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June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 12-28-61

Call letters WGFA

Station location Watseka, Illinois

Name of licensee IROQUOIS COUNTY BROADCASTING CO.

Transmitter location On County Road, 0.5 mi. N. of Watseka, Illinois (BP 4-12-61)

Main studio location On County Road, 0.5 mi. N. of Watseka, Illinois (BP 4-12-61)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	Period To
BP-13553	4-12-61	1360kc	1kw-DA-Day		6-12	12-12-61
	CP for a new standard broadcast station (Cond'l)					
BP-13553 (1)	5-10-61	Mod. of CP(BP-13553) to assign Call Letters.				
BL-8795	12-28-61	1360kc	1kw-DA-D Day		12-28	12-1-64
	Lic. to cover CP (BP-13,553 as mod) which auth. a new standard broadcast station.					
BP-15330	3-28-62	1360kc	1kw-DA-D Day		5-28	11-28-62
	CP to make chgs, in antenna pattern (Cond'l).					
BL-9480	12-28-62	1360kc	1kw-DA-Day		12-28	12-1-64
	Lic. to cover CP (BP-15,330) which auth. chgs. in ant. pattern.					
BR-4033	11-20-64	Renewal of License			12-1	12-1-67
TELEGRAM	10-27-67	PSA	500w			
BP-1033	11-21-67	Renewal of License			12-1	12-1-70
BR-4033(S)	11-25-70	Renewal				12-1-73
EBSA	6-12-72					
BR-4033(L)	1-31-74	L RENEWAL OF LICENSE				12-1-76
BR-4033(S)	4-29-77		RENEWAL			12-1-79
BZ-9412(L)	6-28-77	Direct Measurement				12-1-79
COMTEL	11-3-77	DELETE obstruction marking & lighting				
BR-790727UX(S)	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE				12-1-82
COMTEL	12-2-80	TEMP. AUTH GR. OPERATE WITH PARAMETERS AT VARIANCE WHILE MAINTAINING MONITOR POINTS WITHIN LIC. LIMITS DUE TO FAILURE IN PHASING CIRCUIT. REDUCE POWER IF MONITOR POINTS CANNOT OTHERWISE BE MAINTAINED. THIS AUTH. EXPIRES 1-31-81.				

FORM BC-121
AUG 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters NEW WGFA

Name IROQUOIS COUNTY BROADCASTING CO.
(P.O. c/o Richard A. Martin, Sec.Treas. Watseka, Ill.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-13,553 R c'd Filed	9-16-59 9-25-59 9-25-59	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1360kc Power - 1kw-DA-D Hours of operation - Daytime Trans. location - On County Road; 0.5 miles North of Watseka, Illinois Studio location - Same as transmitter Engr.- Ralph J. Bitzer, St. Louis, Mo.	GRANTED Cond'l re: Phase Mon., Field meas. equip., DA & non-DA proof, Permittee shall accept any interf. that may result in event of a subsequent grant of the WLBK proposal, File No. BP-13957.	4-12-61
BL-8795 R & F	9-19-61 9-20-61	License to cover C.P. (BP-13,553 as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED	12-28-61
BP-15330 R&F	2-2-62 2-6-62	CP to make chgs in antenna pattern.	GRANTED Cond'l re: Phase Mon., Field meas. equip., DA & non-DA proof, Field meas. equip.	3-28-62

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FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955 #2

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WGFA

Name IROQUOIS COUNTY BROADCASTING CO.
Watseka, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-9480 R. & F.	6-9-62 6-13-62	Lic to cover CP(BP-15,330) which auth chgs in antenna pattern.	GRANTED	12-28-62
		(of WSAI) OPPOSITION TO REQUEST/TO PROHIBIT PRE-SUNRISE OPERATION filed 2-24-64 by Daly for WGFA REPLY OF JUPITER BROADCASTING, INC. (WSAI) filed 3-4-64 by Plotkin		
BR-4033 R&F	8-31-64 9-2-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-20-64
BR-4033 R & F SEP 19 1967	8-31-67 9-5-67	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-24-67
		Petition for Reconsideration DENIED and Motion for Stay DISMISSED AS MOOT by Commission Memorandum Opinion and Order adopted 12-20-67.		

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Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W G F A

Name IROQUOIS COUNTY BROADCASTING CO.
WATSEKA, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-4033 R & F PN RECD. PRESS	8-25-70 8-27-70 " SEP 3 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 10-1-70 re: business interests & program	GRANTED	11-25-70
BR-4033 R & F P.N. PRESS	8-27-73 9-4-73 9-4-73 SEP 20 1973	Renewal of License AMENDED 1-14-74 re: commercial policy	GRANTED	1-31-74
BR-4033 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	6-22-76 6-30-76 " SEP 29 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	4-29-77
BZ-9412 R & F DM $50#385500 PRESS MAY 9 1977	1-18-75 1-22-75 4-22-77 1-24-75	Direct Measurement	GRANTED	6-28-77

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

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APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W G F A

Name: IROQUOIS COUNTY BROADCASTING CO.

Station Location: WATSEKA, ILLINOIS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR 790727 UX PRESS SEP 14 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED 11-30-79
BP800703AD PRESS (0)	JUL 29 1980	CP to make chgs. in Ant. Sys. (Incre. Hght. of Center Tower to 405').	
AMENDED	3-9-81	Additional Engineering	
AMENDED	6-26-81	Engineering Exhibit	

Form BC-121
March 1979

RECORD OF DENIAL OF INFORMAL APPLICATIONS
W G F A

12-15-61 Wire Commission rules prohibit operation of broadcast stations beyond hours specified in license.

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.