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FM BROADCAST

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 6-24-60

Call letters WMLS-FM

Station location Sylacauga, Alabama

Name of licensee SUMMIT BROADCASTING, INC. (AL 7-29-80 EFF: 9-1-80)
*MARBLE CITY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED

Transmitter location Motes Rd., 2 mi. N of downtown bus. district of Sylacauga, Alabama

Main studio location Same as transmitter

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-	Period To-
BPH-2771	10-21-59	98.3mcs	630-w	U	12-21-59	
HAAT:83'		Ch.252	TPO:250-w		6-21-60	
Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station						
BLH-1503	6-24-60	Lic. to cover cp(BPH-2771) which authorized new FM b/c station.			6-24	4-1-61
	3-29-61	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.				
BRH-1019	7-30-63	Renewal of license			7-30	4-1-64
	3-25-64	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.				
BRH-1019	4-21-64	Renewal of License			4-21	4-1-67
BRH-1019	3-29-67	Renewal of License			4-1	4-1-70
EBSA	5-22-72					
BRH-1019	5-20-74	Renewal of license			4-1-76	
BRH-1019(S)	4-11-79	Renewal of License			4-1-82	
BALH800530EB	7-29-80	VOL AL EFF: 9-1-80				

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name MARBLE CITY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED
P.O. Box 611, Sylacauga, Ala.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-2771 R&F	8-5-59 8-31-59	CP for new FM b/c station to be operated on: Freq: 98.3mc Ch. 252 ERP: .63kw HAAT: 74' Trans.: GE BT-1B Ant: GE BY-4A T-loc: Motes Rd, 2miles N of Downtown business district, Sylacauga, Alabama S-loc: same as T-loc. Engr: Jas. Stowers, Summerville, Georgia	GRANTED HAAT: ERP:	10-21-59 83' 630-watts
BLH-1503 R&F	12-16-59 12-17-59	Lic. to cover cp(BPH-2771) which authorized new FM b/c station.	GRANTED	6-24-60
BRH-1019 Rec'd&Filed	12-15-60 12-19-60	Renewal of License	GRANTED	7-30-62
BRH-1019 R. & F.	12-23-63 12-30-63	Renewal of license. 4-1-64.	GRANTED	4-21-64

FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955 #2

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMLS-FM

Name MARBLE CITY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED
SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-1019 R & F	12-31-66 1-3-67	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	3-29-67
BRH-1019 R & F #565938 $75. PN PRESS FEB 28 1973	12-29-69 12-31-69 12-31-69 12-31-69 12-31-69	Renewal of license SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 1-4-73 as Amendment to Pending Renewal Application (PN 1-4-73)	GRANTED	5-20-74
BRH-1019 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-24-75 12-1-75 " JAN 29 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 12-1-78 as an amendment to pending renewal application. (BRH781201UD)	GRANTED DEC 15 1978	4-11-79

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

SUMMIT BROADCASTING, INC.

Call Letters: WMLS-FM

Name: MARBLE CITY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED

Station Location: Sylacauga, Alabama

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BALH800530GR Form 314 PRESS Also see WMLS(am)	JUN 25 1980	Voluntary assignment of license to Summit Broadcasting, Inc. Atty Edward S. O'Neill	GRANTED 7-29-80 EFF: 9-1-80
PN FILED	7-1-80		

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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.