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June 1954

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 12-19-57

Call letters W R A M

(See Card #3) [illegible]

Station Location: Monmouth, Illinois

(~~See Card #2~~)

Name of licensee x STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, THEODORE M. NELSON, CHARLES VANDEVER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND, MORRIS E. KEMPER, T. KEITH COLEMAN, VERNON J. WILSON and JAMES W. TRAVELSTEAD, d/b as PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS

Transmitter location On US Hwy. 34, 4 mi. NE of Monmouth, Illinois (CP 5-29-56)(BL-12-19-57)

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Main studio location 200½ South Main Street, Monmouth, Illinois(Ltr. 3/3/58, redescription)
XX On US Hwy. 34, 4 mi. NE of Monmouth, Illinois (CP 5-29-56)(BL-12-19-57)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq	Power	Time Div	Period From- To-
BP-10116	5-29-56	1330	1kw-DA	Day	7-29 1-29-57
C.P. for a new Standard Broadcast Station (COND'L)					
BP-11079	2-26-57	1330kc	1kw-DA	Day	4-26 10-26-57
CP to replace expired CP(10116) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. (COND'L)					
BMP-7630 (1)	4-30-57	Mod. of CP(BP-11079) to change type of transmitter.			
WIRE	6-6-57	SIGN OFF 6 PM to 9-30-57			
BL-6624	12-19-57	1330	1kw-DA	Day	12-19 12-1-58
License to cover CP(BP-11,079) as mod. and reinstated, which authorized a new standard broadcast station.					
WIRE	3-26-58	SIGN-OFF 6 PM APRIL THRU 9-58			
BAL-2985 EFF:	6-3-58 6-3-58	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P.Bellinger,Joel W.Townsend, Ben H.Townsend,Morris E.Kemper,T.Keith Coleman,Vernon R.Nunn,d/b as Prairieland Broadcasters.			
BR-3548	11-5-58	1330	1kw-DA	Day	12-1 12-1-61
WIRE	3-24-59	SIGN-OFF 6 PM to 9-30-59			
Wire	4-21-60	Sign-off 6PM to 9-30-60 exc. for special events.			
BRC-1712 (1)	11-18-60	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 200½ South Main Street, Monmouth, Illinois.			
BR-3548	11-9-61	1330	1kw, DA,	Day	12-1 12-1-64
BAL-4394 EFF:	12-13-61 5-28-62	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend, Morris E. Kemper and T. Keith Coleman d/b as Prairieland Broadcasters.			
BR-3548	11-30-64	1330kc.	1kw, DA	Day	12-1 12-1-67
BAL-5640 EFF:	12-6-65 1-8-66	Voluntary assignment of lic.to Stephen P. Bellinger,Joel W.Townsend,Ben H.Townsend, Morris E.Kemper,T.Keith Coleman & James A Mudd dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W R A M

X STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND, MORRIS E. KEMPER AND T. KEITH COLEMAN d/b as PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS (BAL 12-13-61 EFF: [illegible])

Station location ..... EFF: 5-28-62

X STEPHEN P.BELLINGER,JOEL W.TOWNSEND,BEN H.TOWNSEND,MORRIS E.KEMPER, T.KEITH COLEMAN,VERNON R.NUNN,d/b as PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS

Name of licensee ..... ~~(A L-6-3-58) EFF: [illegible]~~

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BAL-5741	4-29-66	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend,			
EFF	5-23-66	Ben H. Townsend, Morris E. Kemper and James A. Mudd dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTER			
BAL-5965 EFF:	2-17-67 3-1-67	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend and James Mudd, dba Prairieland Broadcasters.			
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
BR-3548	11-24-67	1330kc	1kw-DA	Day	12-1 12-1-70
BS-3548(I)	3-6-68	Chg. value 0° monitor point (Memo)			
BR-3548(L)	12-29-70	Renewal of license			12-1-73
BAL-6892	12-29-70	VOL. AL EFF: 2-4-71			
BR-3548(L)	11-28-73	RENEWAL			12-1-76
BR-3548($)	3-11-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-79
BAL-8985	6/24/77	Vol AL EFF: 6/30/77			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

EFF: 6-30-77

~~Date first licensed~~ COLEMAN BROADCASTING COMPANY(AL gr 6-24-77 **Call letters** W R A M

xJohn R. Hallstrom & Joan A. Hallstrom dba Monmouth Broadcasting Co(AL 12-29-70 EFF: 2-4-71)

x STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. **Station location** Monmouth, Illinois

TOWNSEND AND JAMES MUDD, dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS (AL 2-17-67 EFF: 3-1-67)

xSTEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND, MORRIS E. KEMPER and JAMES MUDD dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS (AL 4-29-66:EFF: 5-23-66)

xSTEPHEN P.BELLINGER,JOEL W.TOWNSEND,BEN H.TOWNSEND,MORRIS E.KEMPER,T.KEITH

Name of licensee COLEMAN and JAMES A.MUDD dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS(AL-12-6-65:EFF:1-8-66

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To-
BR790731UL (L)	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-82

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, THEODORE M. NELSON, CHARLES VANDEVER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND, MORRIS E. KEMPER, T. KEITH COLEMAN, VERNON J. WILSON AND JAMES W. TRAVELSTEAD d/b as PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS PO % Stephen P. Bellinger, R.R. #3, Mt. Carmel, Ill.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-10,116 Rec'd Filed	9-26-55 9-28-55 9-28-55	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1330kc Power: 1kw - Directional Antenna Hours of Operation: Daytime Trans. Location: On US Hwy. 34, 4 mi. NE of Monmouth, Illinois Studio Location: Same Ralph J. Bitzer, Engr., St. Louis, 21, Mo.	GRANTED Cond'l re phase monitor; DA-non-DA proof; and acceptance interf. from P-9983 if granted	5-29-56
BP-11,079 Rec'd Filed	2-12-57 2-19-57 2-19-57	Construction permit to replace expired construction permit (BP-10,116 which auth. a new standard broadcast station to be operated on 1330kc, with power of 1kw, daytime hours of operation, employing DA. Arnold, Fortas & Porter, Attys. (Reed Miller.)	GRANTED Conditions as on BP-10116	2-26-57

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, THEODORE M. NELSON, CHARLES VANDEVER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND, MORRIS E. KEMPER, T. KEITH COLEMAN, VERNON J. WILSON AND JAMES W. TRAVELSTEAD, d/b as PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-7630 Rec'd Filed	4-17-57 4-19-57 4-19-57	Modification of construction permit (BP-11,079, which replaced expired construction permit BP-10,116, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type transmitter (Collins 20V). Ralph J. Bitzer, Engr.	GRANTED	4-30-57
BL-6624 Rec'd Filed	4-24-57 4-26-57 4-26-57	License to cover Construction Permit (BP-11,079 as mod., and reinstated, which authorized a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED	12-19-57
BAL-2985 Rec'd Filed	3-17-58 3-20-58 3-20-58	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend, Morris E. Kemper, T. Keith Coleman, Vernon R. Nunn d/b as Prairieland Broadcasters.	GRANTED EFF:	6-3-58 6-3-58

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

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Name X STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND, MORRIS E. KEMPER, T. KEITH COLEMAN, VERNON R. NUNN d/b as PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS

Call Letters W R A M

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR- 3548 Recd Filed	8-21-58 8-27-58 8-27-58	Renewal of license Joel W. Townsend, attorney	GRANTED	11-5-58
BRC-1712 Rec'd Filed	7-28-60 8-4-60 8-4-60	Modifications of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 200½ South Main St., Monmouth, Ill.	GRANTED	11-18-60
BR-3548 Rec'd Filed	9-2-61 9-7-61 9-7-61	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-9-61
BAL-4394 Rec'd Filed	11-14-61 11-20-61 11-20-61	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend, Morris E. Kemper and T. Keith Coleman d/b as Prairieland Broadcasters.	GRANTED EFF:	12-13-61 5-28-62

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WRAM

Name Stephen P. Bellinger, et al d/b as PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS
Monmouth, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3548 Rec'd Filed	8-31-64 9-1-64 9-1-64	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-30-64
BAL-5640 R & F	11-9-65 11-12-65	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend, Morris E. Kemper, T. Keith Coleman and James A. Mudd dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS	GRANTED EFF:	12-6-65 1-8-66
BAL-5741 R & F (Form 316)	3-10-66 4-7-66	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend, Morris E. Kemper and James A. Mudd dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS	GRANTED EFF:	4-29-66 5-23-66
BAL-5965 R & F (Form 316)	1-11-67 1-19-67	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend and James Mudd, dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS	GRANTED EFF:	2-17-67 3-1-67

Atty - Putbrese & Fisher

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

John R. Hallstrom & Joan A. Hallstrom
dba Monmouth Broadcasting Co.

Call Letters: 1330kc WRAM

Name: x STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND AND x JAMES MUDD d/b as PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS
MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3548 Recd Resub. R.&F. SEP 19 1967	7-28-67 8-25-67 7-28-67 9-14-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 10-9-70 re: engineering (skel. proof)	~~RETURNED 9-8-67~~ ~~NOT SIGNED~~ GRANTED	11-24-67
BAL-6892 R & F FEE PD: $105 - #588048 (Remotes included) Pub.notice filed 4-15-70 APR 21 1970	2-20-70 3-25-70	Voluntary assignment of license to John R. Hallstrom & Joan A. Hallstrom dba MONMOUTH BROADCASTING CO. (SEE OVER) Atty - Putbrese & Fletcher	GRANTED EFF:	12-29-70 2-4-71
BR-3548 R & F PN Recd. PRESS OCT 1 1970	8-10-70 9-2-70 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Robert W. Healy, Atty. (Putbrese, Fletcher)	GRANTED	12-29-70

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

RE: RAL-6892 - Addendum to Agreement;fin & prog data
AMENDED 11-2-70 - addendum to agreement

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Call Letters WRAM

Name COLEMAN BROADCASTING COMPANY
x JOHN R. HALLSTROM & JOAN A. HALLSTROM
x DBA MONMOUTH BROADCASTING CO.
MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
Annaul filing fee $120.00 paid 11-16-70 & 1-25-71. Credit $74.60 to 1971 fees.				
BR-3548 R & F P.N. PRESS	8-24-73 8-24-73 8-24-73 SEP 4 1973	Renewal of License Atty.: Keith E. Putbrese AMENDED 9-13-73 re: engineering data	GRANTED	11-28-73
BR-3548 R & F PN PRESS	7-26-76 7-26-76 7-26-76 OCT 6 1976	Renewal of license Atty- Richard F. Kennedy	GRANTED Sup. mailed 2-24-78	3-11-77
BAL -8985 R & F (Form 314) PN filed	4-8-77 4-13-77 MAY 12 1977 5/23/77	Voluntary assignment of license to COLEMAN BROADCASTING COMPANY (SEE OVER) Atty for assignor - Richard Kennedy for assignee - B.Jay Baraff	GRANTED EFF:	6/24/77 6/30/77

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

RE: BAL-8985 - Lease Agreement not attached (Exh.B)
ref. to BPH-10315(new station(pending) for Galesburg,I.
for Articles etc.
AMENDED 7-15-77 - lease agreement & re contract(modificati
& re assignee - Sec.II(Tables I & II) filed; statement re
Security agreement

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W.R.A.M.

Name COLEMAN BROADCASTING COMPANY
MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR790731UL	AUG 31 1979	Renewal of License Atty.: Robert L. Olender	GRANTED	11-30-79

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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.