-20,078) to extend completion date to;			4-15-78
BMP-14,574 (2)	5-16-78	MP(BP-20,078, as mod.) for ext. of time to:			11-1-78
BMP-781016AJ (3)	11-9-78	MP(BP-20,078, as mod.) for ext. of time to:			3-1-79
BP-20078(4)	8-7-78	MP correct day field values.			
BAPL790119EB	3-6-79	VOL. AL & CP		EFF:	4-15-79
BRC-790115AJ (1)	2-14-79	SL/RC: 36724 S. Gratiot, Mt. Clemens, Michigan			
BP-20078(5)	8-30-78	MP change night field values.			
BL790105AE	4-2-79	Lic.(BP-20078) for changes			10-1-79
		1430khz	500w	DA-2 U	RC
BR790601WX(S)	10-30-79	Renewal of license			10-1-82
COMTEL	11-17-80	TEMP. AUTH GR. OPERATE WITH MONITOR POINTS AT VARIANCE HELD AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO LIC. LIMITS MAINTAINING LIC OPERATING PARAMETERS WHILE INSTALLING DETUNING SHIRTS ON NEARBY TOWER. REDUCE POWER IMMEDIATELY IF INTERFERENCE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AUTH. EXPIRES 1-15-81.			
COMTEL	10-30-80	EFFECTIVE 10-29-80 AUTH. & TERMS COMTEL 7-15-80 REINSTATED & EXT. THRU 1-15-81 AUTH. DOES NOT COVER THE PERIOD 10-2-80 THRU 10-28-80			

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

CARD # 2

First licensed .....

Call Letters .....

Station Location .....

SEE CARD # 1

Name .....

Transmitter Location .....

Main studio location .....

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December [illegible]

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
COMTEL	7-15-80	TEMP. AUTH. & GR. OPERATE PARAMETERS AT VARIANCE WHILE MAINTAINING MONITOR POINTS WITHIN LIC. LIMITS DUE TO DISTU ANCE TO ARRAY COUSED BY TELEPHON COMPANY INSTALLATION OF NEAREST TOWER AUTH. EXPIRES 10-1-80	
BP-810408AI (L)	5-11-81	1430khz .5kw .5kw Unl. CP to mke chgs in ant. sys. (Decre. Hght of tower)	5-11-82

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Formerly FCC Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters New W B R B

Name MT. CLEMENS BROADCASTING CO.
PO c/o Phillip Nusholtz, National Bank Bldg., Detroit, 26, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-9970 Rec'd Filed	6-27-55 7-11-55 7-11-55	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1430kc Power: 500w - Directional Antenna Hours of operation: Daytime Trans. Location: Corner Hayes & Hall Roads Mt. Clemens, Michigan Studio Location: To be determined Mt. Clemens, Michigan A. L. Stein, Atty. A. R. Bitter, Engr., Toledo 13, Ohio	GRANTED re properly designed phase monitor; field measuring equip; complet non-DA & DA proof.	12-14-55

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

W B R B, INC. (MP 2-10-56)
Name ~~MT. CLEMENS BROADCASTING CO.~~

Call Letters W B R B

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP- 7116 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	1-20-56 1-30-56 2-3-56 2-6-56 2-6-56	Modification of construction permit (BP-9970 which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to change name of permittee to W B R B, Inc. A. L. Stein, Atty.	~~RETURNED 2-1-56 Exhibit dtd. after Section 1.~~ GRANTED	2-10-56
BMP-7267 Rec'd Filed	6-12-56 6-19-56 6-19-56	Modification of construction permit(BP-9970 as mod., which auth. a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 8-14-56 to 12-1-56. Atty. - A.L. Stein	GRANTED	7-6-56
BMP-7411 Rec'd Filed	10-12-56 10-18-56 10-18-56	Modification of construction permit (BP-9970 as mod., which auth. a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 12-1-56 to 4-15-57. A. L. Stein, Atty.	GRANTED	11-1-56

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name W B R B, INC.

Call Letters W B R B

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
BMP-7596 Rec'd Filed	3-13-57 3-15-57 3-15-57	Modification of construction permit (BP-9970, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 4-15-57 to 7-15-57. A. L. Stein, Atty.	GRANTED Extended to:	3-28-57 6-15-57
BMP-7660 Rec'd Filed	3-26-57 5-16-57 5-16-57	Modification of Construction Permit (BP-9970 as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type transmitter to (RCA BTA-500MX).	GRANTED	5-17-57
BL-6657 Rec'd Filed	5-10-57 5-14-57 5-14-57	License to cover Construction Permit (BP-9970 as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and specify studio location as 234 South Gratiot Street, Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Atty: A. L. Stein.	GRANTED	10-2-57

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FORM BC 121 #4
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name WERR, INC.

Call Letters W E R R

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
BP-11,554 Rec'd Filed	8-29-57 9-3-57 9-3-57	Construction permit to ~~increase power from 500w to 1kw and install new transmitter (RCA-BTA-1M)~~. Atty. - A.L. Stein Engr. - A.R. Ritter, Toledo, Ohio	GRANTED Cond'l re: Phase Mon.; Field meas. equip.; DA & non-DA proof; Permittee shall accept any interference from a grant of application BP-12,368.	7-29-59
AMENDMENT Rec'd Filed	3-17-58 3-21-58 4-1-58	AMENDED(order) to make changes in directional antenna system (~~[illegible]~~). ~~[illegible] type transmitter (RCA-BTA-1M)~~	Docket No. 12304 Removed from hearing & granted without hrg.	
SEE AMENDMENT BELOW				
BR-3495 Recd Filed	7-25-58 8-11-58 8-11-58	Renewal of licence A.L.Stein, Attorney	GRANTED	12-10-58
BP-11,554(cont'd) AMENDMENT R & F	4-17-59 4-20-59	AMENDED to change antennna-trans. location from Corner Hayes and Hall Roads, Mt. Clemens, Mich. to Clinton Township at the end of Pitko Ave., 0.2 mi E of Gratiot, Mt Clemens, Mich., make changes in DA system (decr. hght & 3 tower array); changes in gr. system, delete request to increase power; new trans. and 6 tower array.	GRANTED	7-29-59

FORM BC-121 #5
AUG 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name WRIGHT & MALTZ, INC.
x WBRB, INC.

Call Letters WBRB

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-8714 R&F	9-9-59 9-11-59	Mod. of cp(BP-11554 which auth. chgs. in DA system & chg. ant-trans. loc.) to make chgs. in DA system(incr. hgt. & side-mount FM ant. on center tower).	GRANTED	10-9-59
BAPL-200 Rec'd. Filed	10-2-59 10-15-59 10-15-59	Voluntary assignment of license and construction permit to Wright & Maltz, Inc. Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	11-12-59 1-1-60
BMP-8923 R & F	3-7-60 3-8-60	Modification of C. P. (BP-11554 as modified which authorized changes in DA system & change antenna-transmitter location) for extension of completion date from 3-29-60 to _____.	GRANTED	3-31-60 to 6-1-60

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Aug 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters [illegible]

Name [illegible] & [illegible], INC.
[illegible], Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-9024 R & F	6-13-60 6-20-60	Modification of C. P. (BP-11554 as modified which authorized changes in DA system & change antenna-transmitter location) for extension of completion date from 6-1-60 to _____	GRANTED to	7-12-60 9-1-60
BMP-9119 Rec'd Filed	8-27-60 8-29-60 8-29-60	Modification of construction permit (BP-11554 as mod, which auth. changes in DA system & chg. antenna-trans. location) to make changes in DA pattern. Atty: Samuel Miller	DISMISSED	4-27-61 Unnecessary.
BMP- Rec'd Filed	8-27-60 8-29-60	Modification of construction permit (BP-11554 as mod, which auth. change in DA system & chg. antenna-trans. location) to side-mount FM antenna on AM tower. Atty: Samuel Miller	RETURNED--9-2-60 Unnecessary	

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WBRB

Name WRIGHT & MALTZ, INC.
Mt. Clemens, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-8111 R & F	8-27-60 8-31-60	License to cover C.P. (BP-11554 as modified) to make changes in DA system & chg. antenna-transmitter location. Atty: Samuel Miller	GRANTED	8-25-61
BML-1917 R & F	12-27-60 12-29-60	Modification of license to change main studio location from 234 South Gratiot, Mt. Clemens, Michigan to Lot 18, Inglenide Farms Subdivision, Clinton Twp., Gratiot Ave., Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Atty: Samuel Miller	GRANTED 3.30(a) of rules waived-studios outside of city limits	2-1-61
BP-11,554 Rec'd Filed	12-8-60 12-9-60 12-8-60	Construction permit to change hours of operation from Daytime to Unlimited and change from DA-D — DA-1 using power of 500w. Atty.- Samuel Miller Eng.- E. Harold Munn, Jr., Coldwater, Mich.	DENIED Order-Docket No. 14738	7-31-63
AMENDMENT R & F	12-14-61 12-18-61	AMENDED to make changes in DA system (1 add'l tower - 4 tower array); changes in ground system; change night DA pattern (DA-D to DA-2) Engr. - Silliman, Moffet & Rohrer		

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WRDT

Name WRIGHT AND WALTZ, INC.
MT. CLEMENS, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3495 Rec'd Filed	6-20-61 7-5-61 7-5-61	Renewal of license Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	9-28-61
BR-3495 Rec'd Filed	7-11-64 7-13-64 7-13-64	Renewal of license Atty. Samuel Miller	GRANTED	9-14-64
BRC-2660 Rec'd Filed	4-30-65 5-11-65 5-11-65	Modification of license to change studio location to 36724 South Gratiot, Mt. Clemens, Michigan and operate transmitter by remote control from studio location. Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	1-19-66

FORM BC-121 #9
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WPRR

Name Wright & Maltz, Inc.
Mt. Clemens, Michigan 48043

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-17,308 R. & F.	4-22-66 4-25-66	CP to make changes in Directional Antenna system (increase height; side mount FM antenna and Martin communications antenna). Atty: Samuel Miller Engr: Charles Brennan, Milwaukee, Wisc.	GRANTED Cond'l re: Field meas. DA & non-DA	8-4-66 Phase Mon. equip., proof.
BL-11,582 R & F	1/18/67 1/20/67	Lic. to cover CP (BP-17,308) which auth. chng in DA-system. Atty: S. Miller Engr: C. Brennan, Milwaukee, Wisc.	GRANTED	5-24-67
BR-3495 R & F JUL 28 1967	6-29-67 7-3-67	Renewal of License Atty: Samuel Miller	GRANTED	9-29-67
BR-3495 R & F $75 #614359 PN Recd. PRESS	6-30-70 7-6-70 " JUL [illegible] 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 8-17-70 re: business interests: commercial policy	GRANTED	3-23-71

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

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Call Letters W E R 3

MALRITE BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name x WRIGHT & MALTZ, INC.
Mt. Clemens, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-6532 R & F FEE PD: $250 #668028 (Form 316) CODE 053 (ALSO SEE FM, & WMIL, WMIN, WNYR, & FM STATIONS WMVM, KEEY & WNYR-FM) MAR 2 5 1971	2-23-71 2-25-71	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Robert G.Wright and Milton Maltz(50% each) to Milton Maltz(100%) Atty - Samuel Miller	GRANTED EFF:	3-30-71 4-8-71
BML-2376 R & F #005178 $50 Acc. 060 Press SEP 2 7 1971	9-15-71 9-17-71 9-17-71	Modification of license to change corporate name to MALRITE BROADCASTING COMPANY. Atty: Samuel Miller	GRANTED	10-8-71

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WBRB

Name MALRITE BROADCASTING COMPANY
MT. CLEMENS, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3495 R & F PN PRESS JUL	6-20-73 7-3-73 7-3-73	Renewal of License Atty: Samuel Miller AMENDED 7-5-73 re: Section II submitted: trans. logs: eng. data AMENDED 7-26-73 re: engineering data	GRANTED	9-27-73
BP-20,078 Rec'd Filed $200-478145 AC-001 PN filed 10-2-75 ?	9-17-75 9-19-75 9-19-75	Construction permit to add nighttime operation with 500w, change hours of operation to Unlimited DA-2. Atty: Miller & Fields Eng. Robert Silliman OVER)	GRANTED 10-1-75 Req. gr. fee $675.0 pd 072 12-22-76 649661	
BR-3495 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	5-20-76 5-25-76 " JUL 1 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED 10-18-76	

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BP-20,078

PN filed 7-21-76

Amended 7-21-76 re: Sec. IV-A Paragraphs 25 & 26

Ltr. 7-26-76 re: correcting PN

Amended 8-23-76 re: Exh E, Bal sheet.

Amended 9-27-76 En r. data

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W B R B

Name MALRITE BROADCASTING COMPANY
MT. CLEMENS, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-14,467 R & F	9-6-77 9-9-77	Mod. of {BP-20,078} to extend completion date to February 1, 1978. {chgs} Atty: Miller & Fields	GRANTED to	10-31-77 4-15-78
BMP-14,574 R & F PRESS:	3-20-78 3-30-78 APR 12 1978	MP (BP-20,078, as mod) for extension of time to: 7-1-78 (FOR CHANGES) Atty:----	GRANTED to:	5-16-78 11-1-78
BMP-781016AJ PRESS:		MP (BP-20078,as mod) for extension of time to: _____ (FOR CHANGES) Atty:----	GRANTED TO:	11-9-78 3-1-79

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1430khz

Call Letters WBRB

#13 RADCOM, INC.

Name MAIRITE BROADCASTING COMPANY
Mt. Clemens, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-780105AB R & F PTA PRESS	1-5-79 1-11-79 JAN 22 1979	Lic. to cover BP-20078 as mod. for changes Atty: Samuel Miller	GRANTED	4-2-79
BAP790119EB PRESS Form 314 PN FILED	JAN 29 1979 2-5-79	Vol AL and CP(BP20078) to Radcomm. Inc. Atty for assignor-Samuel Miller Atty for assignee-Robert W. Healy AMENDED 2-26-79 - revised loan agreement	GRANTED EFF:	3-6-79 4-15-79
BRC790115AJ PRESS	FEB 8 1979	Modification of License to operate Transmitter by Remote Control from Main Studio Location: 36724 South Gratiot, Mt. Clemens, Michigan (Nighttime).	GRANTED	2-14-79

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APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

1430 khz

Call Letters: WBRB

Name: RADCOM, INC.

Station Location: Mt. Clemens, MI

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR790601WX PRESS	JUL 19 1979	Renewal of License Atty. Larry A. Miller	GRANTED 10-30-79
BP810408AI PRESS (0) AMENDED	APR 23 1981 4-30-81	CP to make chgs. in Ant. Sys. (Decre. Hght. of Tower to: 193'). Atty. Robert W. Healy (Gordon & Healy) RE: Engineering	GRANTED 5-11-81 Con'd

Form BC-121
March 1979

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 one set is known to 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.