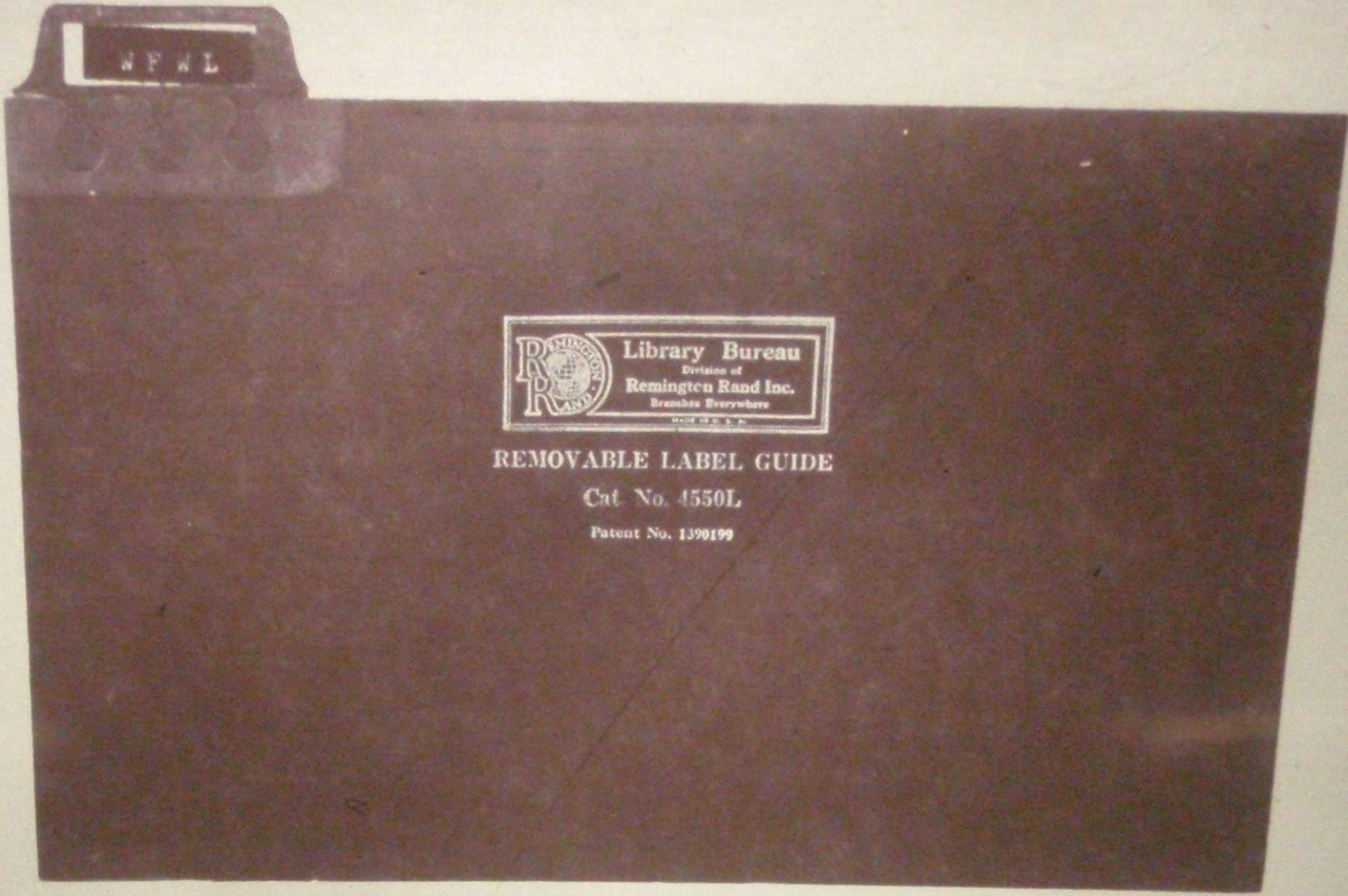
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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed October 16, 1956

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Station Location: Camden, Tennessee

Name of licensee BENTON COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (AL gr 6/3/77 EFF:
x MICHAEL R. FREELAND (AL gr 9/7/76 EFF: 9-10-76
x THE CAMDEN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED (AL 11-9-56; EFF: 11-14-56)
x MICHAEL R. FREELAND, tr/as CAMDEN BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 11-9-56, EFF: 11-14-56
x MICHAEL R. FREELAND AND JOHN M. LATHAM, d/b as CAMDEN BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location 0.1 mile S. of city limits on old US Hwy No. 70, Camden, Tennessee (11c 10-16-56) CP 7-11-56)

Main studio location 0.1 mile S. of city limits on old US Hwy. 70, Camden, Tennessee (11c 10-16-56) (CP 7-11-56)

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	Period To
BP-10380	7-11-56	1220kc	250w	D	9-11-56	3-11-57
	CP for new standard broadcast station.					
BL-6349	10-16-56	1220kc	250w	D	10-16	8-1-58
	lic to cover CP BP-10380, new station.					
BAL-2476 EFF:	11-9-56 11-14-56	Voluntary assignment of license to MICHAEL R. FREELAND, tr/as CAMDEN BROADCASTING COMPANY.				
BAL-2477 EFF:	11-9-56 11-14-56	Voluntary assignment of license to THE CAMDEN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED				
BR-3343	7-23-58	1220kc	250w	Day	8-1	8-1-61
	7-26-61	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.				
BR-3343	10-11-61	Renewal of license			10-11	8-1-64
BR-3343	7-10-64	Renewal of License			8-1	8-1-67
BRC-3058 (1)	3-15-67	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from on Old Hwy. 70, 0.1 mi. S. of city limits, Camden, Tenn.				
BR-3343	7-18-67	1220kc	250w	Day (AS)	8-1	8-1-70
BR-3343	(S)7-30-70	RENEWAL			8-1-73	
TELEGRAM	12-29-70	PSA 202 watts				
EBSA	6-12-72					
BR-3343	(S)10-26-73		RENEWAL		8-1-76	
BAL-8770	9/7/76	Vol AL EFF: 9-10-76)				
BR-3343	{L} 7-30-76	Renewal of License			8-1-79	
BAL-8957	6/3/77	Vol AL EFF:				
BR79032	{L} 7-18-79	Renewal of License			8-1-82	

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Name Michael R. Freeland and John M. Latham, db/as CAMDEN BROADCASTING COMPANY
(P.O. - John M. Latham 1102 West South St., Mayfield, Ky.)

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-10,380 Rec'd Filed	2-15-56 2-17-56 2-17-56	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1220kc Power - 250w Hours of operation - Daytime Transmitter location - 0.1 mi. S. City Limits on old Hwy. US.70, Camden, Tenn. Studio location - Same as transmitter. Atty. - Seth Boaz, Mayfield, Ky. Engr. - John M. Latham, Mayfield, Ky.	GRANTED	7-11-56

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THE CAMDEN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED (AL 11-9-56) Call
X (SEE BAL-2476; 11-9-56) Letters WEWL

Name X MICHAEL R. FREELAND AND JOHN N. LATHAM, d/b as CAMDEN BROADCASTING COMPANY

CAMDEN, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-6349 Rec'd Filed	9-12-56 9-14-56 9-14-56	License to cover Construction Permit BP-10,380 which authorized a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED	10-16-56
BAL-2476 Rec'd Filed	10-26-56 10-29-56 10-29-56	Voluntary assignment of license to Michael R. Freeland, tr/as CAMDEN BROADCASTING COMPANY	GRANTED EFF:	11-9-56 11-14-56
BAL-2477 Rec'd Filed	10-26-56 10-29-56 10-29-56	Voluntary assignment of license to THE CAMDEN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED	GRANTED EFF:	11-9-56 11-14-56
BR-3343 Rec'd. Filed	5-3-58 5-5-58 5-5-58	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	7-23-58
BR-3343 Rec'd&Filed	4-15-61 4-17-61	Renewal of License	GRANTED	10-11-61
BR-3343 R & F	4-30-64 5-11-64	Renewal of License	GRANTED	7-10-64

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Name THE CAMDEN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED
Camden, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRC-3058 R & F	3-3-67 3-6-67	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from on Old Hwy. 70, 0.1 mi. S. of city limits, Camden, Tenn.	GRANTED	3-15-67
BR-3343 R & F	4-25-67 5-1-67	Renewal of License Atty.: Harold Seligman, Nashville, Tenn.	GRANTED	7-18-67
BR-3343 R & F $75 #598284 PN Recd. PRESS	4-29-70 5-1-70 " JUN 4 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-30-70
BR-3343 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAY 7	4-23-73 4-26-73 " 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 10-1-73 re: balance sheet	GRANTED	10-26-73

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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BENTON COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
x MICHAEL R. FREELAND

Name xThe Camden Broadcasting Company, Incorporated
Camden, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3343 R & F P.N. Press	3-24-76 3-30-76 MAY 4 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. Samuel Miller (Miller & Fields) AMENDED 5-3-76 re: demographic study of area, prog. & comm. leaders AMENDED 6-21-76 re: engineering	GRANTED	7-30-76
BAL-8770 R & F Fee pd $100 Code 047(FORM 316)	8/20/76 8/23/76 W 605807 SEP	Voluntary assignment of license to MICHAEL R. FREELAND Atty - Miller & Fields	GRANTED EFF: NO FEE:	9/7/76 9-10-76
BAL-8957 R & F (form 314)	3-13-77 3-16-77 APR 5 1977	Voluntary assignment of license to BENTON COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. Atty - Miller & Fields	GRANTED EFF:	6/3/77 7/1/77

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APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

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Call Letters: W F W L

Name: BENTON COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Station Location: Camden, Tennessee

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR790322UB PRESS JUN 13 1979		Renewal of License Atty. Jerrold Miller	GRANTED 7-18-79

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 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.