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B.S. 2176

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 12-10-48

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LOCATION: QUINCY, ILLINOIS

Name of licensee QUINCY BROADCASTING COMPANY (A Delaware Corp). (AL 4-28-72 EFF: 5-9-72)
xQUINCY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location 3½ miles NE of Quincy, Illinois (Lic. 12-10-48)
x 4 miles Northeast of Quincy, Illinois. (C.P. 4-29-47)

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Main studio location Hotel Quincy, 513 Hampshire Street, Quincy, Ill. (Lic. 12-10-48)
x To be determined. (C.P. 4-29-47)

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	To
B4-P-4970	4-29-47	1440	1 kw *	U	6-29	12-29-47
C.P. for new station *DA				(Conditional clause)		
BMP-3488	12-30-47	Mod. CP (4970) for extension of completion date. (CONDITIONAL)			6-29	1-30-48
BTE-654	12-8-48	Vol. transfer of control of permittee corp. from Donald F. Fischer, Lawrence J. Fischer Richard E. Fischer and John A. Arntson to Quincy Newspapers, Inc. and Illmo B/Cing Corp.				
EFF:	12-31-48					
BL-2972	12-10-48	1440	1kw-DA	U	12-10	11-1-50
Lic. to cover CP (4970 as mod) for a new station and specify studio site. (COND. CLAUSE)						
7157	4-1-49	1440	1kw-DA	U	6-1	12-1-49
CP to install a new transmitter. (COND. CLAUSE)						
-3653	5-2-49	1440	1kw-DA	U	5-2	11-1-50
Lic. to cover CP (7157) to install a new transmitter. (COND. CLAUSE)						
BL-7216	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	U	[illegible]	11-1-50
[illegible] (COND. CLAUSE)						
BR-2176	10-18-50	1440	1kw-DA	U	11-1	11-1-53
BTC-1150 Eff.	7-23-51 7-30-51	Vol. acquisition of control by Quincy Newspapers, Inc. thru purchase of 237 shares common stock from Parker S. and Mildred I. Gates				
BR-2176	10-14-53	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			11-1	12-1-55
BS-2176 (1)	7-6-55	Mod. of lic. change description of antenna.				
Telegram	11-30-55	Action on renewal deferred 11-30-55 and continued operation authorized until final determination on renewal				
BR-2176	1-11-56	1440	1kw-DA	U	1-11	12-1-58
	11-25-58	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.				
BR-2176	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	U	[illegible]	12-1-61
and modification to change operating specifications						
BR-2176	11-22-61	1440kc	1kw	Unl	12-1	12-1-64

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location .....

Name of licensee See Card #1

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	To
BP-14225	7-3-62	1440kc	1kw, 5kw-LS DA-2	U	9-3	3-3-63
	CP to increase daytime power to 5kw, to install new transmitter (GATES BC-5P-2) Cond'l.					
Letter	9-14-62	Oper. non-DA, 1kw between 4 am and local SR until final decision in Docket 14419 or until directed to terminate pursuant Sec. 3.87				
Letter	10-12-62	Above authority of 9-14-62 SET ASIDE pursuant Sec. 1.87				
Letter	2-21-63	Oper. between 4 am and LSR, 1kw, new daytime DA until final decision in Docket 14419 or until direct to terminate pursuant Sec. 3.87				
BMP-10,780 (1)	2-13-63	Mod. of CP (BP-14,225, which auth incr day power & install new trans) to make chgs in nighttime directional ant pattern.				
BL-9964 (Main)	6-25-63	1440kc	1kw-5kw LS DA-2	U	6-25	12-1-64
	Lic. to cover CP (BP-14,225 as mod) which auth. incr. day power and install new trans.; make chgs. in nght DA pattern. (Cond'l)					
BL-9965 Aux. and Alt. Main	6-25-63	1440kc	1kw DA-2	A X-Day Alt. M- N	6-25	12-1-64
	Lic. to use old main trans. at loc. of main trans. for alt. Main nighttime and for aux. purposes only daytime.					
BR-2176	11-9-64 Main and	Renewal of License Alt Main & Aux			12-1	12-1-67
BRC-2563 (1)	4-19-65	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from Columbus Road, Quincy, Illinois (WGEM-TV & WGEM-FM Transmitter Location). (Main transmitt Daytime Only.				
BRC-2715	8-26-65 Cond'l	1440kc	1kw, 5kw-LS	U	8-26	12-1-67
	Mod. of lic to operate trans by RC from Columbus Rd., Quincy, Illinois (WGEM-TV & WGEM-FM trans loc.) Main Tran					

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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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-2175	11-24-67	1440kc	1kw-5kw-LS U(RA)		12-1 12-1-70
	11-24-67	Renewal of License(Alt.Main & Aux.Trans.)			12-1 12-1-70
		Renewal of NDEA			
BR-2176	11-25-70	RENEWAL MAIN(L)ALT_AUX.(S)			12-1-73
		Renewal of NDEA			
BAL-7543	4-26-72	Vol. AL EFF: 5-9-72			
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-2176(L)	11-28-73	Renewal of License (Main & Aux.-Alt. Main)			12-1-76
BS-2176(L)	8-25-75	ML chg antenna monitor (page 2)			
BR-2176{S}	11-15-76	Renewal of license {Main & Aux. & Alt. Main}			12-1-79
BR790731VE	11-30-79	(S) RENEWAL			12-1-82
COMTEL	12-22-80	AUTH. GR. PURSUANT SECTION 0.281 RULES CONDUCT OVER THE AIR EXPERIMENTAL OPERATION ACCORDANCE SECTION 73.1510 RULES UTILIZING HARRIS AM STEREOPHONIC TRANSMISSION SYSTEM PROVIDED (1) REQUIREMENTS SECTION 73.40.(A(12),(13),(14)) ARE MET; (2) NO PROMOTIONAL PUBLICITY OF TESTING PROGRAM, HOWEVER, INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING TEST OF TRANSMISSION PERMITTED; (3) FCC DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE NOTIFIED OF TESTING SCHEDULE PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF OF TESTS; (4) APPROPRIATE ENGINEERING REPORT SUBMITTED TO COMMISSION AT CONCLUSION OF TESTING PROGRAM. THIS AUTH. EXPIRES 1-5-81.				

Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name: QUINCY BROADCASTING COMPANY
(414 N.C.U. Bldg., 506-510 Maine Street, Quincy, Illinois)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
B4-P-4970 Rec'd Filed	6-25-46 6-25-46 6-25-46	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast license to be operated on Frequency: 1440kc Power: 1kw DA-2 Hours of Operation: Unlimited T-Location: 4 miles Northeast of Quincy, Ill. S-Location: To be determined, Quincy, Illinois Filed by David E. Tolman, Att'y Frank H. McIntosh, Engr.	GRANTED conditional re waiver interference caused by KFDA, Amarillo, Texas, (File No. BP-4353).	4-29-47

Raytheon RA-1000 Transmitter

Form 94 #2

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WGEM

Name QUINCY BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
BMP-3488 Rec'd Filed	12-20-47 12-24-47 12-24-47	Modification of Construction Permit (B4-P-4970, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 12-29-47 to 1-30-48. Filed by David E. Tolman, Atty.	GRANTED subj. to condition that permittee accept whatever interference may be caused by a gran of KFDA, (BP-4353)	12-30-47
BL-2972 Rec'd Filed	12-27-47 12-29-47 1-27-48	License to cover C.P. (B4-P-4970, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and specify studio location as Hotel Quincy, 513 Hampshire Street, Quincy, Illinois. (~~David E. Tolman, Atty.~~* Robert E. Baluta, James R. Croy, Engrs.) * Tolman no longer represents licensee per Ltr. 6-21-48	GRANTED 12-10-48 subj. to cond. that licensee accept whatever interference may be caused by KFDA, Amarillo Texas.	

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WGEM

Name QUINCY BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-654 Rec'd Filed	6-19-48 6-21-48 6-21-48	Voluntary Transfer of control of permittee corporation from Donald F. Fischer, Lawrence J. Fischer, Richard E. Fischer and John A. Arntson to Quincy Newspapers, Inc. and Illmo Broadcasting Corp. 666 2/3 shares of common stock-66 2/3 % (Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty.)	GRANTED EFF: subj. to cond. that transfer will not be consummated until ILLMO B/Cing Corp. disposes of its interest in WFAR, Quincy, Ill. 120 days allowed for completion of the assignment.	12-8-48 12-31-48

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W.G.E.M.

Name QUINCY BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-7157 Rec'd Filed	3-16-49 3-21-49 3-21-49	Construction Permit to install a new transmitter (GATES BC-1F).	GRANTED subj. to cond. that permittee accept whatever interference may be caused by KFDA & before program tests will be auth. data must be submitted to show T is capable of opr. in accordance with requirements of Sec. 12 of standards of Good Eng. Practice	4-1-49
BL-3653 Rec'd Filed	4-18-49 4-20-49 4-20-49	License to cover C. P. (BP-7157) which authorized installation of a new transmitter.	~~BL-3653~~ GRANTED subj. to cond. that the licensee accept whatever interference may be caused by KFDA, Amarillo, Texas	5-2-49

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Name QUINCY BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BZ-3115 Rec'd Filed	11-4-49 11-8-49 11-8-49	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED re license accept whatever interference caused by FFDA.	[illegible]
BR-2176 Rec'd	8-19-50 8-24-50	Renewal of license	Granted	10-18-50
BTC-1150 Rec'd Filed	7-2-51 7-9-51 7-9-51	Voluntary acquisition of control of licensee corporation by Quincy Newspapers, Inc. thru purchase of 237 shares of common stock from Parker S. Gates and Mildred I. Gates. (23.7%) John P. Carr, Atty.	GRANTED Eff.	7-23-51 7-30-51

FORM A-170 #6
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name QUINCY BROADCASTING COMPANY
Quincy, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2176 Rec'd Filed	7-24-53 8-3-53 8-3-53	Renewal of License Filed by Alfred C. Cordon, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	10-14-53
BR-2176 Recd Filed	8-23-55 9-19-55 9-19-55	Renewal of license Alfred C. Cordon, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	1-11-56
BR-2176 Recd&Filed	9-12-58 10-7-58	Renewal of license Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, attorneys	GRANTED	[illegible]-59
BP-14,225 Rec'd Filed	6-24-60 6-30-60 6-30-60	Construction permit to increase daytime power from 1kw to 5kw, to install new transmitter(Gates BC-5P-2). Atty. - Dow, Lohnes and Albertson Engr. - Lohnes and Culver	GRANTED Cond'l re: Phase Mon., Field meas. equip., DA & non-DA proof. Permittee shall accept any daytime interf. that may result in the event of a subseq. gr. of the applic. of Station WIOK. A Pre-sunrise condition.	7-3-62
Docket # 13966 AMENDMENT Rec'd F(ORDER)	8-7-61 8-14-61 9-18-61	AMENDED to make changes in daytime DA pattern		

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

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters W.G.E.M.

Name QUINCY BROADCASTING COMPANY
QUINCY, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2176 R & F	8-7-61 8-24-61	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-22-61
BMP-10,780 R. & F.	1-23-63 1-28-63	Mod. of CP (BP-14,225 which auth. incr. day power; install new trans.) to make changes in the nighttime directional antenna pattern. Atty: Earl R. Stanley	GRANTED	2-13-63
BL-9964 Redd Filed	1-10-63 1-15-63 2-13-63	Lic to cover CP(BP- 14,225 as mod) which auth incr day power and install new trans; make chgs in night DA pattern, specify type T. GATES BC 5P-2S. Atty- Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED Cond'l	6-25-63 interference from KIOC and pre-sunrise
BL-9965 R. & F.	1-25-63 1-30-63	Lic to use old main trans(Gates BC-1F) at present loc of main trans, to be operated on 1440kc, 1kw, with DA-2, to be used as an Alternate Main Nighttime and for Auxiliary Purposes ONLY Daytime. Atty- Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED	6-25-63

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

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Name QUINCY BROADCASTING COMPANY
Quincy, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2176 R. & F.	8-4-64 8-25-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE. 12-1-64(Main &Aux-Alt.Main) Atty- Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED	11-9-64
BRC-2563 Rec'd Filed	11-12-64 11-13-64 11-13-64	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from Hotel Quincy, 513 Hampshire Street, Quincy, Illinois. (Main Transmitter) Earl R. Stanley, Atty. AMENDED 4-6-65 to request operation of transmitter by Remote Control DAYTIME ONLY.	GRANTED	4-19-65

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name QUINCY BROADCASTING COMPANY
Quincy, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRC-2715 Rec'd Filed	7-26-65 7-27-65 7-27-65	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from Columbus Rd., Quincy, Illinois (WGEM-TV & WGEM-FM Transmitter Location). Main Transmitter, Nighttime Only. Earl R. Stanley, Atty.	GRANTED Cond'l re: pre-sunrise interference, field intensity	8-26-65
BR-2176 R & F SEP 19 1967	8-1-67 8-28-67	Renewal of license (Main & Aux.-Alt.Main) Atty- Charles J. Robertson	GRANTED CONDL	11-24-67 RE PRE-sunrise

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1440kc

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W C E M

Name QUINCY BROADCASTING COMPANY A Delaware Corp.)
Quincy, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2176 R & F P.N.	8-14-70 8-18-70 8-18-70 AUG 31 1970	Renewal of License (Main & Aux.-Alt. Main) Atty: Daniel W. Toohey	GRANTED	11-25-70
Annual filing fee $80.00 paid 11-30-70 #646706. Combined with FM Rates.				
BAL-7543 R & F FEE PD: $250 #051339 CODE 053(Form 316) ALSO SEE TV	3-14-72 3-16-72 MAR 23 1972	Voluntary assignment of license to QUINCY BROADCASTING COMPANY (Assignor is Ill. corp - assignee is Del.corp) Atty - Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED EFF:	4-28-72 5-9-72
BR-2176 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	8-10-73 8-28-73 " 12 SEP 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX.-ALT.MAIN) Daniel W. Toohey,Atty.	GRANTED	11-28-73

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

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May 1976

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1440khz

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Name QUINCY BROADCASTING COMPANY (A Delaware Corp.)
Quincy, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2176 R & F PN PRESS	7-15-76 7-29-76 7-29-76 SEP 24 1976	Renewal of license (Main & Aux-Alt.Main) Atty- Earl R. Stanley	GRANTED	11-15-76
BR790731VE PRESS	SEP 27 1979	Renewal of License Atty. Earl R. Stanley	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.