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B.S.

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

11-15-68.Authority granted for on-the-air I.D; "CHAMPAIGN-URBANA"

Date first licensed 4-15-49

Call letters W D W S - FM

CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

Name of licensee D.W.S., INC. (AL 2-28-79 EFF: ~~CHAMPAIGN NEWS-GAZETTE, INCORPORATED~~(per AL)

Transmitter location South Neil St., Rd., Champaign, Illinois {PH 6-4-76}
x 1.3 mile South of Champaign,
~~2 miles S.E. of Champaign-Urbana,~~ Illinois
~~Champaign-Twp., Illinois~~

Main studio location SAME AS TRANSMITTER
x1.3 mile South of
~~40 Main Street,~~ Champaign, Illinois

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Mcs. Freq.	E.R.P. Power	Time Div.	Period From To
B4-PH-364	11-1-45	104.3 No. 282	250 w		
Letter	6-18-46	Subject details antenna for AM station	to Comm. approval and transmitter details of application for C.P. WDWS.		of antenna details and Mod
B4-MPH-130	8-7-46	99.5 No. 258	20 kw		
Letter	8-13-46	Subject details.	to Comm. approval		of antenna
B4-MPH-130	2-14-47	99.5 No. 258	33 kw		
Letter	3-6-47	Subject for Mod.	to Comm. approval of WDWS antenna		of application system to accommodate FM antenna.
B4-PH-364 BMPH-130 CP issued	6-16-47	97.5	33 kw	U	By 8-16-47 to 2-16-48
	8-27-47	97.5 Freq. assignment accord. D o 6768	(No. 248)		
BMPH-681 MOD. C.P.	9-11-47	97.5. change trans. site, ERP, antenna height & antenna system	27 kw.	U	By 8-16-47 To 2-16-48
BMPH-1446 Ext. of	2-10-48 compl. date	97.5	27 kw.	430 ft. Aver. Ter.	By 8-16-47 To 5-16-48
BMPH-2012	6-7-48	Ext. of completion date to 9-1-48			
BMPH-2492	9-1-48	Ext. of completion date to 11-30-48			
Telegram	11-30-48	Retel 29. Auth. gr. period ending 12-30-48 op. using fac. spec. in CP BMPH-2492 re FM prog serv.			
BMPH-2911	12-6-48	Ext. of completion date to 12-30-48.			
BLH-373 License to	4-15-49 cover BPH-364 as	97.5 modified	27 kw.	430 ft.	To 3-1-51
BRH-304	2-21-51	Renewal of license			To 3-1-54 L
BRH-304	2-3-54	Renewal of license to Form 715 notice sent			12-1-55 S
BRH-304	11-16-55	Renewal of license to			12-1-58 S
	11-25-58	Comm. deferred act. renewal pending further consideration.			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 4-15-49

Call letters WDWS-FM

Station location

Name of licensee THE CHAMLAIGN NEWS-GAZETTE, INCORPORATED

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BRH-304	12-23-58	Renewal	of license		12-23 12-1-61
BSCA-155	4-22-59	Subsidiary Communications Authorization on Multiplex Basis to 67kc			12-1-61.
	11-29-61	Action on Renewal of License Deferred.			
BRH-304	5-4-64	Renewal of License			5-4 12-1-64
BRSCA-155	5-4-64	Subsidiary Communications on Multiplex Basis to			Authorization 12-1-64
BRH-304	11-20-64	97.5mc 27kw Un Renewal of license			(long form) 12-1 - 12-1-67
BRSCA-155	11-20-64	Renewal of SCA		to	12-1-67
BRH-304	11-24-67	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-70
BRSCA-155	11-24-67	Renewal of SCA			12-1 12-1-70
BTC-5509	12-22-67	Involuntary transfer of control of lic.			
Comtel	11-25-70	Trans: G.E., Type BT-4B, Mod. with RCA Type BTE-15A exciter.			
BRH-304(L)	12-1-71	Renewal of License			12-1-73
BRSCA-155	12-1-71	Renewal of SCA			12-1-73
EBSA	5-22-72				
Ltr.	1-2-73	GATES-FM-20H3 modified with RCA-BTE-15A exciter.			
BRH-304(L)	9-30-74	Renewal of License			12-1-76
BRSCA-155	9-30-74	Renewal of License			12-1-76
BPH-9834 HAAT: 360' {H&V} {L}	6-4-76	97.5MHz ERP: 50kw{H&V} U 6-4-77 CP redescribe TL &SL. chg TPO, ERP, HAAT & Ant.			
BMSCA-451	7-19-76	Mod of SCA chg programming & equipment {67 KHz}			
BRH-304(S)	11-15-76	Renewal of License			12-1-79
BMSCA-451	7-19-76	SCA			
BLH-7223 (L)	3-4-77	Lic. (BPH-9834) for changes			12-1-79

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BC-126
June 1975

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters W D W S-FM

Station location CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To-
BALH790208IH	2-28-79	VOL.	AL & SCA	EFF:	
BMSCA791001AO	11/26/79	MSCA			12/1/82
BRH-790731VK{S}	11-30-79	RENEWAL VF LICENSE			12-1-82
BRSCA " " "		RENEWAL VF SCA			

Form 94

HIGH FREQUENCY (FM)

APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

Call letters WDWS-FM

Name THE CHAMPAIGN NEWS-GAZETTE, INC.
P.O. 48 Main St., Champaign, Illinois

FILE No.	DATED	APPLICATION FOR—	ACTION: NATURE	ACTION: DATE
B4-PH-364 Recd. Filed	8-29-44 9-15-44 11-8-44	Construction permit for new high frequency FM broadcast station Frequency: 49,100 Kcs., Coverage: 4,660 Sq.Mi. Studio: 48 Main St., Champaign, Illinois Transmitter: Champaign Twp., Illinois (RCA 250-FM Max. 250w) Filed by Frank Roberson, Att'y. Amendment re Comm.letter of 9-7-45 recd. 10-2-45. No change. (Community) Program analysis rec'd. 4-8-46	Granted 11-1-45 for Community type station-Conditional - Type 3 letter mailed 11-7-45 Basic Engr. approved 5-29-46. Program analysis approved 5-29-46. 6	
B4-MPH-130 Rec'd Filed	6-29-46 7-3-46 7-3-46 See Card #2	Modification of C. P. (B4-PH-364 which authorized a new Community FM broadcast station) to change class of station to Class B; specify frequency of 98.0 mcs.; coverage 13,740 sq. mi.; population 584,521; transmitter site 2 mi. S.W. of Champaign-Urbana, Ill.; type of transmitter as GE	Granted 8-7-46 Basic Engr. approved 8-7-46. Program analysis approved 5-29-46. CP issued B4-PH-364	6-16-47 BMPH-130

Paul F. Godley, Engineer

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

CARD #2

Call Letters WDWS - FM

Name THE CHAMPAIGN NEWS-GAZETTE, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B4-MPH-130	(Cont'd)	BT-4A Max. 10 kw; and specify antenna system. Engr. info. rec'd 1-16-47 re Comm. letter 12-12-46 makeing changes in antenna system & effective radiated power.		
BMPH-681 Rec'd Filed	8-15-47 8-19-47 8-19-47	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-364 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station to change transmitter site to approximately 4.5 miles south of Champaign Airport; effective radiated power to 25.5 kw; antenna height above average terrain to 427 feet and make changes in antenna system and change commencement and completion dates from 8-16-47 and 2-16-48 to 60 days from date of grant and 180 days thereafter, respectively. Filed by Frank Roberson, Attorney	GRANTED C & C dates not granted	9-11-47

Form 94

CARD #3

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W.D.W.S.-FM

Name THE CHAMPAIGN NEWS-GAZETTE, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-1446 Rec'd Filed	2-2-48 2-4-48 2-4-48	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-364 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 2-16-48 to 8-1-48. Filed by Frank Roberson, Attorney	GRANTED Compl. date 5-16-48	2-10-48
BMPH-2013 Recd. Filed	5-12-48 5-17-48 5-17-48	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-364 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 5-16-48 to 9-1-48. Filed by Frank Roberson, Attorney	GRANTED	6-7-48
BMPH-2492 Recd. Filed	8-23-48 8-24-48 8-24-48	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-364 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 9-1-48 to 11-30-48. Filed by Frank Roberson, Att'y.	GRANTED	9-1-48

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CARD #4

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WDWS - FM

Name THE CHAMPAIGN NEWS-GAZETTE, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-2911 Recd. Filed	11-24-48 11-29-48 11-29-48	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-364 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 11-30-48 to 12-30-48. Filed by Frank Roberson, Atty.	GRANTED	12-6-48
BLH-373 Recd. Filed	11-13-48 12-7-48 12-7-48	License to cover C.P. (BPH-364 as mod. which authorized a new FM broadcast station). Filed by Frank Roberson, Atty.	GRANTED	4-15-49
BRH-304 Recd & Filed	12-28-50 1-2-51	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	2-21-51
BRH-304 Recd. & Filed	11-28-53 11-30-53	Renewal of license Frank Roberson, atty	GRANTED	2-3-54
BRH-304 Recd & filed	8-19-55 8-30-55	Renewal of license Frank Roberson, atty Amend. recd. specifying type transmitter.	323 on file GRANTED	11-16-55

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters .....W.D.W.S-FM.....

Name THE CHAMPAIGN NEWS-GAZETTE, INCORPORATED
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-304 Rec'd Filed	8-27-58 8-29-58 8-29-58	Renewal of License. Spearman and Roberson, Attys.	GRANTED	12-23-58
BSCA-155 Rec'd Filed	1-19-59 1-21-59 1-21-59	Request to establish a new Subsidiary Communications Service, Multiplex basis, to be operated on Sub-carrier freqencies of 67 & 41kc.	GRANTED	4-22-59
Amended R & F	3-13-59 3-16-59	Amended to change freq. from 67 & 41kc to 67kc.		
BRH-304 Rec'd Filed	8-28-61 9-6-61 9-6-61	Renewal of license Attys.: Spearman and Roberson (Richard Hildreth)	GRANTED	5-4-64
BRSCA-155 Rec'd Filed	8-28-61 9-6-61 9-6-61	Renewal of Subsidiary Communications Authorization Attys.: Spearman and Roberson (Richard Hildreth)	GRANTED	5-4-64
BRH-304 BRSCA-155 R. & F.	8-21-64 9-1-64	Renewal of license and SCA Attys: Spearman & Roberson	GRANTED	11-20-64

F.C.C. · WASHINGTON, D. C.

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WDWS-FM

Name CHAMPAIGN NEWS-GAZETTE, INCORPORATED
Champaign, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-304 BRSCA-155 R. & F. SEP 20 1967	7-24-67 7-20-67 9-5-67	Renewal of license and SCA. atty-Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenehan and Hildreth (Marvin Rosenberg)	GRANTED	11-24-67
BTC-5509 R [redacted] R & F DEC 21 1967	11-11-67 11-8-67 12-1-67 12-1-67	Involuntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Helen M. Stevick to Marajen Stevick Chinigo, Executrix of the Estate of Helen M. Stevick, deceased. Atty - Fletcher, Heald etc	GRANTED	12-22-67

10-9-69. PETITION TO REVOKE BROADCAST LICENSE filed by Anthony R. Martin-Trigona.

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Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WDWS-FM

Name CHAMPAIGN NEWS-GAZETTE, INCORPORATED
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-304	8-22-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
BRSCA-155	"	Richard Hildreth, Atty. (Fletcher, HealdRowell)	GRANTED	12-1-71
F S F	9-2-70	AMENDED 11-23-70 re: business interest		
PN Recd.	"	AMENDED 4-19-71 re: programming		
PRESS		AMENDED 6-2-71 re: programming		
OCT 5 1970				
Annual filing fee $64.00 paid 12-1-70. # W 503166.				
BRH-304	8-8-73	Renewal of License	GRANTED	9-30-74
R & F	9-4-73			
P.N.	9-4-73	Atty.: Richard Hildreth		
PRESS	OCT 9 1973	AMENDED 9-21-73 re: commercial practices		
BRSCA-155	8-8-73	Renewal of SCA		
R & F	9-4-73	AMENDED 11-16-73 re: EEO		
		AMENDED 1-21-74 re: EEO		
		AMENDED 6-20-74 re: EEO		

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

97.5mhz

Call Letters WDWS-FM

Name Champaign News-Gazette, Incorporated
Champaign, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-9834 R & F #557225 $200 Code 001 Press	4-2-76 4-15-76 4-16-76 MAY 25 1976	CP to redescribe TL-SL to: S. Neil Road St. Rd., Champaign, Illinois; install new ant. (Gates FMS-5, 5 sects. (H&V); chg. TPO; ERP: 50KW(H&V) and HAAT: 381' (H&V). Atty: Richard Hildreth	GRANTED COND'L	6-4-76
BMSCA-451 Rec'd Filed 575690$100 CODE 001 PRESS	5-3-76 5-14-76 6-21-76 6-4-76 JUN 24 1976	Modification of Subsidiary Communications Authorization to make chgs in programming & equipment Atty. Richard Hildreth	GRANTED	7-19-76

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

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97.5 mhz

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WDWS-FM

12-49 D.W.S., INC.

Name CHAMPAIGN NEWS-GAZETTE, INCORPORATED
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-304 BRSCA-155 B & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-25-76 6-19-76 7-30-76 " AUG 30 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA Eric T. Esbensen, Atty.	Granted	11-15-76
BLH-7223 R & F #618351$100 Code 001 PRESS PTA	9-20-76 9-24-76 9-28-76 JAN 17 1977 10-6-76	Lic. (BPH-9834) for changes. Ant. Harris FM5AE Atty: Vincent J. Curtis (Fletcher, Heald, et al)	GRANTED	3-4-77
BALH790208HH Form 316 W D W S) PRESS	2-2-79 (Also see FEB 1 1 1979	Vol. AL & SCA to D.W.S., INC. (over) Atty - Richard Hildreth (Fletcher, Heald, etc.)	GRANTED EFF:	2-28-79

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

BALH790208HH - By-laws not Cert.; ~~to be~~ filed as amend.

ABOVE FILED 2-26-79

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WDWS-FM

Name: D.W.S.,INC.

Station Location: CHAMPAIGN,ILLINOIS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRH-790731 VK BRSCA- " PRESS	OCT 1 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA Roderick K.Porter,Atty.(Fletcher,Heald)	GRANTED 11-30-79
BMSCA791001AO PRESS (0)	OCT 2 9 1979	Modification of Subsidiary Communications Authorization to make changes in Equipment. Atty. Richard Hildreth (Fletcher,Heald & Hildreth)	GRANTED 11/26/79

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.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) 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 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). Prior to that move, 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.

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.