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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 5-9-51

Call letters W L B H - FM

STATION LOCATION: MATTOON, ILLINOIS

Name of licensee MATTOON BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location Approx. 1½ mi. north of city limits, Mattoon, Illinois(PH-3-6-73)
X On U.S. Route #45, North of Mattoon, Illinois (Coles County)

Main studio location Same as transmitter loc. (BLH, 6-12-74)
X 1632½ Broadway Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPH-1531 C.P.	5-4-49 issued	96.9	23 kw.	190 ft.	By 7-4-49 To 1-4-50
Telegram	11-4-49	Retel 31, Auth. op. using fac. specified in BPH-1531 re Ex proc. serv.			
BLH-600 License	6-9-51 to cover CP (BPH-1531)	96.9	23 kw	190 ft.	to 3-1-53 L
BRH-607	2-18-53	Renewal of license to			12-1-55 S
BRH-607	11-9-55	Renewal of license to			12-1-58 S
BRCH-170	9-13-56	Transmitter may be operated by remote control from 1682½ Broadway Ave.3rd fl.Nat'L. Bk.Bldg.Mattoon,Ill.			12/1/58
BRH-607	11-19-58	96.9	23 kw	190ft.	to 12-1-61
BRH-607	11-9-61	Renewal of license			12-1 12-1-64
Wire	5-14-62	Auth. remain silent thru			6-11-62.
BPH-3906 HAAT:190'	10-30-62	96.9mcs Ch. 245	ERP:23kw TPO:3.4kw	Unl.	12-30 6-30-63
	CP to install new ant. (Andrews, 1308-1A, 8 secs) & chg. TPO kw				
BMPH-7546 (1)	4-18-63	Mod. of CP(BPH-3906) to chg. type trans. (Composite).			
BLH-2383 (1)	8-8-63	Lic. to cover CP(BPH-3906, as mod.) which auth. install new ant.; chg. type trans.; & chg. TPO.			
BRH-607	11-9-64	96.9mcs.	23kw	U	12-1 12-1-67
BRH-607	11-24-67	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-70
BRH-607(S)	1-12-71	Renewal			12-1-73
EBSA	5-22-72				
BSCA-1182	7-21-72	SCA	67 kilohertz		
BPH-8128 HAAT: 500' (H&V)	3-6-73	96.9mhz. #245 Class B CP chg. TL, SL operate by RC, install new trans., install new ant., make chgs. in ant. system (incr. hgt.) chg. TPO, ERP HAAT.	ERP: 50kw(H&V) (RC)		3-6-74

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June 1954

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
BRH-607(S)	12-12-73	RENEWAL			12-1-76
BRSCA-1182	12-12-73	RENEWAL OF SCA			
BLH-6155(L) HAAT: 500'	6-12-74 (H&V)	Lic.(BRH-8128)-Changes 96.9mhz., ERP: 50kw(H&V)			12-1-76
BRH-607(S) BRSCA-1182	11-15-76	RENEWAL & SCA			12-1-79
BRH-790808UB(S)	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-82
BRSCA-[illegible]		RENEWAL OF SCA			

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FM (CLASS B)
Call Letters WLBH-FM

Name MATTOON BROADCASTING COMPANY
(P. O. 1633½ Broadway Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois).

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-1531 Rec'd. Filed	12-22-48 12-27-48 12-27-48	Construction permit for new FM broadcast station (Class B) to be operated on Frequency: 96.9 Mcs. Channel 245 Effective Radiated Power: 22.9 kw. Antenna height above average terrain: 185 ft. Transmitter: On U. S. Route 45 North of Mattoon, Illinois. (Gates BF-3B Max. 3 kw.) Studio: 1632½ Broadway, Mattoon, Illinois.	GRANTED C.P. issued Expires Mailed	5-4-49 5-4-49 1-4-50 5-18-49
BLH-600 Rec'd. Filed	1-3-50 1-5-50 1-5-50	License to cover C. P. (BPH-1531) which authorized a new FM broadcast station	GRANTED	5-9-51
BRH-607 Recd. & Filed	1-24-53 1-27-53	Renewal of license	Ltr. 1-29-53 re typical week. GRANTED	2-18-53

CARD 2
FORM BC-121
FORMERLY FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WLBH-FM

Name [illegible]
Radio Station WLBH-FM, 1632 ½ Broadway Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-607 Recd & filed	8-31-55 9-2-55	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-9-55
BRCH-170 Recd.&Filed	9-10-56 9-10-56	Transmitter may be operated by Remote Control From 1632 ½ Broadway Avenue, 3rd Floor, National Bank Building, Mattoon, Illinois.	GRANTED	9-13-56
BRH-607 Rec'd Filed	8-29-58 9-2-58 9-2-58	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	11-19-58
BRH-607 R. & F.	8-31-61 9-5-61	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	11-9-61
BPH-3906 R & F	10-20-62 10-22-62	Construction permit to install a new antenna (ANDREWS-1308-1A, 8 sections).	GRANTED	10-30-62

FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955 #3

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name NATTOON BROADCASTING COMPANY
NATTOON, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-7546 R & F	2-28-63 3-4-63	Mod. of CP (BPH-3906 which auth install new ant) to install new trans (Collins (Composite) 830B-1A).	GRANTED	4-18-63
BLH-2383 Received Filed	3-26-63 3-29-63 4-22-63	Lic. to cover construction permit (BPH-3906 as mod) which auth install new ant and trans.	GRANTED	8-8-63
BRH-607 Rec'd Filed	8-31-64 9-1-64 9-1-64	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-9-64
BRH-607 R & F	8-31-67 9-5-67	Renewal of license	GRANTED 11-24	11-24-67

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

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Name MATTOON BROADCASTING COMPANY
MATTOON, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-607 R & F PN Recd. PRESS OCT 6 1970	8-31-70 9-2-70 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	1-12-71
BSCA-1,182, R & F #077247 $50 Code 068 Press JUL 7 1972	5-24-72 5-26-72 5-26-72	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kilocycles.	GRANTED	7-21-72
BP-8128 Rec'd Filed #077465 $200 Code 015 NOV 7 1972 Press P. N. Rec'd AMENDED AMENDED	5-23-72 5-26-72 10-25-72 5-26-72 6-26-72 6-26-72 10-25-72	CP to chg. TL & SL to ~~2½ mi. North on Route 45, Mattoon, Illinois; delete RC;~~ install new trans. (Gates FM-20H3); install new ant. (Gates FMC-6, 6 sects. (H&V); make chg. ant. system (increase height); chg. TPO; ERP: 50.0KW (H&V); HAAT. 500'(H&V). ~~39° 32' 11" - 88° 21' 19"~~ 39° 30' 54" - 88° 22' 23" Section IV-A Sect. II, III & Engr. Data: chg. TL to: 1½ mi. North of Mattoon, Illinois; chg. SL & operate by RC from 1832½ Broadway Ave., Mattoon, Illinois	GRANTED	3-6-73 req. grant fee: $1800 fee paid 016 4-3-73 W 169893

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September 1969

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Name MATTOON BROADCASTING COMPANY
Mattoon, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-8128 CONTINUED FROM CARD #4 AMENDED PRESS: JAN 22 1973	1-10-73	Correct Coordinates (39° 31' 02" - 88° 22' 13")		
BRH-607 R & F PRESS BRSCA-1182	8-29-73 9-4-73 25 SEP 1973 8-29-73	Renewal of License AMENDED 11-29-73 re: commercial policy; prog; EEO Renewal of SCA	GRANTED	12-12-73
BLH-6155 R & F W 288315-$50. PTA PRESS	2-5-74 3-7-74 3-7-74-AC-057 3-15-74 APR 29 1974	Lic.(BPH-8128)-Changes.	GRANTED	6-12-74
BRH-607 BRSCA-1182 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-29-76 " 8-3-76 " AUG 12 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA	GRANTED	11-15-76

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name MATTOON BROADCASTING COMPANY
MATTOON, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH 790808 UB BRSCA " PRESS	AUG 24 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA	GRANTED	11-30-79

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.