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Form BC 126
June 1954

4365

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 7-14-64

Call letters W T G A

Station location Thomaston, Georgia

RADIO GEORGIA, INC. (AP 5-29-62, EFF: 6-26-62

Name of licensee x JOHN P. FREW, ELIZABETH H. FREW, STEPHENS B. MCGARITY AND LESLIE E. GRADICK, JR., d/b as RADIO GEORGIA

(BP 5-3-61) L 7-14-64

Transmitter location On Georgia Hwy. 74; 0.7 mi. E. of E. city limits of Thomaston, Ga.

zip 30286 208 South Center Street, Thomaston, Georgia (MP-8-10-62) L 7-14-64

Main studio location x On Georgia Hwy. 74; 0.7 mi. E. of E. city limits of Thomaston, Ga.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	Period To
BP-13051	5-3-61	1590kc	500w	Day	7-3	1-3-62
	CP for a new standard broadcast station.					
BP-13051 (1)	6-20-61	Mod. of CP(BP-13051) to assign Call Letters.				
BP-15,365	5-2-62	1590kc	500w	Day	7-2	1-2-63
	CP to replace expired CP(BP-13051) which auth. a new standard broadcast station.					
BAP-564 EFF	5-29-62 6-26-62	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Radio Georgia, Inc.				
BMP-10424 (1)	8-10-62	Mod. of CP(BP-13051 as mod which auth new std B/C station) to chg type transmitter to GATES Type BC 500Gy, and specify remote control (same loc as studio) point as 208 South Center St., Thomaston, Georgia				
BL-9712	7-14-64	1590kc	500w	Day	7-14	4-1-67
	Lic. to cover CP (BP-15,365) which replaced expired CP (BP-13,051) which auth. a new standard broadcast station.					
BTC-4926 EFF:12-28-65	11-30-65	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Sylvia D. Strickland, George Strickland, Jr. and Leslie E. Gradick, Jr. to Herbert E. Strickland				
BR-4365	3-29-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-67	4-1-70
TELEGRAM	11-17-67	PSA	500w			
BZ-6867(1)	7-11-68	Direct Meas.				
BR-4365(L)	5-7-70	Renewal				4-1-73
EBSA	6-12-72					
BTC-6913	10-25-72	Vol. TC	EFF.	11-1-72		
BR-4365(S)	6-22-73	RENEWAL				4-1-76
BR-4365(L)	3-30-76	Renewal				4-1-79

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BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed .....

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Station Location .....

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Transmitter Location .....

Main studio location .....

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Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BR781128UC (S)	3 27 79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	4 1 82

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Name JOHN P. FREW, ELIZABETH H. FREW, STEPHENS B. MCGARITY AND LESLIE E. GRADICK, JR. d/b as RADIO GEORGIA
(P.O. c/o John P. Frew, ~~766 Derrydown Way~~, Decatur, Ga.)
~~319 E. Ponce de Leon Avenue (Lot. S-1559)~~
987 Mt. Paran Road, N.W., Atlanta 5, Ga. (Let. 2-6-61).

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-13,051 Rec'd Filed	5-2-59 5-6-59 5-6-59	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1590kc Power - 500w Hours of operation - Daytime Transmitter location - On Georgia Hwy. 74; 0.7 mi. E. of E. city limits of Thomaston, Georgia Studio location - Same as transmitter STATION LOCATION - THOMASTON, GEORGIA Engr.- L. E. Gradick, Georgia	GRANTED	5-3-61
BAP-564 Rec'd Filed	11-21-61 12-5-61 12-5-61	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Radio Georgia, Inc. Quayle B. Smith, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	5-29-62 6-26-62

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Name RADIO GEORGIA, INC.
x John P. Frew, Elizabeth H. Frew, Stephens B. McGarity and Leslie E. Gradick, jr.
d/b as Radio Georgia Thomaston, Ga.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-15365 R&F	2-19-62 2-23-62	CP to replace expired CP (BP-13051 which auth a new standard broadcast station). Waiver of Section 1.323(b) requested	GRANTED EFF	5-29-62 ~~5-2-62~~ 6-26-62
BMP-10,424 R. & F.	7-9-62 7-11-62	Mod. of CP (BP-13051 as mod. wh ch auth. new standard broadcast station) change type trans. to Gates Type BC 500GY, and specify remote control point as 208 South Center St., Thomaston, Georgia.	GRANTED	8-10-62
BL-9712 R. & F.	9-26-62 9-28-62	Lic. to cover CP (BP-15,365) which replaced expired CP (BP13,051) which auth. a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED	7-14-64
BTC-4961 R&F	7-5-65 7-8-65	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Sylvia D. Strickland, George Strickland, Jr. and Leslie E. Gradick, Jr., TO Herbert E. Strickland ATTY: Pierson, Ball and Dowd	DISMISSED Req. of atty (See BTC-4926)	10-26-65

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1590kc

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Name RADIO GEORGIA, INC.
THOMASTON, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-4926 R & F	10-12-65 10-15-65	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Sylvia D. Strickland, George Strickland, Jr. and Leslie E. Gradick, Jr. to Herbert E. Strickland. Atty. Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED EFF: 12-28-65	11-30-65
BR-4365 R & F	12-31-66 1-4-67	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	3-29-67
BZ-6867 R & F #427357 $30 Refunded $30 DM	5/6/68 5/13/68 5/13/68 6/27/68 5/23/68	Direct Meas. Engr: C. E. Strain, Atlanta, Ga.	GRANTED	7-11-68
JUL 3 1968				
BAL-6809 R & F Fee pd; $75 -#558329	11-10-69 11-20-69	Vol. assignment of license to WILLIAM J. GRIBBEN, SYDNEY R. GRIBBEN, MRS. E.D. ROLSTON and C. THOMAS GRIBBEN dba GREEN VALLEY BROADCASTING COMPANY Atty - Bilger & Glaser	DISMISSED 3-31-70 Req. of assignor (See Over)	
DEC 1 2 1969				

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PN rec'd 12-19-69

BAL-6809:
1-12-70. PETITION TO DENY filed by Berfield & Cohen
behalf L.E. Cradick & Sylvia Stickland.
RESPONSE to"Petition to Deny" filed 2-11-70 by Attys.
Bilger, Blair & Glaser on behalf of assignee
REPLY TO PETITION TO DENY FILED 3-26-70 by licensee

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1590kc

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Name RADIO GEORGIA, INC.
Thomaston, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-4365 R & F #568141 $75. P. N.	12-31-69 1-5-70 1-5-70 FEB 2 5 1970 1-5-70	Renewal of License AMENDED 4-29-70 re: commercial matter	GRANTED	5-7-70
BTC -6913 R & F FEE PD: $1000 #088749 CODE 047 APR 19 1972 Pub. notice filed 8-2-72	7-3-72 7-5-72	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Herbert E. Strickland to David L. Piper, and James H. Piper (50% each) Atty - Midlen & Reddy	GRANTED Req. grant fee $1280.00 EFF. 11-1-72 Paid:$1,280 12-6-72, W 133124	10-25-72
BR-4365 R & F PN Recd. PRESS FEB 8 1973	12-18-72 12-26-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Ed.B.Reddy,Atty. AMENDED 6-15-73 re: engineering data	GRANTED	6-22-73

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1590 kc

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name RADIO GEORGIA, INC.
THOMASTON, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-4365 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-25-75 11-28-75 " JAN 21 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Midlen & Reddy, Atty AMENDED 2-27-76 re: prog.	GRANTED	3-30-76
BR781128UC PRESS: JAN 22 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Clifford J. Bond, III	GRANTED	3-27-79

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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.