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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

WXKS 1-12-79
xWWEL 8-28-73
xWHIL (11-15-51)
xWIBL

Date first licensed 6-19-52

Call letters

Location: Medford, Massachusetts

Name of licensee HEFTEL BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL 11-27-78 EFF: 1-12-79
xCONANT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter location 99 Revere Beach Parkway, Medford, Mass. (Lic. 6-19-52)
xS. of Revere Beach Pwy., W of Malden River, Medford, Massachusetts (MP 9-11-51)
x Revere Beach Parkway and Malden River, Medford, Massachusetts(MP 2-7-51)

Main studio location 99 Revere Beach Parkway, Medford, Mass (LIC. 6-19-52)
x S of Revere Beach Pwy., W of Malden River, Medford, Massachusetts(MP 9-11-51)
xRevere Beach Parkway and Malden River, Medford, Massachusetts(MP 2-7-51)

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BP-6928	5-5-49	1540	250w	Daytime	
	Ltr. 5-11-49. CP for a new station granted subj. filing MP for approval T site and antenna.				
BP-6928 BMP-5145	2-7-51	1540	250w	Daytime	By 4-7-51 10-7-51
Mod. CP(6928) for approval antenna & T & S locations and chg. type T					
BTC-1106 Eff.	7-5-51 7-21-51	Voluntary transfer of control of [illegible] tee corporation from C. Henry [illegible], Hyman S. Glovsky, Harry A. Glovsky [illegible] Rolland J. Douglas to SHERWOOD J. TARLOW			
BMP-5669	9-11-51	Mod. CP 6298 as mod., to chg. T&S locations and type T (COND'L CLAUSE)			4-7 10-7-51
WP-5696	10-3-51	Mod. CP 6928 as mod., for extension of completion date (COND'L CLAUSE)			4-7 4-7-52
BMP-5785	1-14-52	Mod. CP 6928 as mod., to chg. type of T and extend C&C dates			3-14 9-14-52
BMP-5851	4-4-52	1430	500w	Day	6-4 12-4-52
Mod. CP 6928 as mod., to chg. freq., incr. power and chg. type trans. & extend C&C dates					
BSSA-272	4-17-52	SSA to operate on 1430kc, 250w, Day, without frequency monitor, using WHIL's present antenna for the period beginning 4-26-52 and ending 5-25-52, or until authority has been granted to oper. in accord. with MP-5851, provided no protest or petitions for reconsideration rec'd prior to 4-25-52			
BSSA-272	5-28-52	Extension of above SSA for period 5-26-52 to 7-26-52			
BL-4725	6-19-52	1430	500w	Daytime	6-19 4-1-54
Lic. to cover CP(6928 as mod.) for a new station					
BZ-3436	11-26-52	1430	500w	Day	11-26-52 4-1-54
Authority determine operating power direct method					
Telegram	3-31-54	Under the Administrative Procedure Act, continued operation auth. until final determination on your application for renewal.			
BP-2700	[illegible]-16-54	[illegible]			6-16 [illegible]-1-[illegible]
BP-9443	11-24-54	1430kc	1kw,	Day	1-24-55 7-24-55
CP to increase power and change type trans.					

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed .....

Call letters W H I L

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div	Period From	Period To
BL-5575	1-25-55	1430	1kw	D	1-25-55	4-1-57
	Lic. cover CP(9448) to increase power & New trans.					
BP-10147	3-6-57	1430kc	5kw	Day	5-6-57	11-6-57
	CP to increase power and change type transmitter.					
BR-2706	3-20-57	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1 -57	4-1-60
BL-6764	10-15-57	1430kc	5kw	Day	10-15	4-1-60
	Lic. to cover CP (BP-10147) increase power & change type trans.					
BZ-4009 (1)	8-8-58	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.				
BL-7550	10-22-59	1430kc	1kw	Aux.	10-22-59	4-1-60
	Lic. to use old main trans. (RCA-BTA-1M) as an aux trans. at 99 Revere Beach Pkwy. Medford, Mass. to be operated on 1430kc 1kw for aux. purposes only.					
	3-30-60	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.				
BR-2706 AUX	9-8-60	1430kc	5kw	Day	9-8	4-1-63
		Renewal of license				
BS-2706 (1)	6-21-61	Mod. of license to change obstruction markings. (Main & Aux.)				
	3-27-63	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.				
BR-2706 AUX	12-20-63	1430kc	5kw 1kw	Day AUX to	12-20	4-1,66 4-1-66
BR-2706	3-21-66	Renewal of License (Main and Auxiliary)			4-1	4-1-69
BRC-2868 (1)	4-14-66	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 99 Revere Beach Parkway, Medford, Mass. (Main Trans.).				
BZ-5938 (2)	5-5-66 (Main)	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.				
BZ-5939 (1)	5-5-66 (Aux.)	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.				

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June 1954 #3

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters ....WHIL.....

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
BS-2706 (3)	7-10-67	Mod. of license to show the correct time for the month of June.			Sunset /
&TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
BR-2706(L)	4-7-69	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary)			4-7 4-1-72
BR-2706(S)	3-30-72	RENEWAL	MAIN & AUX.		4-1-75
EBSA	6-12-72				
BZ-8444(L)	1-8-74	Direct Measurement (Main & Auxiliary)			4-1-75
BR-2706(S)	3-31-75	Renewal of License (Main & Aux. Trans)			4-1-78
LETTER	7-22-77	Installation of a new (HARRIS MW-5A) Transmitter.			
BR-2706(L)	3-21-78	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary)			4-1-81
BZ-9656(1)	4-21-78	Direct Measurement			
BS-2706(L)	6-6-78	ML correct length of ground radials. 1430khz 5kw		Day RC	4-1-81
BAL781003EB EBSA	11-27-78 1-12-79	VOL. chg.	AL call	EFF	1-12-79

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WIBL New

Name CONANT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
(PO 173 Cabot Street, Beverly, Massachusetts)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-6928 Rec'd Filed	8-31-48 9-10-48 9-10-48	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1540kc Power: 250w Hours of operation: Daytime only Trans. location: To be determined-Beverly, Massachusetts Studio location: To be determined-Beverly, Massachusetts (Filed by Karl Gerhard, Engr.)	GRANTED subj. filing MP for approval T site and antenna. Issued with BMP-5145	5-5-49 LTR. 5-11-49

Transmitter - Gates BC-250-D

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W I B L

Name CONANT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-5145 Rec'd Filed	4-26-50 5-10-50 5-10-50	Mod. of C.P. (BP-6928, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna and transmitter location as ~~Brimball Avenue and Y Street, Beverly~~, Massachusetts, specify studio location as ~~Dodge Street, Beverly~~, Massachusetts and change type of transmitter to(Gates BC-250-GY.) (Herbert L. Wilson, Engr.)	GRANTED	2-7-51
AMENDED Rec'd	11-30-50 12-11-50	AMENDED to change transmitter location from Brimball Avenue and Y Street, Beverly, Mass. to Revere Beach Parkway and Malden River, Medford, Massachusetts and change studio location from Dodge Street, Beverly, Mass. to Revere Beach Parkway and Malden River, Medford, Massachusetts.	~~RETURNED 12-15-50~~ ~~Not notarized~~	
Resubmitted Filed	12-19-50 12-19-50			

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WIBL

Name CONANT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-1106 Rec'd Filed	4-19-51 5-3-51 5-3-51	Voluntary transfer of control of permittee corporation from C. Henry Glovsky, Hyman S. Glovsky, Harry A. Glovsky and Neiland J. Douglas to Sherwood J. Tarlow. (250 shares of common Stock - 100%.) Marcus Cohn, Atty.	Granted Eff.	7-5-51 7-21-51
BMP-5669 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed ~~AMENDED~~ ~~Rec'd~~	8-3-51 8-6-51 8-9-51 8-17-51 8-17-51 ~~8-9-51~~ ~~8-17-51~~	Modification of construction permit (BP-6928, as mod., which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to change transmitter and studio location approx. 500 ft. S. of presently auth. location at Revere Beach Parkway and Malden River, Medford, Mass. AMENDED to specify transmitter and studio location as S. of Revere Beach Parkway, West of Malden River, Medford, Mass. and change type of transmitter (Composite). Marcus Cohn, Atty.; Herbert L. Wilson, Engr.	~~Returned 8-7-51 Informal appl. not acceptable.~~ GRANTED Cond'l re submission results meas.re Sec.3.46 and installation approved freq.& mod.monitors	9-11-51

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FORM A-170
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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WIBL

Name CONANT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
BMP-5696 Rec'd Filed	9-20-51 9-24-51 9-24-51	Modification of construction permit (BP-6928, as modified, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 10-7-51 to 4-7-52. Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED Cond'l re sults of 3.46 and approved monitors	10-3-51 submission re- meas.re Sec. installation freq.& mod.
BMP-5785 Rec'd Filed	12-10-51 12-28-51 12-28-51	Modification of construction permit (BP-6928, as mod., which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter(RCA250K) Marcus Cohn, Atty. James H. Bonney, Engr.	GRANTED and extended C&C dates	1-14-52

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W H I L

Name CONANT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-4653 Rec'd Filed	1-8-52 1-9-52 1-9-52	License to cover construction permit (BP-6928, as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. Marcus Cohn, atty. Pet. filed 2-1-52 by Scharfeld to des. appl. for hrg. and withdraw program test authority for WMEX PET. DENIED 2-15-52 - Order issued	Docket No. 10156 DISMISSED AS MOOT Request of Applicant ORDER ISSUED	 5-9-52

PETITION FILED 2-11-52 by COHN FOR WHIL AS OPPOSITION TO WMEX PETITION OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, PETITION FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO OPERATE ON 1550 kc, 250w, Daytime

PETITION FILED 2-25-52 by BARON FOR WMEX TO DES. L-4653 FOR HRG. AND WITHDRAW PROGRAM TEST OPPOSITION TO WMEX PETITION FILED 3-4-52 BY MARCUS COHN FOR WHIL: AND IN THE ALTERNATIVE, PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ACTION GRANTING WMEX RENEAL APPLICATION

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WHIL

Name CONANT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-5832 Rec'd Filed	2-26-52 3-4-52 3-4-52	Modification of construction permit (BP-6928, as mod., which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to change frequency from 1540kc to 1550kc. (Contingent on cancellation of Program Tests on 1540kc) Marcus Cohn, Atty. Everett L. Dillard, Engr.	DISMISSED Request of attorney	4-1-52
BMP-5851 Rec'd Filed	3-25-52 3-26-52 3-26-52	Modification of construction permit (BP-6928, as mod., which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to change frequency from 1540kc to 1430kc; increase daytime power from 250w to 500w and change type of transmitter(Gates BC-500D) Marcus Cohn, Atty. Edward F. Lorentz, Engr.	GRANTED extended	4-4-52 and C&C dates

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WHIL

Name CONANT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BSSA-272 Rec'd Filed	4-17-52 4-17-52 4-17-52	Special Service Authorization to operate on 1430kc with power of 250w, daytime only, with a waiver of frequency monitor for period beginning April 26, 1952. Marcus Cohn, Atty.	GRANTED ending	4-17-52 period 5-25-52
BL-4725 Rec'd Filed	5-27-52 5-28-52 5-28-52	License to cover construction permit (BP-6928, as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. Marcus Cohn, Atty.	GRANTED	6-19-52
BZ-3436 Rec'd Filed	9-11-52 9-15-52 9-15-52	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	11-26-52
BR-2706 Rec'd Filed	2-2-54 2-4-54 2-4-54	Renewal of License Filed by Marcus Cohn, Atty.	Granted	6-16-54

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

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FORM A-170
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name CONANT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-9443 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	8-6-54 8-10-54 8-25-54 8-26-54 8-26-54	Construction permit to increase power from 500w to 1kw and change type tranmitter (RCA BTA-1M). Cohn and Marks, Attys.	~~RETURNED~~ ~~Engr. dtd. after~~ ~~Section I~~ GRANTED	~~8-24-54~~ 11-24-54
PROTEST FILED 12-23-54 BY WAAB REQUESTING RECONSIDERATION OF GRANT. BARR 12-23-54. PROTEST WITHDRAWN AT REQUEST OF WAAB, LTR. 1-20-55			ONLY 3 COPIES FILED -	
BL-5575 Rec'd Filed	12-16-54 12-17-54 12-17-54	License to cover construction permit (BP-9443) which authorized increase in power and change type transmitter. Marcus Cohn, Atty.	GRANTED	1-25-55
BP-10,147 Rec'd Filed	10-5-55 10-11-55 10-11-55	Construction permit to increase power from 1kw to 5kw and change type transmitter (GATES BC-5E). Cohn and Marks, Attys. Commercial Radio Equip. Co., Engrs.	GRANTED Docket No. 11688 Granted after hearing	3-6-57

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

WHIL

Call Letters .....

Name CONANT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2706 Recd Filed	1-10-57 1-16-57 1-16-57	Renewal of license Marcus Cohn, Atty.	GRANTED	3-20-57
BL-6764 Rec'd Filed	8-3-57 8-6-57 8-6-57	License to cover construction permit BP-10,147 which authorized increase in power and install new transmitter (Type changed to Gates BC-5P).	GRANTED	10-15-57
BZ-4009 Rec'd Filed	6-26-58 6-30-58 6-30-58	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. Atty's: Cohn & Marks	GRANTED	8-8-58
BL-7580 R & F	7-8-59 7-10-59	License to use old main transmitter (RCA-BTA-1M) as an auxiliary transmitter at 99 Revere Beach Pkwy. Medford, Mass. to be operated on 1430kc 1kw. for aux. purposes only. Attys Cohn and Marks	GRANTED	10-22-59

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

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

#10

Call Letters W.H.I.L.

Name CONANT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2706 Rec'd Filed	12-5-59 1-4-60 1-4-60	Renewal of License. (MAIN & AUXILIARY) Stanley B. Cohen, Atty.	GRANTED	9-8-60
BP-15,030 Rec'd Filed	8-9-61 8-9-61 8-9-61	Construction Permit to change hours of operation from daytime to unlimited using power of 5kw; change station location from Medford, Mass. to Medford-Everett, Mass.--Daytime and Everett, Mass.--Nighttime; install directional antenna for nighttime use (DA-N); and make changes in ground system. Atty: Marcus Cohn Engr: Edward F. Lorentz	DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE Order-Docket No. 15520 1-6-65	

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

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AUG. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WHIL

Name COMANT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BZ-1528 R & F	9-25-61 9-26-61	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. ATTY. Cohn and Marks	Granted	12-14-61
BR-2706 Rec. & Filed	1/2/63 1/3/63	Renewal of License (MAIN & AUX.) Cohn & Marks, Attys.	GRANTED	12-20-63
BR-2706 R & F	12-30-65 12-30-65	Renewal of license (Main & Auxiliary) Atty- Cohn & Marks (Joel H. Levy)	GRANTED	3-21-66
BRC-2868 Rec'd Filed	4-4-66 4-7-66 4-7-66	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 99 Revere Beach Parkway, Medford, Massachusetts. (Main Transmitter) Roy F. Perkins, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	4-14-66

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

FORM BC-121 #12
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters ....W.H.I.L.....

Name ..CONANT..BROADCASTING..COMPANY,..INC.....
Medford, Mass.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BZ-5938 R & F	3/16/66 3/17/66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of ant. power. (Main) Atty: Cohn & Marks	GRANTED	5-5-66
BZ-5939 R & F	3/23/66 3/25/66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. (Aux.) Atty: Cohn & Marks	GRANTED	5-5-66
BR-2706 R & F #481047 $105. PRESS FEB 18 1969	12-31-68 1-2-69 1-2-69	Renewal of license---(Main & Auxiliary) Atty. Robert B. Jacobi	GRANTED	4-7-69

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Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WWEL
x.W.H.I.L.

Name CONANT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
Medford, Massach usetts

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2706 R & F P.N. PRESS JAN 31 1972	12-23-71 1-3-72 1-3-72	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Atty: Allan J. Arlow (Cohn & Marks)	GRANTED	3-30-72
BZ-8444 R & F DM PRESS DEC 21 1973	9-27-73 10-3-73 10-18-73	Direct Measurement (Main & Auxiliary)	GRANTED	1-8-74
BR-2706 R & F Pub. Notice Press JAN 28 1975	11-12-74 12-2-74 12-2-74	Renewal of license (Main & Auxiliary) Atty: Stanley D. Cohen	GRANTED	3-31-75

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

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Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WXKS xWWEL

Name: HEFTEL BROADCASTING CORPORATION
x CONANT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
Medford, Massachusetts

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2706 R & F PN PRESS	11-15-77 12-1-77 " " DEC 21 1977	Renewal of license (Main & Auxiliary) Atty- Brian M. Madden (Cohn & Marks)	GRANTED	3-21-78
BZ-9656 R & F DM PRESS	10-13-77 10-17-77 2-27-78 MAR 21 1978	Direct Measurement Atty: Stanley B. Cohen	GRANTED	4-21-78
BAL 781003EB PRESS Form 314 Also See WWEL-FM PN FILED	 11-1-78	Vol AL to HEFTEL BROADCASTING CORPORATION Atty: for assignor Marcus Cohn Atty: for assignee Jason L. Shrinsky (over)	GRANTED EFF:	11-27-78 1-12-79

BAL781003EB Amended 11-1-78 re: financial and EEO data

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

1430khz.

Call Letters: WXKS

Name: HEFTEL BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Station Location: MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR-801125UJ PRESS		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED 3-30-81

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 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.