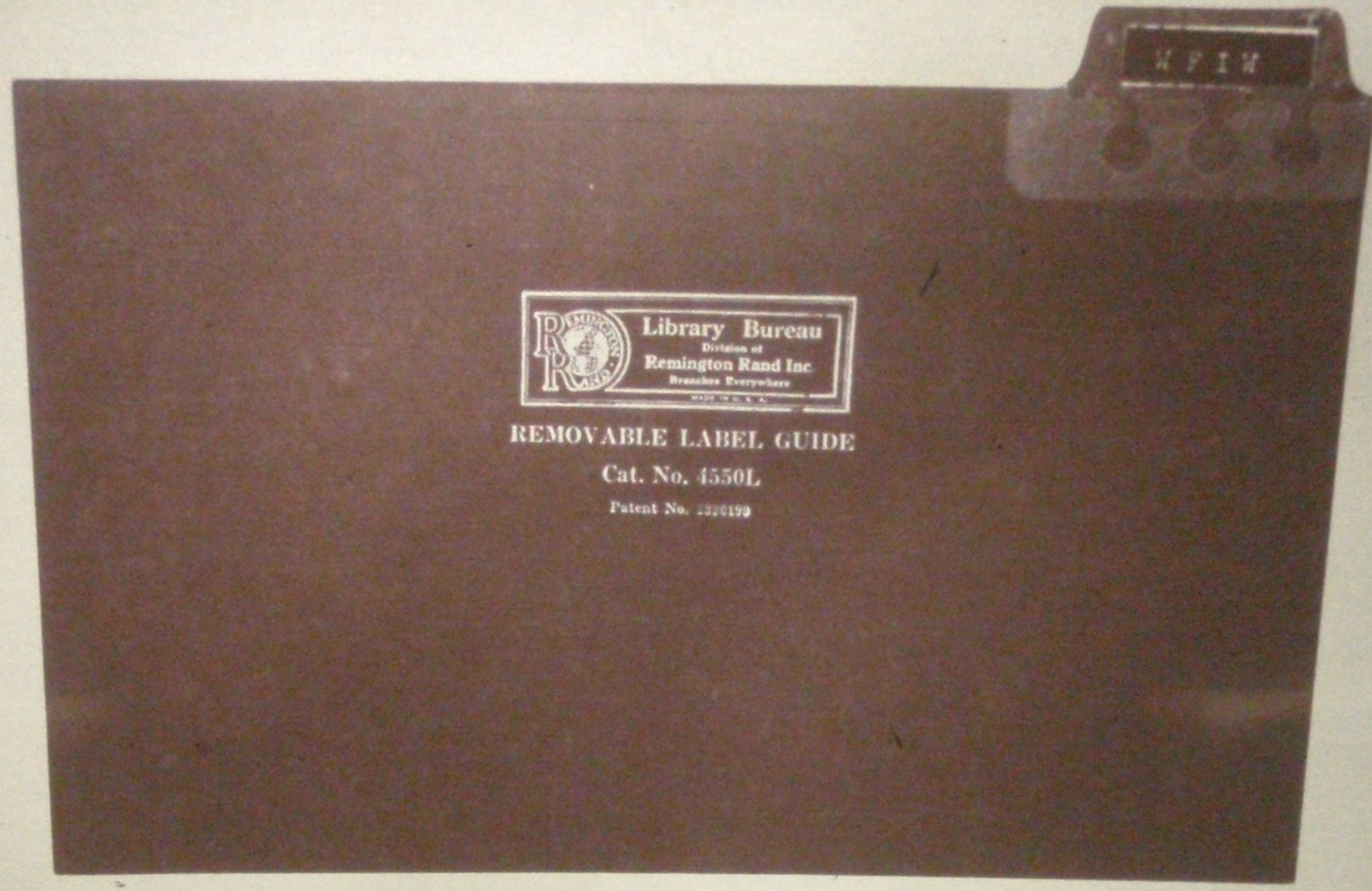

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 9-21-53

Call letters W F I W

Station Location: Fairfield, Illinois

WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING CO., INC. (AL gr 7/17/75 EFF: 10/1/75
xxTHOMAS S. LAND TR/AS WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 7-29-74 EFF: 8-31-74)

Name of licensee THOMAS SMOOT LAND AND BRYAN DAVIDSON, d/b as WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location On State Route 15, Two miles east of Fairfield, Illinois (CP 5-20-53)
(L 9-21-53)

Main studio location On State Route 15, Two miles east of Fairfield, Illinois (CP 5-20-53)
(L 9-21-53)

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div	Period From	To
BP-8570	5-20-53	1390kc	500w	Day	7-20-53	1-20-54
	CP for new standard b/cast station					
BMP-6277 (1)	8-11-53	MP (BP-8570) to change type of trans.			7-20	1-20-54
BL-5103	9-21-53	1390	500w	Day	9-21	12-1-55
Lic. cover CP (BP-8570, as mod.) for new station.						
Telegram	3-16-55	Waiver Sec. 3.71 to sign-off 6pm daily April thru August, 1955				
BR-2860	11-9-55	Renewal of license			12-1	12-1-58
Wire	3-13-57	SIGN-OFF 6 PM CST Daily			Apr. thur Aug.57	
BR-2860	11-5-58	Renewal of license			12-1	12-1-61
BZ-4097 (1)	3-10-59	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.				
Wire	5-12-60	Sign-off 6PM CST period 9-30-60 exc. for special events.....			5-15 thru	
BP-13233	3-29-61	1390kc	1kw	Day	5-29	11-29-61
CP to increase power and install a new trans.						
BL-8561 (2)	9-7-61	Lic. to cover CP (BP -13,233) to incr. power and install new trans.				
BR-2860	11-9-61	1390kc	1kw	Day	12-1	12-1-64
BL-10,168	9-26-63	1390kc	500w	Aux	9-26-63	12-1-64
Lic. to use old main trans. (GATES BC-500GY) at pres. loc. of main trans.; operated on 1390kc, 500w for aux. purp. only.						
BR-2860	11-9-64	Renewal of license		Main and Aux	12-1	12-1-67
BZ-5726 (1)	10-23-65	Auth. to determine operating power by direct measurement of ant. power. (Main)				
BZ-5721 (1)	11-[illegible]-65 (Aux.)	Auth. to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.				
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	NSA	500w			
BR-2860 Grant	11-[illegible]-67	1390kc 1390kc General or NDEA	1kw 500w	Day (Aux.)	12-1 12-1	12-1-70 12-1-70
BR-2860	11-25-70	RENEWAL MAIN & AUX. NDEA			12-1-73	
BDEA	5-25-72					

Form BC 126
June 1954

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

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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
BR-2860(S)	11-28-73	RENEWAL	OF MAIN	& AUX.	12-1-76
BAL-8147	7-29-74	VOL. AL	EFF:	8-31-74	
BAL-8432	7/17/75	Vol AL EFF: 10/1/75			
BR-2860(L)	11-15-76	Renewal Main & Aux.			12-1-79
BP-21,140 (L)	8-28-78	1390kHz CP to make chgs.	1kw NDA	Daytime in ant. Sys.	8-28-79
BR-790725UX 12-14-79 BL-790719AE(L)		Renewal of License and Lic. to cover BP-21140 for changes			12-1-82

FORM A-170
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WFIW New

Name: THOMAS SMOOT LAND AND BRYAN DAVIDSON d/b as WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY
PO % Thomas S. Land PO Box ~~31~~, 81 Carmi, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-8570 Rec'd Filed	7-30-52 8-1-52 8-1-52	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1390kc Power: 500w Hours of Operation: Daytime Trans. Location: ~~To be determined~~ Fairfield, Illinois Studio Location: ~~To be determined~~ Fairfield, Illinois Milburn H. Stuckwish, Engr.	GRANTED	5-20-53
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	1-12-53 1-21-53 1-21-53	AMENDED to change transmitter and studio locations from "to be determined", Fairfield, Illinois, to On State Route 15, two miles East of Fairfield, Illinois		

GATES BC-1F 500w

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WYIW

Name THOMAS SMOOT LAND AND BRYAN DAVIDSON d/b as WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-6277 Rec'd Filed	7-30-53 8-3-53 8-3-53	Modification of construction permit (BP-8570, which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to change type transmitter (GATES BC-500GY)	GRANTED	8-11-53
BL-5103 Rec'd Filed	8-14-53 8-17-53 8-17-53	License to cover construction permit (BP-8570, as mod.,) which auth. a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED	9-21-53
BR-2860 Recd Filed	8-29-55 9-1-55 9-1-55	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-9-55
BR-2860 Rec'd Filed	8-25-58 8-29-58 8-29-58	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	11-5-58
BZ-4097 Rec'd Filed	12-26-58 12-30-58 12-30-58	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	3-10-59

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AUG. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name THOMAS SMOOT LAND AND BRYAN DAVIDSON d/b as WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY
FAIRFIELD, ILLINOIS

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-13,233 Rec'd Filed	6-5-59 6-8-59 6-8-59	Construction Permit to increase power from 500w to 1kw and install a new transmitter (Gates BC-1T) Engr.- Walter F. Kean, Riverside, Ill. Atty. - Miller & Schroeder (3-29-60)	GRANTED 3-29-61 Cond'l re accept interf. of Class IV stations if auth. incr. power to 1kw	
BL-8561 R & F	5-23-61 5-25-61	Lic. to cover CP(BP-13,233) to increase power and install new transmitter.	GRANTED condl re above	9-7-61
BR-2860 R.&F.	8-26-61 8-29-61	Renewal of license Attys:Miller and Schroeder(John P.Bankson	GRANTED	11-9-61
Rec'd	5-23-63 5-27-63	CP to install former main trans.(GATES BC-500GY) at main trans.loc.; to be operated on 1390kc 500w, for aux. purposes only.	RETURNED UNNECESSARY	5-31-63
BL-10,168 R.&F.	6-15-63 6-19-64	Lic. to use old main trans.(Gates BC-500GY) at main trans. loc.;to be operated on 1390kc,500w for aux. purposes only.	GRANTED	9-26-63
BR-2860 R.&F.	8-13-64 8-27-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) ATTY: JOHN P. BANKSON,JR.	GRANTED	11-9-64

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

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name THOMAS SMOOT LAND AND BRYAN DAVIDSON dba WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY
Fairfield, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BZ-5726 R & F	8/24/65 8/27/65	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Main) Attys: Miller & Schroeder	GRANTED	10-25-65
BZ-5781 R & F	9/9/65 9/13/65	Auth. to determine operating power by meas. of antenna power. (Auxiliary)	GRANTED	11-8-65
BR-2860 R & F SEP 25 1967	7/20/67 8/18/67	Renewal of license (Main & Auxiliary) Atty: John P. Bankson, Jr. (M & S)	GRANTED Condl re power.	11-24-67 Cl IV inc.
BR-2860 R & F PN Recd. PRESS OCT 8 1970	8-7-70 8-24-70 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) John P. Bankson, Jr. Atty. AMENDED 10-27-70 re: commercial policy	GRANTED	11-25-70

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1390khz

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING CO., INC.

Call Letters W F I W

x THOMAS S. LAND TR/AS WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name x THOMAS SMOOT LAND AND BRYAN DAVIDSON dba WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Fairfield, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2860 R & F PN PRESS	8-11-73 8-27-73 8-27-73 SEP 20 1973	Renewal of License(Main & Auxiliary) Atty: Morton L. Berfield	GRANTED	11-28-73
BAL-8147 Rec'd Filed Fee: $250 Code 047 Press: MAY 28 1974	5-8-74 5-15-74 5-15-74 #305177	Voluntary assignment of license to Thomas S. Land, ~~d/b~~ as Wayne County Broadcasting Company. Morton L. Berfield, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	7-29-74 8-31-74
BAL-8432 R & F FEE PD: $200 CODE 047(INCLUDES FM) FORM 316	7-5-75 7-8-75 #446822	Voluntary assignment of license to WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING CO., INC. Atty - Cohen & Berfield	GRANTED EFF: no gr fee req	7/17/75 10/1/75

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

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Form BC-121
May 1976

12-53

1390 khz

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W F I W

Name WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING CO., INC.
FAIRFIELD, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2860 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-16-76 7-19-76 SEP 29 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. TRANS.) Morton L. Berfield, Atty.	GRANTED	11-15-76
BP-21,140 R & F PRESS	2-24-78 2-27-78 MAR 14 1978	Construction permit to make changes in the antenna system (increase overall tower height in order to imrpove FM facilities) Atty: Morton L. Berfield	GRANTED	8-28-78
BR790725UX PRESS	SEP 14 1979	Renewal of License Atty. Morton L. Berfield	GRANTED issused with BL-790719AE	11-30-79
BL-790719AE R & F PTA PRESS	7-19-79 7-27-79 OCT 5 1979	Lic. to cover BP-21140 for changes Atty: Morton L. Berfield (Cohen and Berfield)	GRANTED issused with RENEWAL	12-14-79

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

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APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING 1390 kHz

Call Letters: W F I W

Name: WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING CO., INC.

Station Location: FAIRFIELD, ILLINOIS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BZ-810330AB R & F DM PRESS APR 09 1981	3-3-81	DIRECT MEASUREMENT Atty: ---	

Form BC-121
March 1979

WFIW RECORD OF DENIAL OF EXTERNAL APPLICATIONS

	Wire	
11-5-56	Requesting authority to operate Tues. night 11-1-56 for election returns	

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.