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June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 5-18-62

Call letters WETN

Station location Wheaton, Illinois

Name of licensee THE TRUSTEES OF WHEATON COLLEGE

Transmitter location Irving & Kenilworth Streets, Wheaton, Illinois (PED-2488 3/27/79)
X Edman Chapel
X405 E. Franklin Street, Wheaton, Illinois

Main Studio Location Irving & Kenilworth Streets, Wheaton, Illinois (PED-2488 3/27/79)
X Breyer Chemistry Building,
X603 Irving Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

APPL. NO.	DATE ISSUED	FREQ.	POWER	TIME DIV.	PERIOD FROM TO
BPED-468 XXXX	6-21-61	88.1mc Ch. 201	TPO:10W	Unl	8-21-61 2-21-62
Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station.					
BLED-348	5-18-62	88.1mcs	TPO:10w	Unl.	5-18 12-1-64
Lic. to cover CP (BPED-468) which auth. a new Non-Commercial Educational FM Station .					
BRED-221	11-9-64	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-67
BRED-221	11-24-67	88.1mc	ERP-- TPO:10w	Unl.	12-1 12-1-70
BRED-221(S)	11-25-70	RENEWAL			12-1-73
BSA	5-15-72				
BRED-221(S)	11-28-73	RENEWAL			12-1-76
BRED-221(L)	11-17-76	Renewal of license			12-1-79
BPED-2488 HAAT: 140' (L)	3/27/79 (H)	88.1mhz	ERP: 0.25kW	TPO: 0.15kW	
CP to ghf TL & SL, install new trans., new ant., ant system. 3/27/80					
BRED-791022AK(S)	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-82
BLED-791022AK (L)	3-5-80	88.1mhz (H) HAAT: 14' (H) LIC: (BPED-2488) for changes.	ERP:250 WATTS		12-1-82
BLED-791022AK	3-5-80	SUPERSEDING AUTHORIZATION ISSUED AS OF SAME DATE OF CORRECT HAAT.			

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters new W E T N

Name THE TRUSTEES OF WHEATON COLLEGE
Wheaton, Illinois (PO V. RAYMOND EDMAN, PRES. OR DAVID L. ROBERTS, DIRECTOR WHEATON COLLEGE, WHEATON, ILL.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPED-468 Rec'd Filed	4-17-61 4-19-61 4-19-61	Construction permit for a new noncommercial Ed FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 88.1mc CH 201 TPO - 10 watts Type transmitter - GATES BFE 10B Type antenna - GATES FM 22 (2 section Trans. location - Edman Chapel, 405 E. Franklin St. Wheaton, Illinois Studio location - Breyer Chemistry Building, 603 Irving Avenue Wheaton, Illinois Remote Control Point - Same as studio	GRANTED	6-21-61
BLED-348 R & F	2-9-62 2-12-62	License to cover C.P. (BPED-468) which authorized a new Non-Commercial Educational FM Station.	GRANTED	5-18-62

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FORM BC-121 #2
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W E T N

Name THE TRUSTEES OF WHEATON COLLEGE
WHEATON, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRED-221 Rec'd RESUB. Resub'd Filed	9-1-64 8-31-64 8-27-64 10-20-64 10-21-64	Renewal of license.	~~Ret'd 10-2-64 re 323E & Sect I & II dtd after Rec'd dtts. Ret'd 10-14 re forms incorrectly dtd~~ GRANTED	11-9-64
BRED-221. R & F SEP 8 1967	8-30-67 9-1-67	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-24-67
BRED-221 R & F P.N. SEP 30 1970	8-24-70 9-1-70 9-1-70	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-25-70
BRED-221 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	8-28-73 8-30-73 " 12 SEP 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-28-73

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88.1mhz

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W E T N

Name The Trustees of Wheaton College
Wheaton, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPED-2016 R & F No Fee Required Press P. N. Rec'd	4-24-75 4-29-75 JUN 13 1975 7-16-75	CP to chg. TL to: 611 Howard Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois; install new trans.(Gates FM-250H3); install new ant. (Jampro JA1-DA-1 section); make chg. ant. system (decr. hght.); chg. TPO; ERP: 400 Watts and HAAT: 139'. 41° 52' 15" - 88° 05' 40"	DISMISSED Sect. 1.573 of Comm. Rules	10-7-75
BPED- 2488 Rec'd Filed No Fee Required Press P. N. Rec'd	6-28-76 6-29-76 4-29-77 RESUB. 4-29-77	CP to chg. TL & SL to: Irving and Kenilworth Streets, Wheaton, Illinois; install new trans. (Gates FM-250H3); install new ant. (Jampro JA1-B-DA, 1 sect.); make chg. ant. system (decr. hght.); chg. TPO; ~~ERP: 250Watts~~ (DA) TPO: 10 watts in major lobe and HAAT: 139'.	~~RETURNED 9-13-76~~ ~~Interference~~ ~~RETURNED 1-27-77~~ overlap GRANTED (OVER)	3/27/79
~~RESUBMITTED 10-26-76~~ BRED-221 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-28-76 8-2-76 " SEP 27 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-17-76

BPED-2488
AMENDED 5-2-78 re financial(balance sheet) and ascertain-
ment

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88.1mhz

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters W E T N

Name THE TRUSTEES OF WHEATON COLLEGE
WHEATON, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRED 790723 PRESS AUG 29 1979	UJ	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-30-79
BLED-791022AK PRESS JAN 24 1980		License to cover (BPED-2488) for changes. Atty: None	GRANTED	3-5-80

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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.

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.