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June 1954 Off.No.5069 3-4-75 Granted dual city I.D. as: "Portsmouth-Norfolk, Virginia."

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed June 6, 1977 Call letters WPMH

Station location Portsmouth, Virginia

CHESAPEAKE-PORTSMOUTH BROADCASTING CORPORATION (BMP 4-3-69)
XTIDEWATER BROADCASTING CORPORATION(BAP-11-3-65:EFF:12-14-65)

Name of licensee xD. D. CAMERON

Redes: Between #2154 & #2200 Gum Road, Chesapeake, Va. (BMP 4-3-69)
X0.5 mi. NW of intersec. of Portsmouth Blvd. (Rte. 337) and Gum Rd. (Rte. 656) near Boone, Va. Virginia (BMP 8-7-67)
X W. side of Prop. Rte. 17A, 600' S. of int. of Gum Rd. & Prop. Rte 17A, near Boone,/ (BP 4-11-61)

Transmitter location X On Jolliff Rd. at Atlantic & Danville R. R., near Boone, Virginia

Main studio location Same as transmitter ~~To be determined~~, Portsmouth, Virginia (BP 4-11-61)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	Period To
BP-13875	4-11-61	1010Kc.	5kw-DA-Day		6-11	12-11-6
	CP for a new standard broadcast station (Cond'l					
BP-13875 (1)	7-25-61	Mod. of CP(BP-13875) to assign Call Letters.				
BMP-9942 & BMP-9961 (2)	1-9-62	Mod. of CP(BP-13875) for extension of completion date to 6-11-62 and change type trans to Collins Type: 21-E				
BMP-10,313 (3)	11-3-65	Mod. of CP(BP-13,875) for extension of completion date 5-3-66				
BAP-555 EFF:12-14-65	11-3-65	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Tidewater Broadcasting Corporation				
MP-11747 MP-12035	8-7-67	1010kc	5kw-DA-D Day		6-11	2-8-68
	completion date to 2-8-68 and change ant.-trans. loc., make changes in DA pattern (MEOV).	Mod. of CP(BP-13875) for extension of				
MP-12294 (1)	6-25-68	MP(BP-13875) ext. time				11-8-68
BMP-12559 (2)	12-26-68	MP(BP-13875) ext. time				5-8-69
BMP-12659 (L)	4-3-69	1010kc	5kw-DA-D Day			5-8-69
	MP(BP-13,875, as mod.) to chg. TL and chg. name of permittee.					
BMP-12702(1)	5-12-69	MP(BP-13,875) ext. time				8-29-69
BMP-12,789 (2)	2-9-70	MP(BP-13,875, as mod.) ext. time to 7-29-70				
BMP-13,042(3)	9-11-70	MP(BP-13,875) ext. time				12-15-70
BMP-13,143(4)	12-23-70	MP(13,875) ext. time				4-15-71
BMP-13,199 (5)	3-31-71	MP(BP-13,875) ext. time to 7-31-71				
BMP-13,260(6)	7-16-71	MP(BP-13,875) ext. time to 10-31-71				
BMP-13,321(7)	11-18-71	MP(BP-13,875) ext. time to 4-1-72				
BMP-13,345(8)	12-22-71	Mod. of CP(BP-13,875) to make changes in directional antenna radiation pattern.				

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WPMH

Station location Portsmouth Va.

Name of licensee CHESAPEAKE-PORTSMOUTH BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BMP-13,345(9)	5-10-72	Mod. of CP(BP-13,875) to add hours of operation.			
EBSA BL-13137	6-12-72 6-6-77	Lic.cover CP(BP-13875,as mod) for new stn. 1010khz	5kw	DA Day	10-1-78
BR-5069 (L)	3-20-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			10-1-81
BTC800620FG	8-13-80	Vol TC EFF: 10-7-80			
COMTEL	9-9-80	REQUEST YOU SUBMIT SPECIFIC DETAILS TECHNICAL DETAILS WHICH PREVENT ANNUAL EQUIPMENT MEASUREMENTS FROM BEING PERFORMED ON TIME. TEN DAYS ALLOWED FOR RESPONSE.			
COMTEL	10-2-80	TEMP. AU. GR. POSTPONE COMPLETION OF ANNUAL EQUIPMENT PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENETS 45 DAYS TO ALLOW RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS WITH STATION EQUIPMENT &/OR TEST GEAR. FURTHER EXT. NOT COMTEMPLATE			

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Call Letters NEW W P M H ~~BP-13,875~~

Name D. D. CAMERON
(P.O. Box 990, Wilmington, North Carolina)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-13,875 Rec'd Filed	1-13-60 1-28-60 1-28-60	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1010kc Power - 5kw-DA-D Hours of operation - Daytime Trans. location - On Jolliff Road at Atlantic & Danville R. R., Near Boone, Virginia Studio location - To be determined Portsmouth, Virginia STATION LOCATION - PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA Atty.- Roberts & McInnis Engr.- Commercial Radio Equipment Co.	GRANTED Cond'l re: Phase Mon., Field meas. equip. & complete non-DA proof. After Hearing Docket No. 13776 Order Issued.	4-11-61
AMENDMENT R & F	7-1-60 7-5-60	AMENDED to make changes in DA system (one add'l tower)		

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TIDEWATER BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Name XD. D. CAMERON
PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAP-555 Rec'd Filed	10-17-61 10-20-61 10-20-61	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Tidewater Broadcasting Corporation. E. D. Johnston, Atty. for Assignor A. L. Stein, Atty. for Assignee	GRANTED EFF:	11-3-65 12-14-65
BMP-9942 R&F	11-7-61 11-15-61	Mod of CP (BP-13875 which auth a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 12-11-61 to 6-11-62. Atty: Roberts & McInnis	GRANTED	(ISSUED WITH BMP-9961) 1-9-62 to 6-11-62
BMP-9961 R.&F.	11-17-61 11-21-61	Mod. of CP(BP-13875 which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to change type transmitter (COLLINS 21E). Atty-Roberts & McInnis	GRANTED	(ISSUED WITH BMP-9942) 1-9-62

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WRMH

Name TIDEWATER BROADCASTING CORPORATION
X D. D. CAMERON
PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-10,313 R. & F.	5-14-62 5-17-62	Mod. of CP(BP-13875 as mod. which auth. a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 6-11-62 to 12-11-62. Atty-Roberts & McInnis	GRANTED to	11-3-65 5-3-66
BMP-11,747 R & F	4-1-66 4-4-66	Modification of CP(BP-13,875 as modified which authorized a new AM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 5-3-66 to 1-3-67. Atty - A. L. Stein	GRANTED to (Issued with BMP-12035)	8-7-67 2-8-68
BMP-12,035 R & F	3-24-67 3-29-67	Mod. of CP(BP-13,875 as mod. which auth. a new AM b/c station) to chg ant-trans/loc. to W. side of Prop. Rte 71A 600' S. of int. of Gum Rd. & Prop Rte. 17A, near Boone, Va. make changes in DA pattern (MEOV) Atty. A.L. Stein Engr. E.F. Lorentz	GRANTED (Issued with BMP-11747)	8-7-67

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Name TIDEWATER BROADCASTING CORPORATION
PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-12294 R & F FEB 9 1968	1-20-68 1-22-68	Mod. of C.P. (BP-13875,as mod.,which auth. a new standard B/C station) for extension of completion date from 2-8-68 to 11-8-68. Atty: A.L.Stein	GRANTED to	6-25-68 11-8-68
BMP-12,559 R& F $30-466985 PRESS: NOV 12 1968 AMENDMENT R&F 11-25-68	10-17-68 10-21-68 10-21-68	Mod. of CP(BP-13,875 as mod.) for extension of completion date from 11-8-68 to 6-30-69. (New) Atty. A.L. Stein AMENDED re legal.	GRANTED to	12-26-68 5-8-69
BMP-12,659 R. . #473689 $30 Amended & F. re amended articles of incorporation. MAR 27 1969	12-13-68 12-16-68 12-16-68 3-10-69	MP(BP-13,875, as mod) to change TL to 0.5 mi. NW of intersec. of Portsmouth Blvd (Rte 337) and Gum Road (Rte 656) nr. Boone, Va; change name of permittee to Chesapeake-Portsmouth Broadcasting Corporation. atty-A. L. Stein engr-Edward F. Lorentz	GRANTED	4-3-69

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Name CHESAPEAKE-PORTSMOUTH BROADCASTING CORPORATION
PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-12,702 R&F $30-506165 PRESS: APR 23 1969	4-10-69 4-14-69 4-14-69	MP(BP-13,875, as mod.) for extension of completion date to 11-30-69. (New). Atty. A. L. Stein	GRANTED to	5-12-69 8-29-69
BMP-12,789 R&F $30-535463 PRESS: SEP 12 1969 Amended 1-9-70 re completion date data.	8-12-69 8-15-69 8-15-69	MP(BP-13,875, as mod.) for extension of completion date to 12-31-69. NEW Atty. A. L. Stein	GRANTED to	2-9-70 7-29-70
BMP-13,042 R & F $30-613897 JUL 31 1970	6-24-70 7-6-70 7-6-70	MP(BP-13,875, as mod.) for extension of completion date to 10-28-70 (new)	GRANTED to	9-11-70 12-15-70
BMP-13 143 R & F $50-644413 AC-067 DEC 16 1970	11-13-70 11-20-70 11-20-70	MP(BP-13 875 as mod) for extension of completion date to 2-15-71 (new)	GRANTED TO	12-23-70 4-15-71

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Name CHESAPEAKE-PORTSMOUTH BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Portsmouth, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-13,199 R & F #672038 $50 ACC. 067 Press MAR 29 1971	3-10-71 3-15-71 3-15-71	MP(BP-13,873, as modified) for extension of completion date to 7-31-71(New) Atty: A. L. Stein	GRANTED TO	3-31-71 7-31-71
BMP-13,260 R & F #014442 $50 Acc. 067 Press JUL 13 1971	6-29-71 6-30-71 6-30-71	MP(BP-13,875, as mod.) for extension of completion date to 9-15-71. (New)	GRANTED to	7-16-71 10-31 71
BMP-13,321 R & F $50-013765 AC-067 NOV 15 1971	9-30-71 10-21-71 10-21-71	MP(BP-13,875, as mod.) for extension of completion date to 12-15-71 (new) Atty: A. L. Stein	GRANTED to	11-18-71 4-1-72

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Name CHESAPEAKE-PORTSMOUTH BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Portsmouth, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-13,345 Rec'd Filed #513587 $50 Acc. 060 Press	11-22-71 11-23-71 11-23-71 11-23-71	Mod. of CP (BP-13,875, as mod.) to make changes in directional antenna radiation pattern. Atty: A. L. Stein	GRANTED	12-22-71
BL-13,137 Rec'd W 024143-$50. AC-067 Amended Amended & F PTA Amended PRESS	11-29-71 12-8-71 12-8-71 12-10-71 12-22-71 1-3-72 1-4-72 JAN 28 1972	Lic.(BP-13,875, as mod.) for New Standard Broadcast Station. Transmitter: GATES, BC-5H, T-SL: Between #2154 & 2200 Gum Road, Chesapeake, Va. (redes.). Sect. VI changes in CP & Sect. I, par. 2(302) engr data - Sect. II-A. Atty: A. L. Stein Engr: Edward F. Lorentz	Designated for Hearing Min. 11 JUL 1973 19787 GRANTED	6-6-77

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Name CHESAPEAKE-PORTSMOUTH BROADCASTING CORPORATION
PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
Ltr. dated R & F. PRESS: DEC 18	11-25-74 11-25-74	Filed by Richard L. Brown, Esq. Request for Dual City Identification from: "Portsmouth-Norfolk, Virginia"	GRANTED	3-4-75
BR-5069 Recd. FILED PRESS OCT 27 1978	5-30-78 6-1-78 10-26-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-20-79
BTC800620FG Form 316 PRESS JUL 3 1980 PN filed		Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Dan D. Cameron to Ralph D. Epperson and Earlene Epperson	GRANTED EFF:	8-13-80 10-7-80

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BTC800620FG AMENDED 7-8-80 re: Financial data

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W P M H

Name: CHESAPEAKE-PORTSMOUTH BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Station Location: Portsmouth, Va.

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BTC810505FP Form 316 PRESS MAY 20 1981		Vol relinquishment of negative control of lic corp by each Earlene S. Epperson and Ralph D. Epperson thru a gift of stock Atty. Mark E. Fields	EFF: 5-27-81 ISSUED
BR810601UF PRESS JUL 3 1 1981		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED 10-22-81

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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.