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AM

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed .....

Call Letters W I A J

Station Location SALTVILLE, VIRGINIA

Name JAMES B. CHILDRESS DBA CHILDRESS OF VIRGINIA

Transmitter Location On Hwy. 610, 0.45 mi. East of Hwy 101 junction, Saltville, Va.

Main studio location Same as TL

Form BC-126
December 1978

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BP-20,032 CP FOR A NEW AM	9-27-79 STATION.	1600KHz. 5kW Daytime	9-27-80
BP20032 (1)	1-2-80	CALL SIGN & EBSA ISSUED	
BMP800814AL (2)	12-15-80	Mod. of CP (BP20032 as mod.) to mke chgs. in ant. system Incre. Hght of tower and TL.	6-15-81
BMP-800904AG (3)	3-19-81	MP (BP-20032, as Mod.) for ext. of time to:	4-30-81

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WIAJ NEW

JAMES B. CHILDRESS ~~AN R. GADDELL AND L. CLAY DENNY~~

Name tr/~~as~~ CHILDRESS OF VIRGINIA

Saltville, Virginia (c/o James B. Childress, P. O. Box 1044, Sylva, N.C. 28779)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP- 20,032	8-19-75	Construction permit for a new standard	Gr.	9-27-79
Rec'd	8-20-75	broadcast station on:	(See memeo 14658)	
Filed		Freq. 1600khz.		
$400-467266	8-20-75	Power 5kw		
AC-001		Hours of operation: Daytime		
PN rec'd	9-23-75	Transmitter: Gates BC-5H		
		Trans. & Studio loc. Hwy. 610, 0.45 miles		
NOV 13 1975		East of Hwy. 107 intersection, Saltville,		
		Virginia.		
		36° 51' 35" 81° 43' 44"		
		Atty:--		
		Eng. Lawrence Behr		

PETITION TO DISMISS OR DESIGNATE APPLICATION FOR HEARING filed 1-22-76 by Lawrence Bernard on behalf of Mountain View Broadcasting Company, Inc. WJSO
Amended 3-3-76 re financial

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

OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DISMISS filed 3-3-76 by Robert J. Buenzle on behalf of Childress of Virginia (applicant)

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO FILE REPLY filed 3-10-76 by Lawrence Bernard on behalf of Mountain View Broadcasting Co.,Inc. {WJSO}

REPLY OF WJSO TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DISMISS filed 3-25-76 by Lawrence Bernard on behalf of Mountain View B/C Co.,Inc.

RESPONSE TO REPLY OF WJSO TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DISMISS FILED 5-11-76 by Robert J. Buenzle on behalf of Childress of Virginia

RESPONSE OF WJSO TO AMEND TO CHILDRESS APPLI. filed 5-3-77 by Lawrence J. Bernard, Jr. on behalf of Mountain View B/C Co., Inc.

Amend 3-15-77 re: Technical Data Engineering

SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION TO DISMISS OR DESIGNATE APPLI. FOR HEARING filed 5-13-77 by Lawrence J. Bernard, Jr. on behalf of Mountain View B/C Co.,Inc. (WJSO)

REPLY TO OPPOSITION OF WJSO filed 5-13-77 by Robert J. Bunenzle on be half of Childress of Virginia.

OPPOSITION AND MOTION TO STRIKE "SUPPLEMENT TO PETITON TO DENY filed 5-26-77 by Robert J. Buenzle on behalf of Childress of Virginia

Ltr. 5-26-77 re: Sec. II Pa. 18

Amend R & F 8-25-76 re: Affidavit, Allocation report, field measurements

Ltr. dated 3-15-78 concerning no other broadcast ownership interests

AMEND. R&F 5-10-78 Chg. name of applicant to James B. Childress tr/as Childress of Virginia

AMENDED 9-6-78 re finanical, public notice,ascertainment

Amended 1-19-79 re: Financial qualifications, ascertainment

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

1600KHz.

Call Letters: W I A J

Name: JAMES B. CHILDRESS DBA CHILDRESS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

Station Location: SALTVILLE, VIRGINIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMP800814AL PRESS (O)	SEP 25 1980	Mod. of CP (BP-20,032) to make chgs. in Ant. Sys.; chg. TL to: Highway 610, 0.7 Miles West of Hwy. 107, Saltville, Virginia & Incre. Hght. of Tower. 36° 51' 42.5" 81° 43' 29.2"	GRANTED 12-15-80 Con'd
BMP800904AG PRESS (O)	OCT 14 1980	MP (BP-20,032, as Mod.) For Extension of Time to: _____ (NEW STATION)	GRANTED: 3-19-81 TO: 4-30-81

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.