W T T O (TV)

COMMERCIAL TV

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

CH 21

First licensed .....

Call Letters WTTO

Station Location HOMEWOOD, AL

Name CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION CORPORATION (AP 3-13-80; Eff:
XWILLIAM A. CHAPMAN AND GEORGE K. CHAPMAN d/b as CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY

Transmitter Location Top of Red Mountain, Birmingham, AL

Main studio location 1925-29th Ave., S., Homewood, AL

Form BC-126
December 1978

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPCT-3282 AH:670' NSL:133.2' ERP: Vis. 21.4kW, Aur. 4.27kW CP for New Commercial Television Broadcast Station.	11-6-79	Ch-21, 512-518MHz Unl.	5-6-81
BPCT-3282 AH:670' NSL:1333.2' ERP: Vis. 21.4kW, Aur. 4.27kW Superseding CP to correct overall hght. above MSL.	11-6-79	Ch-21, 512-518MHz Unl.	5-6-81
BPCT-3282 (1)	3-11-80	Call Sign assigned and EBSA	
BAPCT-800215KE	3-13-80	Voluntary assignment of CP	
BMPCT-801231KE (1) Mod. of CP(BPCT-3282) to make chgs.	5-26-81		11-26-81

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters ~~NEW~~ W T T O

Name WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN AND GEORGE K. CHAPMAN d/b as CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY

PO P. O. BOX 3297, c/o W. A. Chapman, Birmingham, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-3282 Rec.&filed	12-28-63 12-30-63	Construction permit for a new Commercial TV broadcast station: ~~Channel 54, 710-716 mcs,~~ CH#21, (alloc. to Birmingham ERP: ~~Vis. 19.06 kw, Aur. 9.53 kw~~ Alabama (6-16-65) STATION LOCATION: HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA Transmitter Location: Top of Red Mountain, Birmingham, Alabama Studio Location: 1925 29th. Avenue, South, Homewood, Alabama (RCA TTU-1B) AH: ~~653.1 feet~~		D-15461 Designated for Hearing Min. 7-13-66 GRANTED 11-6-79
AMENDED Received Filed	8-8-64 8-10-64 8-25-64	Amended to change type of antenna to RCA TFU-27-DH; make changes in antenna system; correct geogrpphic coordinates and change antenna height above average terrain to 668.1 feet.		

DECISION By the Review Board, adlpted 6-27-74, released 7-8-74 FCC 74R-242 25649: ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, That the application of Birmingham Broadcasting Company (BPCT-3707) for a construction permit for a new UHF television broadcast station at Birmingham, Alabama, IS GRANTED, And the application of William A. Chapman and George K. Chapman, d/b as Chapman Radio and Television Company (BPCT-3282), IS DENIED.

SUPPLEMENTAL INITIAL DECISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE JAMES K. CULLEN, JR., issued 9-14-77, released 9-30-77, FCC 77D-52 89526: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, that unless an appeal from this Initial Decision is taken by a party or is reviewed by the Commission on its own motion in accordance with the provisions of Rule 1.276,* the application of William A. Chapman and George K. Chapman, d/b as Chapman Radio and Television Company for a construction permit for a new television broadcast station to operate on Channel 21 in Birmingham, Alabama, is hereby ~~granted~~ GRANTED, and the application of Birmingham Broadcasting Company IS DENIED.

*In the event exceptions are not filed and the Commission does not review the case on its own motion, this Initial Decision will become effectige fifty (50) days after its public release as prescribed by Rule 1.276(d).

SUPPLEMENTAL INITIAL DECISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE JAMES K. CULLEN, JR., issued 9-14-77, released 9-30-77 FCC 77D-52 89526: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, that unless an appeal from this Initial Decision is taken by a party or is reviewed by the Commission on its own motion in accordance with the provisions of Rule 1.276, the application of William A. Chapman and George K. Chapman, d/b/a Chapman Radio and Television Company for a construction permit for a new television broadcast station to operate on Channel ~~8~~ 21 in Birmingham, Alabama, is hereby GRANTED, and the application of Birmingham Broadcasting Company IS DENIED.

(In the event exceptions are not filed and the Commission does not review the case on its own motinn, this Initial Decision will become effective fifty (50) days after its public release as prescribed by Rule 1.276(d)).

CARD #2
FORM SC-121
Aug. 1955

COMMERCIAL TV B/C

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters NEW W T T O

Name WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN AND GEORGE K. CHAPMAN d/b as CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY
CH#21 Homewood, Alabama (ch#21 now allocated to Birmingham, Ala. on 6-16-65 re Doc.14229)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-3282 AMENDED Recd. Filed	(con't) 6-28-65 7-12-65 8-4-65	Amended pursuant to Supplement #1 to Fourth Report and Order in Docket 14229 adopted 6-16-65 to specify CH.#21, 512-518 Mcs. instead of CH.#54, 710-716 Mcs.; with ERP Vis. 21.33 kw, Aur. 10.05 kw; type of antenna to G. E. TY-25-B; and antenna height above average terrain to 673.1 feet.		
		Amended 11-10-70 to reflect sale of common carrier station formerly licensed to applicant.		
		Amended (Order) 9-8-71 to reflect sale of common carrier station.		
		Amended (Order) 5-5-76 re financial, legal & ownership.		
		Amended (Order) 6-15-77 re legal & financial		

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

DECISION adopted 2-28-79, released 3-5-79 FCC 79-133 94216: ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, [illegible] the Exceptions to the Supplemental Initial Decision of James K. Cullen, Jr. (FCC 77D-52, released September 30, 1977), filed November 17, 1977, by Birmingham Broadcasting Company ARE DENIED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the Petition to Terminate Proceeding and Grant Facility to Birmingham Broadcasting Corporation, filed November 17, 1978 by Birmingham Broadcasting Corporation IS DENIED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the application of William A. Chapman and George K. Chapman, d/b/a Chapman Radio and Television Co. for a construction permit for a new television broadcast station to operate on Channel 21 at Homewood, Alabama, IS GRANTED, and the application of Birmingham Broadcasting Company for a construction permit for such facility at Birmingham, Alabama, IS DENIED

[illegible]RANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 11-6-79, released 11-9-79 BC FCCm79-743 94359: ACCORDINGLY IT IS ORDERED, That the Motion To Dismiss Petition to Reconsider Decision and the Motion to Dismiss Petition for Extension of Time to File Brief in Opposition to Reconsideration, both filed April 18, 1979 by William A. Chapman and George K. Chapman d/b/a Chapman Radio and Television Co. ARE GRANTED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the Petition to Reconsider Decision and the Petition for Extension of Time to File Brief both filed April 5, 1979 by Birmingham Broadcasting Company ARE DISMISSED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the Petition to Amend the Application of Birmingham Broadcasting Company, filed October 19, 1979 by Birmingham Broadcasting Company IS DISMISSED.

CARD#3

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION
APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WTTO ~~UNASSIGNED~~

CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION CORPORATION

Name: X WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN AND GEORGE K. CHAPMAN d/b as CHAPMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY

CH-21

Station Location: HOMEWOOD, AL

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BAPCT-800215KE R & F (Form 316)	2-5-80 2-15-80	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Chapman Radio and Television Corporation. Atty.: Vincent J. Curtis, Jr. (Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth)	GRANTED 3-13-80 Eff:
BMPCT- 801231 KE R&F PN REC'D	12-31-80 2-6-81	Mod. of CP to Chg. ERP:Vis.1042kw, Aur.:104.2kw HAAT: 1343 ft. TL:Top of Red Mt., Birmingham, Ala., SL: 2021 Golden Crest Dr., Birmingham,Ala. Type trans.RCA TTU-55C; ANT: RCA TFU25G (BT) Amended 01-21-81 re legal. AMENDED 1-27-81 re engineering.	GRANTED 5-26-81 1-26-81
BMPCT-810429KE		MP (BPCT-3282, as mod) to extend completion date. ACCEPTED FEB 25 '81 — FOR FILE APR 13 '81	RETURNED 6-5-81 (Unnecessary)

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 radio 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.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. 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 television station history.