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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed May 15, 1968

Call letters W J A D (8-2-71) ~~X W M G R-FM~~

Station location BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA

consummated 4/29/75

Name of licensee DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (BAL gr 6/30/75 EFF: 1/1/75
JOHN A. DOWDY

Transmitter location 1.3 mi. E. of Climax, Georgia & 0.3 mi. N. of US Route 84, Bainbridge, GA (PH790201AH 7/11/79)
XX1609 East Shotwell Street, Bainbridge, Ga.(BPH-4-20-66)(LH 5-15-68)

Main studio location 1609 East Shotwell Street, Bainbridge, Georgia (BPH-7-11-79)
X Same as Transmitter

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From To |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BPH-4996<br>HAAT: 145'<br>cond'l | 4-20-66 | 97.3mc. ERP: 28.5kw Unl.<br>ch# 247 TPO: 5 kw<br>CP for a new Class C FM broadcast station. | | | 6-20-66<br>12-20-66 |
| BPH-4996<br>(1) | 6-1-66 | Mod. of CP(BPH-4996) to assign call letters W M G R-FM; and correct ant. hght | | | |
| BMPH-9145<br>(2) | 12-20-66 | Mod. of CP(BPH-4996) for ext. of completion date to | | | 6-20-67 |
| BMPH-9127<br>HAAT: 140'<br>cond'l | 3-3-67 | 97.3mc. ERP: 28.5kw U<br>ch#247 TPO: 5kw<br>Mod. of CP(BPH-4996) to chg. ant-trans location (same site); make chg. in ant. system(decr. hght) and decrease HAAT; | | | 6-20-66<br>6-20-67 |
| BMPH-9343<br>(1) | 6-13-67 | Mod.of CP(BPH-4996 as mod.) for ext. of completion date to | | | 12-20-67 |
| BMPH-9551<br>HAAT: 145'<br>condl | 8-25-67 | 97.3mc. ERP: 28.5kw Unl.<br>ch# 247 TPO: 5kw<br>Mod. of CP(BPH-4996 as mod.) to make chg. in ant. system. | | | 6-20-66<br>12-20-67 |
| BMPH-9707<br>(1) | 12-11-67 | Mod. of CP(BPH-4996 as mod.) for ext. of completion date to | | | 3-20-68. |
| BLH-3985 | 5-15-68 | 97.3mc ERP:28.5kw Unl.<br>Lic to cover BPH-4996 as mod. for new FM (Specify type trans. & ant.). | | | 4-1-70 |
| BRCH-896(1) | 10-9-68 | Operate RC. | | | |
| BRH-2190(L) | 4-1-70 | Renewal | | | 4-1-73 |
| EBSA | 5-22-72 | | | | |
| BRH-2190(L) | 4-13-73 | RENEWAL | | | 4-1-76 |
| BALH-2139 | 6/30/75 | Vol AL EFF:1/1/75 consummated 4/29/75 | | | |
| BRH-2190(L) | 3-9-76 | RENEWAL | | | 4-1-79 |
| BPH790201AH<br>HAAT: 530'<br>(L) | 7/11/79<br>(H&V) | 97.3mhz ERP: 100kW (H&V)<br>CP to chg. TL, ant yst., ERP & HAAT. Install new trans. | | | 7/11/80 |
| BRH781120UJ | (S) 6-15-79 | Renewal of License | | | 4-1-82 |
| COMTEL | 2-29-80 | TEMPORARY AUTH. GRANTED<br>DUCED POWR AUTH EXPIRES | | | OPER WITH RE-<br>3-26-80 |

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# BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed .....

Call Letters WJAD .....

Station Location .....

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Name .....

Transmitter Location .....

Main studio location .....

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## Authorization Record

| File No. | Granted | Facilities | Expires |
|---|---|---|---|
| BLH-800211AH (L) | 4-24-80 | 97.3mhz ERP: 100KW (H&V) HAAT: 530' (H&V) LIC: (BPH-790201AH) for changes. | 4-1-82 |

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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters -MBW-FM W M G R-FM

Name JOHN A. DOWDY
Bainbridge, Georgia (P.O. Box 706, Bainbridge, Georgia)

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BPH-4996<br>Rec'd<br>Resub<br>Recd<br>Filed(order) | 12-10-64<br>12-14-64<br>1-15-65<br>1-18-65<br>6-16-65 | Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on:<br>Frequency: 97.3mc CH 247<br>ERP: 28.6kw<br>Type transmitter: Gates FMS-5G (5kw)<br>TPO: 5kw<br>Type antenna: Gates FMA-6A (6 sections)<br>HAAT: 144 ft.<br>Transmitter Loc.: 1609 East Shotwell St. Bainbridge, Georgia (Same as AM)<br>Studio Loc.: Same as transmitter<br><br>(Waiver of Sect. 73.207 of Rules Req.1-18-65)<br>WAIVER OF SECT. 73.207 granted 6-16-65-application accepted for filing. | ~~RETURNED~~<br>~~Short Spaced~~<br><br>GRANTED<br>Cond'l re WMGR(AM) submit 302s | ~~[illegible]~~<br><br>4-20-66 |

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FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

# APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMGR-FM

Name JOHN A. DOWDY
BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BMPH-9127 R & F | 11-18-66 11-23-66 | Modification of CP(BPH-4996 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to change ant-trans location(same site); make chg. in ant. system (decrease height.); decrease HAAT to 140 ft. | GRANTED cond'l | 3-3-67 |
| BMPH-9143 R & F | 12-5-66 12-8-66 | Modification of CP(BPH-4996 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 12-20-66 to 8-1-67. | GRANTED to | 12-20-66 6-20-67 |
| BMPH-9343 R & F | 3-27-67 3-28-67 | Modification of CP(BPH-4996 as mod., which authorized a new FM b/c station) for extension of completion date from 6-20-67 to 2-1-68. | GRANTED to | 6-13-67 12-20-67 |
| BMPH-9551 R & F | 7-21-67 7-27-67 | Modification of CP(BPH-4996 as mod., which authorized a new FM b/c station) to make changes in ~~xxxx~~ antenna system. | GRANTED cond'l | 8-25-67 submit 302 for WMGR. |
| BMPH-9707 R & F | 10-31-67 11-7-67 | Mod. of CP(BPH-4996 as mod., which authorized authorized a new FM b/c station) for extension of completion date from 12-20-67 to 3-20-68. | GRANTED to | 12-11-67 3-20-68 |

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AUG. 1955

# APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters W J A D ~~W F M O R-FM~~

Name JOHN A. DOWDY
Bainbridge, Georgia

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BLH-3985<br>R & F<br>#414187 $30<br>PT | 3/18/68<br>3/22/68<br>3/22/68<br>4/1/68<br>MAY 8 1968 | License (BPH-4996 as mod., for new FM station)<br>(trans. GATES FM-5B-ant.-JAMPRO JA-6B). | GRANTED | 5-15-68 |
| BRCH-896<br>R & F<br>#462938 $30<br>OCT 9 1968 | 9-23-68<br>10-2-68<br>10-2-68 | Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 1609 East Shotwell Street, Bainbridge, Georgia. | GRANTED | 10-9-68 |
| BRH-2190<br>R & F<br>#568157 $75.<br>PN<br>PRESS<br>FEB 25 1970 | 12-29-69<br>1-5-70<br>1-5-70<br>1-5-70 | Renewal of license | GRANTED | 4-1-70 |

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September 1969

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W J A D

Name DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
JOHN A. DOWDY
BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BRH-2190<br>R & F<br>PN Recd.<br>PRESS | 12-29-72<br>1-2-73<br>"<br>1973 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE<br>AMENDED 3-27-73 re: programming | GRANTED | 4-13-73 |
| BALH-2139<br>Rec<br>FEE PD $50 # 434645<br>CODE 049 -& $50 #440101<br>FILED<br>(FORM 316)(ALSO SEE AM)<br>JUN 30 1975 | 5-26-75<br>5-29-75<br><br><br>6-17-75 | Voluntary assignment of license to DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. | GRANTED<br>EFF: 1/1/75<br>No gr fee req | consummated 6/30/75<br>4/29/75 |
| BRH-2190<br>R & F<br>PN Recd.<br>PRESS | 11-24-75<br>11-28-75<br>"<br>JAN 23 1976 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE | GRANTED | 3-9-76 |

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May 1976
4-68

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W I A D

Name DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BRH781120 UJ PRESS | FEB 14 1979 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE | GRANTED | 6-15-79 |
| BPH790201AH PRESS: | MAR 23 1979 | Construction permit to chg TL: 1.3 miles E of Climax Georiga and 0.3 miles N of US Route 84, Bainbridge, Georgia; install new trans(HARRIS FM-20K);ant(HARRIS FMS-12,21 sections H&V; make chgs in ant sys (incr hght) chg ERP: 100KW(H&V); HAAT: 527'(H&V)<br>30 52 57 84 24 36<br>MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305 | GRANTED | 7/11/79 |
| BLH-800211AH PTA PRESS | APR 14 1980 | License to cover (BPH-790201AH) for changes.<br>Atty: None | GRANTED | 4-24-80 |

# 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.