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B.S. #2587

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 2-13-51 See Card #2 for Name — Call letters WMOK

Location: Metropolis, Illinois

x W.R.TINER,NOAH J.KORTE,WALTER H.FIRMIN,BERNARD LURIE, S.F.CHASE,DON M.PARK,EDDIE CLARK,ROBERT V.GILLESPIE,AND J.B.HUMMA,A Limited Partnership, d/b as FORT MASSAC BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL-5-4-59 EFF: 6-1-59

Name of licensee X JAMES H. FIRMIN, WALTER H. FIRMIN, NOAH J. KORTE, WILLIAM R. TINER, DON M. PARK, EDDIE CLARK, J. B. HUMMA, S. F. CHASE, ROBERT V. GILLESPIE, BERNARD LURIE and ELVA M. FIRMIN, A Limited Partnership d/b as FORT MASSAC BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmister location East of town and 1200 feet east of U.S.Route 45 on Massac County Fairgrounds, Metropolis, Illinois (MP 10-23-50)

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Main studio location East of Town & 1200I East of U.S.Rt.45 on Massac County Fairgrounds, Metropolis, Ill. (CP 3-17-54) Lic. 5-24-54 x409 Ferry Street, Metropolis, Illinois (MP 10-23-50)

FCC-65

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BP-7606	7-21-50	920	500w	Day	
	Ltr. 7-26-50. CP for a new station granted subj. to filing MP for approval of site and antenna.				
BMP-5305 Mod. CP(BP-7606) location (BL-C1)	10-23-50	920	500w	Daytime	12-23 6-23-51
	for approval ant. T site & specify S				
BL-4342 Lic.cover	2-13-51	920	500w	Daytime	2-13 5-1-53
	CP(7606,as mod, which auth,new std. station (B1 C1				
BR-2587	4-8-53	Renewal of license			5-1 12-1-55
BP-9082	3-17-54	920	1kw	Daytime	5-17 11-17-54
	CP increase power and change studio location				
BL-5309 (1)	5-24-54	Lic. cover CP 9082 to incr. power to 1 kw and chg. studio loc.; and convert obstruction marking specifications			
Telegram	11-30-55	Action on renewal deferred 11-30-55 and continued operation authorized until final determination on renewal.			
BR-2587	5-23-56	920kc	1kw	Day	5-23 12-1-58
BR-2587	11-12-58	Renewal of license to			12-1 12-1-61
Wire	4-6-59	Sig-off 6:30PM 5-1 thru 8-31-59			
BAL-3448 EFF:	5-4-59 6-1-59	Voluntary assignment of license to W.R. Tiner,Noah J.Korte,Walter H.Firmin, Bernard Lurie,S.F.Chase,Don M.Park,Eddie Clark,Robert V. Gillespie,and J.B.Humma,A Limited Partnershipd/b as Fort Massac Broadcasting Company.			
BS-2587 #1.	9-28-61	Mod. license to change licensee name to: "W.R.Tiner,Noah J. Korte, Estate of Walter H.Firmin,Deceased,Bernard Lurie,S.F.Chase Don M. Park, Eddie Clark, Robert V. Gillespie and J.B.Humma, A Limited Partnership d/b as Fort Massac Broadcasting Company.			
BR-2587	11-1-61	920kc	1kw	Day	12-1 12-1-64

Form BC 126
June 1954 #2.

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WMOK

Station location Metropolis, Illinois

Name of licensee FORT MASSAC BROADCASTING COMPANY(AL-1-13-66;EFF:
xW. R. TINER, NOAH J. KORTE, S. F. CHASE, BERNARD LURIE, DON M. PARK, R. V.
GILLESPIE, EDDIE CLARK, J. B. HUMMA AND ELVA M. FIRMIN, A LIMITED
PARTNERSHIP D/B AS FORT MASSAC BROADCASTING COMPANY (BAL 12-4-61 EFF:12-19-62
per Form 323)

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To-
BAL-4383 EFF: 2-19-62 perForm323	12-4-61	Voluntary assignment of license to W.R. Tiner, Noah J. Korte, S.F. Chase, Bernard Lurie, Don M. Park, R.V. Gillespie, Eddie Clark, J.B. Humma and Elva M. Firmin a limited partnership d/b as Fort Massac Broadcasting Company.			
BZ-4728 (1)	8-30-62	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power			
BR-2587	11-30-64	920kc.	1kw	Day	12-1 12-1-67
BAL-5560	1-13-66	Voluntary assignment of license to FORT MASSAC BROADCASTING COMPANY			
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
BR-2587	11-24-67	920kc	1kw	Day	12-1 12-1-70
BR-2587	1-29-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-73
EBSA BR-2587(S)	6-12-72 11-28-73	RENEWAL			12-1-76
BR-2587(L)	1-19-77	Renewal of License			12-1-79
BR-790723VD(S)	11-30-79		RENEWAL		12-1-82

FCC Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name James H. Firmin, Walter H. Firmin, Bernard Lurie, J. B. Humma, S. F. Chase, Eddie Clark, Don M. Park, Robert V. Gillespie, William R. Tiner, Noah J. Korte, Elva M. Firmin, a limited partnership d/b as Fort Massac Broadcasting Company.

(P.O - 417 Pearl Street, Metropolis, Illinois).

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-7606	3-3-50	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on:	~~Returned 7-20-50, firm name only given in section I, improperly notarized, detailed balance sheet not submitted.~~	
Rec'd	3-10-50			
Resubmitted & Amended	3-31-50	Frequency - 920 kc Power - 500w		
Rec'd	4-3-50	Hours of operation - Daytime		
Filed	4-3-50	Trans. location - To be determined Metropolis, Illinois Studio location - To be determined Metropolis, Illinois	GRANTED 7-21-50 re subj. to filing MP for approval of site and antenna.	
		Amended to add James H. Firmin as one of the partners	Ltr. 7-26-50	
		Harry J. Daly, Atty. Fred O. Grimwood, Engr. St. Louis, Missouri		

Gates BC-500D

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FCC Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name James H. Firmin, Walter H. Firmin, Bernard Lurie, J.B.Humma, S.F. Chase, Eddie Clark, Don M. Park, Robert V. Gillespie, William R. Tiner, Noah J. Korte, Elva M. Firmin, A limited partnership d/b as Fort Massac Broadcasting Company

Call Letters WMOK

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-5305 Rec'd Filed	8-26-50 8-28-50 8-28-50	Modification of construction permit (BP-7606, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna, transmitter location as East of town and 1200 feet east of U.S. Route 45 on Massac County Fairgrounds, Metropolis, Illinois specify studio location as 409 Ferry Street, Metropolis, Illinois and change type of transmitter.(Gates BC-1E). Harry J. Daly, Atty. Fred O. Grimwood, Engr. St. Louis, Missouri.	GRANTED re blanketing	10-23-50
BL-4342 Rec'd. Filed	1-15-51 1-23-51 1-23-51	License to cover construction permit (BP-7606, as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. Harry J. Daly, Atty.	GRANTED re blanketing	2-13-51
BR-2587 Rec'd Filed	2-1-53 2-2-53 2-2-53	Renewal of License	GRANTED	4-8-53

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FORM A-170

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name James H. Firmin, Walter H. Firmin, Bernard Lurie, J. B. Humma, S.F. Chase, Eddie Clark, Don M. Park, Robert V. Gillespie, ~~William R. Tiner, Noah J. Korte, Elva M. Firmin, A limited partnership~~ d/b as Fort Massac Broadcasting Company

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-9082 Rec'd Filed	11-5-53 11-9-53 11-9-53	Construction permit to increase power from 500w to 1kw and change main studio location from 409 Ferry Street, Metropolis, Illinois to East of town and 1200 ft. E. of U.S. Route 45 on Massac County Fairgrounds, Metropolis, Illinois.	GRANTED	3-17-54
BL-5309 Rec'd Filed	5-1-54 5-5-54 5-5-54	License to cover construction permit (BP-9082) which authorized increase in power and change main studio location.	GRANTED	5-24-54
BR-2587 Recd Filed	10-26-55 10-31-55 10-31-55	Renewal of license	GRANTED	5-23-56
BR-2587 Recd Filed	9-5-58 9-8-58 9-8-58	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-12-58

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

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name JAMES H. FIRMIN, et al, A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, d/b as FORT MASSAC BROADCASTING COMPANY, Metropolis, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAL-3448 Rec'd. Filed	4-11-59 4-22-59 4-22-59	Voluntary assignment of license to W.R.Tiner, Noah J.Korte, Walter H.Firmin, Bernard Lurie, S.F.Chase, Don M.Park, Eddie Clark, Robert V. Gillespie, and J.B.Humma, A Limited Partnership, d/b as Fort Massac Broadcasting Company.	GRANTED EFF;	5-4-59 6-1-59
BR-2587 R. & F.	8-16-61 8-18-61	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	11-1-61
BAL-4383 Rec'd Filed	11-7-61 11-13-61 11-13-61	Voluntary assignment of license to W. R. Tiner, Noah J. Korte, S. F. Chase, Bernard Lurie, Don M. Park, R. V. Gillespie, Eddie Clark, J. B. Humma and Elva M. Firmin a limited partnership d/b as Fort Massac Broadcasting Company.	GRANTED EFF: per Form 323	12-4-61 2-19-62

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters W.M.O.K

FORT MASSAC BROADCASTING COMPANY
W. R. Tiner, et al, A Limited Partnership, d/b as

Name FORT MASSAC BROADCASTING COMPANY
Metropolis, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BZ-4728 R. & F.	7-2-62 7-5-62	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	8-30-62
BR-2587 R&F	8-25-64 8-27-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-30-64
BAL-5660 R & F (Form 316)	12-23-65 12-27-65	Voluntary assignment of license to FORT MASSAC BROADCASTING COMPANY	GRANTED	1-13-66
BR-2587 R & F SEP 19 1967	8-16-67 8-21-67	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-24-67
BR-2587 R & F PN Recd. PRESS SEP 29 1970	8-31-70 9-2-70 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 11-27-70 re: programming ; commercial matter AMENDED 1-18-71 re: commercial practices	GRANTED	1-29-71

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Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name FORT MASSAC BROADCASTING COMPANY
METROPOLIS, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
Annual filing fee $114.00 paid 12-11-70 #649610. Credit $76.00 to 1971 fees.				
BR-2587 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	8-30-73 9-4-73 " 19 SEP 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-28-73
BR-2587 R & F P.N. Press	7-27-76 7-29-76 7-29-76 SEP 24 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 12-22-76 re: commercial matter & ascert. of comm. needs	Granted	1-19-77
BR 790723 VD PRESS OCT 11 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-30-79

W M O K - denial of STA's

Telegram 4-20-53 denied authority remain on air 4-21-53 for election

Wire 11-2-56 Requesting authority to operate Tues. night 11-6-56 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.