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B.S. 2803

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 4-20-53

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Station Location: Birmingham, Alabama

Name of licensee MAGIC CITY COMMUNICATIONS CORP. (AL gr 3-30-73 EFF: 4-11-73)
x WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN AND GEORGE K. CHAPMAN, d/b as CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY

Transmister location 3431 North Second Ave. (P-11-17-65)
x 3625 - 27th Ave., North, Birmingham, Alabama (Lic. 4-20-53)
x SW corner 27th Ave. North and Vanderbilt Road, Birmingham, Ala. (CP 11-12-52)

Main studio location 35201 3431 North Second Ave., Birmingham, Alabama (BS 8-14-72)
2008-8th Avenue S., Rooms 201-203, Birmingham, Alabama
X 725 South 22nd St., Birmingham, Alabama (per Form 301-A dtd. 5-5-53)
x 3625 - 27th Ave., North, Birmingham, Alabama
x 725 South 22nd Street, Birmingham, Alabama (CP 11-12-52)

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	Period To
BP-7977	11-12-52	1260kc	1kw	D	1-12-53	7-12-53
BL-4965	4-20-53	1260kc	1kw	Day	4-20-53	4-1-55
	Lic. cover BP for new standard b/cast station					
BRC-51 (1)	5-11-53	Mod. of lic. to operate trans. by R.C. from 725 South 22nd Street, Birmingham, Alabama				
Teleg.	3-30-55	Action on renewal deferred 3-30 and continued operation auth. until final determination on renewal.				
BR-2803	4-19-55	1260kc	1kw	Day	4-19	4-1-58
BRC-848 (1)	10-28-55	Mod. of lic. to op. trans. by remote control from 2004 - 20th Ave., South, and 31 Woodhill Road, Birmingham, Alabama				
TELEGRAM	3-28-58	Action on renewal deferred 3-27-58, Continued operation authorized until final determination on renewal application.				
BR-2803	6-18-58	1260	1kw	Day	6-18-	4-1-61
BP-11389	1-3-58	1260	5kw	Day	11-3	5-3-59
	CP to increase power and install new transmitter (Gates BC-5P).					
BL-7323 (1)	3-10-59	License to cover construction permit (BP-11,389) which authorized increase power from 1 kilowatt to 5 kilowatts and install new transmitter.				
	3-29-61	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.				
BRC-1862 (Issued with renewal)	7-21-61	Mod. of license to chang studio location and make control point. Under cont. to issued, pending final decision on renewal.				
BR-8-17-61						
BR-2803	xxx-8-17-61	1260kc	5kw	Day	8-17	4-1-64
BRC-1862						
BRC-1862 BR-2803	8-17-61	This authorization supersedes authorization as of same date to add 4th RC point.				
BR-2803	3-17-64	Renewal of License			4-1	4-1-67
BP-16,674	11-17-65	1260kc	5kw	Day	1-17	7-17-66
	CP to chg ant-trans loc to 3431 North Second Ave. Birmingham, Ala and make chg in ant-sys. (chg from shunt to series excited).					

Form BC 126 # 2
June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

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Station location Birmingahm, 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
BMP-11,850 (1)	8-2-66	Mod. of CP(BP-16,674) for ext. of completion date to			9-15-66	
BMP-11,893 (2)	9-30-66	Mod. of CP(BP-16,674 as mod.) for ext. of completion date to			12-1-66	
BL-11,477	12-20-66	1260kc	5kw	Day	12-20	4-1-67
		Lic to cover CP(BP-16,674 as mod) which auth chg. ant-trans loc & chg. ant-sys				
BR-2803	3-29-67	Renewal of License			4-1	4-1-70
		Renewal of NCBA			4-1	4-1-70
TELEGRAM	11-28-67	PSA	500w			
BR-2803(S)	4-22-70	Renewal			4-1-73	
EBSA	5-25-72					
BS-2803(1)	8-14-72	ML to change SL and delete remote control from 2008 S. 8th Ave. only.				
BAL-7776	3-30-73	ETT:	4-11-73			
BR-2803(L)	3-30-73	Renewal			4-1-76	
BR-2803(L)	3-30-76		RENEWAL		4-1-79	
BR-2803	3-30-76	Superseded to correct antenna resistance			4-1-79	
BR781201YZ(S)	4-27-79	Renewal of License			4-1-82	

FORM A-170
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WCRT Xnew

Name WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN and GEORGE K. CHAPMAN d/b as CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY
(P.O. 805 South 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-7977 Rec'd Filed	1-22-51 1-23-51 1-23-51	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1220kc Power: 1kw Hours of Operation: Daytime Trans. Location: Corner Marion St. & 8th Ave. Birmingham, Alabama Studio Location: To be determined Birmingham, Alabama ~~Contingent upon WEDR relinquishing 1220kc.~~ Russell Rowell, Atty. John H. Mullaney, Engr.	~~DISMISSED 5-8-52 Contingent application dismissed~~ GRANTED	 11-12-52

ACTION OF 5-8-52 dismissing application set a side - Ltr. 5-28-52

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FORM A-170
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters New

Name WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN and GEORGE K. CHAPMAN, d/b as CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-7977 Cont'd.				
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	7-1-52 7-7-52 7-7-52	AMENDED to change frequency from 1220kc to 1260kc; change type of transmitter (Gates BC-1F), make changes in antenna and ground system; change transmitter location from Corner Marion Street & 8th Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, to Southwest Corner of 27th Avenue North and Vanderbilt Road, Birmingham, Alabama, and to specify studio location as 725 South 22nd Street, Birmingham, Alabama. Russell Rowell, Atty.		
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	9-26-52 9-30-52 9-30-52	AMENDED to make changes in antenna system.		

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FORM A-170

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-4965 Rec'd Filed	3-14-53 3-16-53 3-16-53	License to cover construction permit (BP-7977) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. Russell Rowell, Atty. Claude M. Gray, Engr.	GRANTED	4-20-53
BRC-51 Rec'd Filed	5-5-53 5-5-53 5-5-53	Modification of license to operate transmitter by Remote Control from 725 South 22nd Street, Birmingham, Alabama.	GRANTED	5-11-53
BR-2803 Rec'd. Filed	12-17-54 12-22-54 12-22-54	Renewal of License Filed by Russell Rowell, Atty.	GRANTED	4-19-55
BRC-848 Rec'd Filed	10-14-55 10-17-55 10-17-55	Modification of license to operate trans. by remote control from 2004 - 20th Ave., South, and 31 Woodhill Road, Birmingham, Alabama	GRANTED	10-28-55

FORM BC-121 #4

FORMERLY FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN AND GEORGE K. CHAPMAN, d/b as CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-11,389 Rec'd Filed	6-8-57 6-21-57 6-21-57	Construction permit to increase power from 1kw to 5kw and install new transmitter. (Gates BC 5P) Engr. - Claude M. Gray, Birmingham, Ala.	GRANTED	9-3-58
BR-2803 Rec'd & Filed	12-27-58 1-9-58	Renewal of license Seymour Krieger, Atty.	GRANTED	6-18-58
BL-7323 Rec'd Filed	11-22-58 11-24-58 11-24-58	License to cover construction permit (BP-11,389) which authorized increase power from 1 kilowatt to 5 kilowatts and install new transmitter. Seymour Krieger, Atty.	GRANTED	3-10-59
BR-2803 Rec'd &Filed	12-30-60 1-5-61	Renewal of license,	GRANTED	8-17-61

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN AND GEORGE K. CHAPMAN, d/b as CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY
Birmingham, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRC-1862 Rec'd Filed	6-2-61 6-5-61 6-5-61	Mod. of license to change Main Studio from 725 S. 22nd St., Birmingham, Alabama TO 2008 - 8th Avenue S., Rooms 201 - 203, Birmingham, Alabama and establish new Remote Control Point at Studio Location (4 Remote Control Points).	GRANTED Letter sent. Not issued, pending final decision on renewal (LISTED FOR RENEWAL GRANTED	7-21-61 8-17-61)
BR-2803 R & F	12-20-63 12-23-63	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-17-64
BP- 16,674 Rec'd. Resub. Rec'd. Filed	7-16-65 7-19-65 8-16-65 8-18-65 9-20-65	Construction Permit to change antenna-trans. location to 3431 North Second Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama and make change in antenna systm. (change from shunt to series excited).	RETURNED--7-28-65-re-incomplete-engineering- GRANTED	 11-17-65

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN AND GEORGE K. CHAPMAN, D/B AS CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-11,850 R & F	7-15-66 7-18-66	Modification of CP(BP-16,674 which authorized change antenna-trans loc., and make change in antenna system)for extension of completion date from 7-17-66 to 9-15-66.	GRANTED to	8-2-66 9-15-66
BMP-11,893 R & F	9-9-66 9-12-66	Modification of CP(BP-16,674 as mod., which authorized change antenna-trans location and make change in antenna system) for extension of completion date from 9-15-66 to _____	GRANTED to	9-30-66 12-1-66
BL-11,477 R & F	9/30/66 10/3/66	Lic. to cover CP (BP-16,674 as mod.) which auth. chng. ant-trans. loc. & chng. ant-system. Engr: C. M. Gray, Birmingham, Ala.	GRANTED	12-20-66
BRL-2303 R & F	12/31/66 1/4/67	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-29-67

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September 1969

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1260kc

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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MAGIC CITY COMMUNICATIONS CORP.

Name X WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN AND GEORGE K. CHAPMAN, d/b as CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY
Birmingham, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2803 R & F #565722 $30. P. N.	12-15-69 12-30-69 12-30-69 12-30-69	Renewal of License AMENDED 4-7-70 re: business interests & property JAN 27 1970	GRANTED	4-22-70
BAL-7776 Rec'd FEE PD: $1000 #134875 CODE 047(also see FM) FILED JAN 16 1973 PUB. NOTICE FILED 1-26-73 REQUEST FOR TAX CERTIFICATE LETTER 4-20-73 Request for TAX CERTIFICATE DENIED 1-3-75 By Direction LETTER, Item 1, Al-10 Agenda.	12-8-72 12-8-72 12-29-72	Voluntary assignment of license to MAGIC CITY COMMUNICATIONS CORP. Atty for assignor - Alton Denslow for assignee - Marmet & Webster AMENDED 12-29-72 - Articles & By-Laws filed; Supplemental information re Tables I & II; Proj. bal. sheet & financial data; Subscription agreements; supplemental comm. survey AMENDED 2-28-73 - corrections re stock(Table I); reflect officers. AMENDED 3-5-73 - correction to amend of 2-28-73 re officers. (SEE OVER)	GRANTED 3-30-73 GRANT FEE: $15000.00 (includes FM) EFF: 4-11-73 pd 063 10-25-73 245390	

RE: BAL-7776 - AMENDED ~~[illegible]~~ 4-27-73 - legal, financial & programming data

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September 1969

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

1260Kc

Call Letters WCRT

Name MAGIC CITY COMMUNICATIONS CORP.
xWILLIAM A. CHAPMAN AND GEORGE K. CHAPMAN d/b as CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY Birmingham, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2803, R & F PN PRESS JAN 22 1973	12-27-72 12-29-72 12-29-72	Renewal of License AMENDED 2-20-73 re: ascertainment of comm. needs & equal employ. prog.	Granted	3-30-73
BR-2803 R & F PN PRESS	11-28-75 12-1-75 JAN 28 1976	Renewal of license Atty- Gordon R. Malick AMENDED 2-5-76 re: Balance Sheet AMENDED 4-2-76 re: prog.	GRANTED	3-30-76
BR781201YZ PRESS: FEB 14 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Harold K. McCombs, Jr.	GRANTED	4-27-79

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W C R T

1260KHz

Name: MAGIC CITY COMMUNICATIONS CORP.

Station Location: BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
810729AG (C)		CP chg city of license to Vestavia Hills,Alabama; add nighttimer service with 1kw DA-N; TL: 0.4 mi W of hwy 65 along berry Creek,Vestavia Hi8lls, Ala. 33 26 30 86 49 36 MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305 ATTY:. Thomas Flecther	

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March 1979

F C R T DENIALS OF INFORMAL REQUESTS

WIRE 11-30-59 Com. Rul prohibit operation beyond hours specified in station licenese.

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.