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June 1954 1312

FM BROADCAST

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

W B Y G(EFF: 4-7-75)

Date first licensed 5-22-62

Call letters x W K A K

Station location Kankakee, Illinois

Name of licensee WKAK, INC. (ALH 12-13-68, Eff: 1-1-69)
x KENNETH C. BAKER, WILLIS G. MALTBY AND CLAUDE P. BAKER
dba BAKER-MALTBY-BAKER ENTERPRISE

Transmitter location County Line Rd. at Interstate 57, Peotone, Illinois (PH-11-7-77)
X redes. Route 50 North, Kankakee, Illinois (LH 8-25-77)
x2.9 mi. N. of Kankakee city limits on U.S. 54, Illinois

Main studio location 292 North Convent St., Bourbonnais, Ill (MLH-5-29-81)
Route 50 North, Kankakee, Illinois (LH-8-25-77)
X SAME AS TRANSMITTER (LH 8-25-77)
X 2.9 mi. N. of Kankakee on U.S. 54, Illinois

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPH-3317 HAAT: 210ft	5-24-61	99.9mc Ch. 260	6.6kw TPO: 1 kw	Unl	7-24-61 1-24-62
Construction permit for a new FM broadcasting station					
BMPH-6955 (1)	10-27-61	Mod CP (BPH-3317) to change type transmitter (ITA,FM-1000C)			
BLH-2043	5-22-62	99.9mcs	6.6kw	U	5-22 12-1-64
Lic. to cover CP (BPH-3317 as mod.) which auth. a new FM B/C Station.					
BRH-1312	11-9-64	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-67
BRH-1312	11-24-67	Renewal of License&NDEA			12-1 12-1-70
BALH-1149 EFF:	12-13-68 1-1-69	Vol. ALH			
BRH-1312	11-25-70	Renewal and NDEA			12-1-73
Comtel	9-29-71	Trans: ITA FM-1000C modified with Wilkinson Electronics FM-10D exciter & SG-1D stereo generator.			
EBSA	5-25-72				
BRH-1312(L)	11-30-73	RENEWAL			12-1-76
BTC-7591	12-27-74	Vol. TC.		EFF:	1-31-75
BPH-10285 HAAT: 230' H&V {L}	11-18-76	99.9MHz ERP: 10kw H&V U CP chg TPO, ERP, HAAT, Ant & Transmitter			11-18-77
BRH-1312{L}	11-17-76	Renewal of license			12-1-79
BLH-7444	8-25-77	Lic (BPH-10285) chgs			12-1-79
BPH-10390 HAAT: 500' (L)	11-7-77 (h&v)	99.9mhz. ERP:50kw(h&v)(max)U #260 CP chg TL; install new trans; mke chg ant sys (incr hght); chg ERP & HAAT			11-7-78
BMPH-10390 (1)	1-30-78	MP (BPH-10390) to mke correction in obstruction markings.			
BRCH-1356 (1)	2-3-78	ML to operate trans byRC from SL			
BSCA780920AJ	10-30-78	SCA On 67 kilohertz.			12-1-79

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BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed .....

Call Letters ..... W B Y G .....

Station Location ..... KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS .....

Name ..... WKAK, INC. .....

Transmitter Location .....

Main studio location .....

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December 1978

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BLH-781003AA	3-5-79	99.9MHz, ERP: 50kW TPO: 7.2kW, HAAT: 500'	12-1-79 (H&V)
License to cvr. (BPH-10,390) FOR CHANGES			
BLH-781003AA	3-5-79	Superseded to correct obstruction markings	
BRH790801ZO BRSCA790801ZO(S)	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA	12-1-82
BMSCA791009AR (1)	3-6-80	SCA	12-1-82
BMLH-801105AH (1)	12-10-80	MODIFICATION OF LICENSE TO INSTALL NEW TRANSMISSION SYSTEM.	
BMLH-810427AV (2)	5-29-81	Mod. of Lic. to chg. SL & RC Loc.	

FORM BC-121
AUG 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name Kenneth C. Baker, Willis G. Maltby and Claude P. Baker dba BAKER-MALTBY-BAKER ENTERPRISE
Kankakee, Illinois (P.O. - 251 East Oak Street, Kankakee, Ill)

Call Letters new W K A K

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-3317 Rec'd Filed	3-16-61 3-17-61 3-17-61	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 99.9mc CH 260 ERP - 6.6kw Type transmitter - GATES FM 1B Type antenna - JAMPRO JA-8 (8 section) HAAT 210 ft Trans. location - On U.S. 54; 2.9 miles north of city limits of Kankakee, Ill. Studio location - Same as transmitter Engr. - E.H. Munn, Jr., Coldwater, Mich.	GRANTED	5-24-61
BMPH-6955 Rec'd&Filed	9-29-61 10-5-61	Modification of CP(BPH-3317 which auth. a new FM Broadcast station) to change type transmitter (ITA,FM-1000C).	GRANTED	10-27-61
Letter filed	9-29-61 by Fisher for WKAN objecting to assignment of call letters		11-29-61	- DENIED - LETTER

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WKAK

Name WKAK, INC
*KENNETH C. BAKER, WILLIS G. MALTBY AND CLAUDE P. BAKER
dba BAKER-MALTBY-BAKER ENTERPRISE
Kankakee, Ill.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLH-2043 R & F	12-22-61 12-26-61	License to cover C.P. (BPH-3317 as modified) which a uthorized a new FM Broadcast Station.	GRANTED	5-22-62
BRH-1312 R&F	9-3-64 9-8-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-9-64
BRH-1312 R & F SEP 20 1967	8-28-67 8-30-67	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-24-67
BALH-1149 R & F FEE PD: $30 -#464910 (Form 316) OCT 22 1968 AMENDED 12-2-68 - By-Laws & Bal.Sheets filed(reply to ltr 10-21-68)	10-4-68 10-9-68	Voluntary assignment of license to WKAK, INC.	GRANTED eff	12-13-68 1-1-69

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call WBYG
Letters WKAK

Name WKAK, INC.
KENNETH C. BAKER, WILLIS G. MALTBY and CLAUDE P. BAKER
d/b as BAKER-MALTBY-BAKER ENTERPRISE
KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-1312 R & F PN Recd. PRESS SEP 23 1970	8-19-70 8-21-70 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 10-16-70 re: programming	GRANTED	11-25-70
Annual filing fee $120.00 paid 12-1-70. #647051.				
BRH-1312 R & F PN Recd. PRESS 13 SEP 1973	8-24-73 8-29-73 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-30-73
BTC -7591 R & F FEE PD: $1000 # 360140 CODE 049 NOV 21 1974 Pub. notice filed 1-14-75	10-24-74 10-28-74	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Claude P. Baker and Luella M. Feller to Harry C. Fitzgerald, Howard S. Dybedock, and Benedict G. Cerven, Sr. AMENDED 1-14-75 re sale price of stock; financial & re comm survey	GRANTED FEE REQ. $2,427.00 EFF: 1-31-75 Fee Pd. 2-5-75, #050 W 389133	12-27-74

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

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99.9 mgc

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May 1976
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W.R.X.G.

Name WKAK, INC.
KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-1312 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-30-76 8-2-76 " OCT 8 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-17-76
BPH-10285 R & F 607826#100 CODE 001 PRESS	8-23-76 8-26-76 8-31-76 NOV 16 1976	CP install new Trans {COLLINS 830F-1A}; install new Ant {JAMPRO J4B/4V, 4 sects H&V; chg TPO; ERP: 10kw(H&V} and HAAT: 230' {H}; 225' {V} Atty-- Engr--	GRANTED	11-18-76

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99.9mhz

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W B Y C

Name WKAK, INC.
KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-10390 Rec'd Filed PRESS: PN REC'D	1-4-77 1-6-77 APR 19 1977 2-7-77	CP to chg. TL: County Line Rd. at Interstate 57, Peotone, Illinois; chg. type trans. COLLINS 830F-1A; ERP: 50.0KW(H&V);HAAT: 500' (H&V) make chg. ant. system (incr. hght) 41° 18' 04" 87o 49' 35" Atty: --- Engr:----- Major Enviromental Action Under Section 1.1305 of Commission's Rules	GRANTED COND'L w/ref. to program test being authorized.	11-7-77
AMENDED	9-19-77	financial		
BLH-7444 R & F PTA PRESS	6-27-77 6-30-77 7-13-77 AUG 1 1977	Lic. {BPH-10285} for chgs TL/SL: Route 50 North, Kankakee, Ill Ant: JAMPRO, JLCP-4, 4 sects Atty-- Engr. Howard S. Dybedock	GRANTED	8-25-77

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BPH-10390 amended 10-26-77 re financial

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99.9mhz.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WBYC

Name WKAK, INC.
Kankakee, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCH-1356 R & F PRESS: FEB 6 1978	1-19-78 1-24-78	Modification of License to operate transmitter by Remote control from the main studio location at: Route 50 North, Kankakee, Illinois. Atty:----	GRANTED	2-3-78
BLH- Recd	1-19-78 1-24-78	License to utilize former main transmitter at former site with a Jampro JLCP-4, 4 section antenna, ERP 1.82 H&V for aux. purposes only. Atty: ---	RETURNED 2-27-79 file 301.	
BLH-781003AA R & F PRESS:	10-3-78	License to cover (BPH-10390) for changes. Antenna: PHELPS DODGE, CFM-HP-8, 8 sections (H&V)	GRANTED	3-5-79

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May 1976

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

99.9 mhz.

Call Letters WBYG

Name WKAK, INC.
KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BSCA780920AJ PRESS	OCT 16 1978	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a subcarrier Frequency of 67 kilohertz.	GRANTED	10-30-78
BRH790801ZO BRSCA " PRESS	OCT 5 1979	Renewal of License(Main, Aux. Trans., Aux. Ant. & SCA)	GRANTED	11-30-79
BMSCA791009AR PRESS (O) NOV 1979 AMENDED	12-10-79	Mod. of Subsidiary Communications Authorization to make changes in Programming and Equipment. engr	GRANTED	3-6-80

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

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WBYG

Name: WKAK, INC.

Station Location: KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMLH-801105AH PTA PRESS	NOV 20 1980	Modification of License to install new transmission system. Atty: ———	GRANTED 12-10-80
BMLH-810427AV press;(O)		Modification of license to chg studio location 292 North Convent St., Bourbonnais, Illinois (outside city limits)	GRANTED: 5-29-81
BRCH810427BA PRESS (O)	MAY 27 1981	Modification of License to Operate Trans. by Remote Control from: 292 North Convent, Bourbonnais, Illinois (OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS, PROPOSED STUDIO LOCATION).	DISMISSED 6-17-81 UNNECESSARY

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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.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) 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 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). Prior to that move, 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.

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.