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Form BC-126
June 1954
3216

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed January 6, 1956

Call letters W S Y L

Station Location: Sylvania, Georgia

SYLVANIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. (BAL 2-20-63 EFF: 3-21-63
X EDWIN H. BASS tr/as SYLVANIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM (AL 10-2-57; EFF: 10-11-57

Name of licensee X ROBERT H. THOMPSON, SR., tr/as SYLVANIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

Transmitter location On side of State Hwy. 21, 1 mile south of Sylvania, Georgia. (CP 10-12-55)
Lic. 1-6-56

Main studio location On side of State Hwy. 21, 1 mile south of Sylvania, Georgia. (CP 10-12-55)
Lic. 1-6-56

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BP-9926	10-12-55	1490kc	250w	Unl.	12-12-55 6-12-56
	CP for a new standard broadcast station. (Cond'l Clause)				
BMP-7015 (1)	11-15-55	Mod. of CP (BP-9926) to change type of transmitter and make changes in the antenna system.			
BL-5991	1-6-56	1490kc	250w	U	1-6- 4-1-58
	Lic to cover CP (BP-9926 mod.) new station				
BML-1707 (1)	4-17-57	Modification of license to change hours of operation from Unlimited to Specified Hours. (Monday thru Sunday: 6 am - 7:15 pm)			
BAL-2786 EFF:	10-2-57 10-11-57	Voluntary assignment of license to: Edwin H. Bass tr/as Sylvania Broadcasting System.			
TEMPORARY	3-28-58	Action on renewal deferred 3-27-58, Continued operation authorized until final determination on renewal application.			
BR-3216	9-3-58	1490kc	250w	S.H.	9-3 4-1-61
BR-3216	3-29-61	Renewal of license			4-1 4-1-64
BAL-4572 EFF	2-20-63 3-21-63	Voluntary assignment of license to Sylvania Broadcasting System, Inc.			
BR-3216	3-17-64	1490kc	250w	S.H.	4-1 4-1-67
BR-3216	3-29-67	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-70
BTC-5457	10-26-67	Involuntary transfer of control of lic.			
BR-3216(S)	4-1-70	RENEWAL			4-1-73
BP-18,861	12-7-70	1490kc	250w	1kw-S	U 12-7-71
	CP to increase daytime power to 1kw and change operation to Unlimited. change type transmitter to Gates BC-1G.				
BL-18,861	12-7-71	Lic. (BP-18,861) for change.			4-1-72
BZ-7948(1)	1-20-72	Direct Measurement			
EBSA	5-22-72				
BTC-6949	11-15-72	VOL. TC	EFF: 11-30-72		
BR-3216(L)	3-30-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-76

BC-126
June 1975

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed .....

Call letters WSYL

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-3216 (S)	3-30-76	Renewal			4-1-79
BR-781129UP	(S) 4-27-79	RENEWAL			4-1-82

FORM A-170

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name: ROBERT H. THOMPSON, SR. TR/as SYLVANIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM
PO BOX 146, Statesboro, Georgia

Call Letters: WSYL New

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-9926 Rec'd Filed	6-7-55 6-8-55 6-8-55	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1490kc Power: 250w Hours of Operation: Unlimited Trans. Location: 1 mi. south of Sylvania On side of State Hwy. #21 Sylvania, Georgia Studio Location: Same Phillip M. Baker, Atty. John H. Mullaney, Engr.	GRANTED Cond'l re permittee accept. interference from prop. opera., File No. BP-9877, Sandersville Ga., on 1490kc; 250w.	10-12-55

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FORM BC-121
FORMERLY FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W S Y L

Name ROBERT H. THOMPSON, SR. TR/as SYLVANIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-7015 Rec'd Filed	10-31-55 11-1-55 11-1-55	Modification of construction permit (BP-9926 which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to change type transmitter (GATES BC 250GY) and make changes in the antenna system. John Mullaney, Engr.	GRANTED	11-15-55
BL-5991 Rec'd Filed	11-26-55 11-28-55 11-28-55	License to cover construction permit (BP-9926, as mod.) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. Philip M. Baker, Atty. John H. Mullaney, Engr.	GRANTED	1-6-56
BML-1707 Rec'd Filed	3-12-57 3-14-57 3-14-57	Modification of license to change hours of operation from Unlimited to Specified Hours. (Monday thru Sunday) (6:00 AM to 7:15 PM) Atty. - Philip M. Baker	GRANTED	4-17-57

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FORM BC-121 #3 APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING
AUG. 1955

Name EDWIN R. BASS tr/as SYLVANIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM
x ROBERT H. THOMPSON, SR. tr/as SYLVANIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

Call Letters W S Y L

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAL-2786 Rec'd Filed	8-26-57 9-4-57 9-4-57	Voluntary assignment of license to Edwin H. Bass tr/as Sylvania Broadcasting System. Philip M. Baker, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	10-2-57 10-11-57
BR-3216 Rec'd & Filed	12-7-57 12-12-57	Renewal of license. Philip M. Baker, Atty.	GRANTED	9-3-58
BAL- 4253 Rec'd Resub Recd Filed	9-1-60 9-14-60 6-5-61 6-12-61 6-12-61	Voluntary assignment of license to Sylvania Broadcasting System, Inc.	~~RETURNED 10-4-60 Exhibits not filed & appli. incomplete.~~ DISMISSED 12-12-61 Lack of Prosecution Sec. 1.312(b) Rules	
BR-3216 Rec'd Filed	12-28-60 1-3-61 1-3-61	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	3-29-61

FORM BC-121 #4
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W S Y L

Name SYLVANIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC.
X EDWIN H. BASS tr/as SYLVANIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM
SYLVANIA, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAL-4572 Rec'd Filed	7-10-62 7-16-62 7-16-62	Voluntary assignment of license to Sylvania Broadcasting System, Inc.	GRANTED: EFF:	2-20-63 3-21-63
BR-3216 Rec'd Filed	12-30-63 1-3-64 1-3-64	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-17-64
BR-3216 R & F	12-28-66 1-3-67	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-29-67
BTC-5459 R & F (Form 316)	10-2-67 10-9-67	Involuntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from William Herbert Brannen, to Hoke S.Brannen and Perry Brannen, Co-Executors of the Estate of William Herbert Brannen, Deceased.	GRANTED	10-26-67

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W S Y L

Name: Sylvania Broadcasting System, Inc.
Sylvania, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
BR-3216 R & F #568630 $75 PRESS: FEB 1 9 1970 PN REC'd:	12-30-69 1-5-70 1-5-70 1-5-70	Renewal of License	GRANTED	4-1-70
BP-18,861 Rec'd Filed $100-626893 AC-045 PRESS: PN filed	8-25-70 8-27-70 8-27-70 8-27-70 10-22-70 1970	Construction permit to increase daytime power to 1kw and change hours of operation from Specified hours to Unlimited and change type transmitter to Gates, BC-1G. Eng. W. J. Holey (Atlanta, Georgia)	GRANT FEE: $900.00 GRANTED Grant fee	 12-7-70 paid 1-19-71.
BL-12,853 R & F #653889 $50 PTA PRESS JAN 2 7	12-29-70 12-31-70 12-31-70 1-14-71 1971	Lic. (BP-18,861) changes	GRANTED	2-2-71

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Contact: Mrs. Shirley Scott
Highway 21
Sylvania, Georgia
Telephone: Area Code 912 Local No. 564-7461 or 564-7462

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1490kc

Call Letters WSYL

Name SYLVANIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC.
Sylvania,Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BZ-7948 R & F DM PRESS JAN 21 1972	11-15-71 11-29-71 12-3-71	Direct Measurement	GRANTED	1-20-72
BTC-6949 R & F FEE PD: $1000 #098265 CODE 047 Pub.notice filed 8-21-72 SEP 1 1972	8-3-72 8-7-72	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Perry Brannen, Sr. and Hoke S. Brannen, Co-Executors of the Estate of William Herbert Brannen TO Mrs. Shirley Scott Mahaffey	GRANTED Req. GRANT FEE $ 2,000.00 Eff: 11-22-72. Paid:048, 11-28-72, W 131858	11-15-72
BR-3216 R & F PRESS FEB 2? 1973	1-18-73 1-22-73	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-30-73

The Commission by letter of 6-6-73 notified station WSYL of apparent liability for forfeiture of $1,000 for violation of Section 73.87 of the rules.
The Comm. by Memo Opinion & Order on 3-28-74 ordered station to forfeit $1000 for violations.

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Form BC-121
September 1969
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1490 kc

Call Letters W S Y L

Name SYLVANIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM INC.
SYLVANIA, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3216 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-15-75 11-17-75 " DEC 3 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 3-3-76 re: ascert. of comm. needs	GRANTED	3-30-76
BR 781129 UP PRESS	FEB 7 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	4-27-79
BAL810526GX Form 314 PRESS JUN 1 2 1981 PN filed 7-22-81		Vol AL to FAED Enterprises of Georgia, Inc. Atty - C.Wade McGuffey, Jr. (Atlanta, Ga)		

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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.