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Form BC 126 • PROG. TEST AUTH. 3-23-62 Began 3-24-62 | CH 32
1954 SUSPENDED OPERATION 2-15-63
PROG. TEST AUTH. 3-9-64
Began 3-13-64

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 7-29-70 (OFF. #682)

Call letters WKAB-TV (2-13-64) X WCCB-TV

Station location Montgomery, Alabama

Name of licensee MONTGOMERY INDEPENDENT TELECASTERS, INC. (BAPCT-338 1-31-64 EFF: 2-5-64
X ROBERT J. THOMAS, RECEIVER, (BAPCT-331 3-28-63 EFF:
X FIRST ALABAMA CORP.

Transmitter location 3251 HARRISON ROAD, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (BPCT-4069 7-2-68)
X0.22 miles East of Lincoln Cemetery, North of Harrison Road, Montgomery, Alabama (BMPCT-5675
X1.85 miles East of Montgomery city limit, Near Montgomery, Alabama 12-19-6

Main Studio Location 3251 HARRISON ROAD, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (BPCT-4069 7-2-68)
X0.22 miles East of Lincoln Cemetery, North of Harrison Road, Montgomery, Alabama (BMPCT-5675 12-19-61
1.85 miles East of Montgomery city limit, Near Montgomery, Alabama

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

WCCB

APPL. NO.	DATE ISSUED	FREQ.	POWER	TIME DIV.	PERIOD FROM TO
BPCT-2869	7-26-61	CH 32	V-234 kw	U	9-26-61
MSL: 709'	AH: 470'	578-584	A-117 kw		3-26-62
CP for New Commercial TV B/C Station					
BMPCT-5675	12-19-61	CH 32	V-182 kw	U	9-26-61
AH: 480'		578-584 mcs.	A-91 kw	MSL: 706'	6-19-62
Mod.CP (BPCT-2869) to chg. ERP, TL, SL, type of trans. Ant. Sys. AH, equipment.					
WIRE	3-23-62 RE LIC. BLCT-1189 AUTH. GR. OPER. WCCB-TV ON PROG. TEST ACCORD SEC.3.629 RULES & CP BMPCT-5675. ADVISE COMMENCEMENT				
COMM. WIRE	2-19-63 NO OBJECTION SUSPENSION OPERATIONS OF WCCB-TV FEBRUARY 15, 1963 FOR PERIOD ENDING MAY 15, 1963. ADVISE WHEN OPER. RESUMED.				
BAPCT-331	3-28-63	Involuntary assignment of construction permit to Robert J. Thomas, Receiver. EFF:			
WIRE	5-7-63 EXTENSION AUTH. GR. WCCB-TV REMAIN SILENT PER. END. 8-15-63 ADVISE				
WIRE	8-16-63	REURTEL 14. AUTH. GR. WCCB-TV REMAIN SILENT PER. END. 11-16-63.			
BAPCT-338	1-31-64	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Montgomery Independent Telecasters, Inc. EFF: 2-5-64			
WIRE	3-9-64 REURLET 5 & LIC. APPL. BLCT-1189 MODIFIED AUTH. GR. OPER. WKAB-TV ON PROG. TEST ACCORD. SEC.73.629 RULES & CP BMPCT-5675. ADVISE COMMENCEMENT. STARTED 3-13-64				
BPCT-4069	7-2-68	CH.32	V-813 kw	U	9-2-68
AH: 830' MSL: 1049'		578-584	A-83.2 kw		3-2-69
CP to chg. ERP, redescribe TL & SL; type trans. antenna; AH					
WIRE	7-25-68	PENDING COMPLETION CONSTRUCTION ACCORD BPCT-4069 AND FILING LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPERATE WKAB-TV WITH GE TY-106-C ANT. SPECIFIED IN BPCT-4069 MOUNTED ATOP EXISTING TOWER TEMP. PER. END. 10-25-68.			
WIRE	10-21-68	EXT. OF ABOVE AUTH. FOR PERIOD END. 12-26-68			
WIRE	12-24-68	EXT. of above auth. to			2-24-69
WIRE	2-20-69 EXT. OF ABOVE AUTH. TO 5-24-69				
BMPCT-6981	2-25-69 MP	(BPCT-4069) extend compl date 8-25-69			

Form BC 126 #2 COMM.TV
June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed _____

Call letters WKAB-TV

Station location MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Name of licensee MONTGOMERY INDEPENDENT TELECASTERS, INC.

Transmitter location SEE CARD #1

Main studio location _____

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BMPCT-6981	2-25-69	CH.32	V-813 kw	U	9-2-68
AH:830' MSL:1049'		578-584	A-83.2 kw		8-25-69
MP (BPCT-4069). Superseded 4-15-69) to delete AM condition					
WIRE	5-19-69	PENDING COMPLETION CONSTRUCTION			
ACCORD BMPCT-6981 AND FILING LIC. APPLI. EXT. AUTH. GR. OPER. WITH GE TY-106-C ANT. SPECIFIED IN BMPCT-6981 MOUNTED ATOP EXISTING TOWER TEMP. PER. END. 8-24-69.					
WIRE	7-11-69	PEND. COMP. CONSTR. AND FILING LIC.			
APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER. TEMP. PER. ENDING 8-11-69 WITH ANT. SYSTEM SPECIFIED IN BMPCT-6981 AND WITH PRESENTLY AUTH. GE TT-25A TRANSMITTERS.					
Wire	8-7-69	Above auth. ext'd to			10-1-69
BMPCT-7055	8-26-69	MP (BPCT-4069, as mod) Ext. date 11-26-69			
WIRE	10-10-69	PENDING COMPLETION CONSTRUCTION AND			
FILING LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER TEMP. PER. END.11-26-69 WITH ANT. SYS. SPECIFIED IN BMPCT-7055 AND WITH PRESENTLY AUTHORIZED GE TT-25A TRANSMITTERS. OPERATION IN THIS MANNER NOT AUTHORIZED BEYOND THIS PERIOD SINCE EXPIRATION DATE OR MODIFIED CP WOULD BE EXCEEDED.					
WIRE	10-30-69	RETENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER			
ON PTA ACCORD CP BMPCT-7055.					
BMLCT-436	7-29-70	Lic. (BPCT-2869 & BPCT-4069 As mod.) for chg.			4-1-73
BSCT-682	12-14-71	Ch-32	V-813kw	Unl.	12-14-71
AH:830' MSL:1049'		578-584mc	A-83.2kw		4-1-73
Mod. of Lic. to delete AM condition					
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRCT-682	3-30-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (s)			4-1-76
BRCT-682	12-16-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			4-1-79
BRCT-781130KI	3-22-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			4-1-82

Card #1

FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

Call Letters ~~WMI~~ WCCB-TV

Name FIRST ALABAMA CORP.
(PO-1007 Barringer Building, Columbia, South Carolina)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-2869 R & F	4-7-61 4-11-61	CP for a new Commercial TV b/c Station Freq: Ch #32, 578-584 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 233.4 kw Aur. 116.7 kw Hours of operation: Unlimited Station location: Montgomery, Ala. S-L: 1.85 miles E of Montgomery City Limit near Montgomery, Alabama T-L: 1.85 miles E of Montgomery City limit near Montgomery, Alabama (RCA TTU-12A) 473' Request for waiver of Sec. 3.613 of the Commission's rules. Filed by John G. Smith, Atty. (Spear, Hill & Greeley) Silliman, Moffet & Rohrer, Engrs.	GRANTED Granted waiver Section 3.613(a) of Rules	7-26-61

FORM BC-121 #2
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Comm.TV

Call Letters ~~WCCB-TV~~ WEAB-TV

Name FIRST ALABAMA CORP.
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-5675 Recd.&Filed	11-3-61 11-3-61	Mod. of CP (BPCT-2869, which authorized a new Comm.TV B/C Station) to change ERP from Visual 234 kw, Aural 117 kw to Visual 180.9 kw (Horizontal), Aural 90.5 kw (Horizontal; Transmitter and studio locations from 1.85 miles East of Montgomery, Alabama TO North of Harrison Road, 0.22 miles East of Lincoln Cemetery, Montgomery, Alabama; Change type transmitters to General Electric TT-25A; type of antenna to General Electric TY-25-C; make changes in antenna system and equipment and change antenna height above average terrain to 485 feet. John G. Smith, Atty.	GRANTED	12-19-61

Card #3

FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

Call Letters WKAB-TV (2-13-64) ~~WSGB-TV~~

MONTGOMERY INDEPENDENT TELECASTERS, INC.
X ROBERT J. THOMAS, RECEIVER
X
Name FIRST ALABAMA CORP.
Montgomery, Ala.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLCT-1189 R & F AMENDED R & F	3-23-62 3-23-62 3-5-64 3-6-64	License to cover CP (BPCT-2869 as mod.) which authorized a new commercial TV b/c station. issued with BMLCT-436 & BLCT-1928 John Smith-atty Amended to change name of permittee to Montgomery Independent Telecasters, Inc. J. Roger Wollenberg-atty	GRANTED	7-29-70
BAPCT-331 Rec.& filed	3-15-63 3-18-63	Involuntary assignment of construction permit to Robert J. Thomas, Receiver. John Smith, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	3-28-63
BAPCT- 338 R & F	8-27-63 8-27-63	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Montgomery Independent Telecasters, Inc. James Greeley(Wilner & Bergson)atty for assignor J.Roger Wollenberg-atty for assignee	GRANTED EFF:	1-31-64 2-5-64

Subject to the condition that a skeleton proof (consisting of at least five field intensity measurements made on each of eight equally spaced radials sabout Station WMGY) shall be made to establish that the TV tower detuning devices, shall be checked periodically to maintain a mimimum reradiation of the signal of standard broadcast Station WMGY.

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

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FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WKAB-TV

Name MONTGOMERY INDEPENDENT TELECASTERS, INC.
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (P.O. Box 3234, Montgomery, Alabama) 7-16-64

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
LETTER	5-13-64	FIRM: WILMER, CUTLER & PICKERING (J. Roger Wollenberg) are attys		
BMLCT- 436 Rec: Filed:	1-13-66 1-17-66 1-19-66	Mod. of license to reduce aural ERP from 91 kw to 27.13 kw (Horz.) (Contingent on grant of BLCT-1189) WILMER, CUTLER & PICKERING, ATTY.	GRANTED issued with BLCT-1928	3-7-66
BPCT-4069 R & F JAN 1 8 1968	12-20-67 12-22-67	Construction permit to change ERP to Vis. 824 kw (Horz), Aur. 83.2 kw (Horz); redescribe SL & TL loc. as 3251 Harrison Rd., Montgomery, Ala.; type trans. to GE TT-59A; type antenna GE TY-106-C; make changes in the antenna struc.; antenna system and increase antenna height above average terrain to 826 feet. Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, Atty. (Joel Rosenbloom) Don E. Kassner, Engr. AMENDED 6-25-68 re programming.	GRANTED See condition on back of this card	7-2-68

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

CONDITION

Subject to the condition that a skeleton proof of performance shall be submitted, consisting of at least eight field intensity measurements made between two and ten miles distance on each of eight equally spaced radials before and after said construction to prove that the construction does not adversely affect the operation of Station W M G Y. All measurements shall be made jointly by representatives of both TV and the AM operations, or there shall be a mutual agreement of the measurements submitted as indicated by joint signatures thereto.

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FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM.TV

Call Letters WKAB-TV

Name MONTGOMERY INDEPENDENT TELECASTERS, INC.
CH. 32 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-6981 R & F $30. #487025 PRESS	1-20-69 1-30-69 " FEB 7 1969	MP (BPCT-4069) to extend completion date to Spring 1969. Timothy N. Black, Atty. (Wilmer, Cutler)	GRANTED	2-25-69
BMPCT-7055 R & F $30 #533946 PRESS	8-6-69 8-6-69 " AUG 18 1969	MP (BPCT-4069, as mod.) to extend completion date to 10-1-69. Stephen a. Weiswasser, Atty. (Wilmer, Cutler)	GRANTED	8-26-69
BLCT-1928 R & F $30 #552650 PRESS Engr. data filed 7-2-70	10-23-69 10-29-69 " NOV 24 1969	LICENSE (BPCT-4069, as mod.) for changes. David R. Anderson, Atty. (Wilmer, Cutler)	GRANTED Issued with BMLCT--436 & BLCT-1189	7-29-70
BRCT-682 R &F PN: PRESS:	1-2-73 1-2-73 1-2-73 JAN 15 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-30-73

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

Form BC-121
September 1969

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Call Letters WKAB-TV

Name MONTGOMERY INDEPENDENT TELECASTERS, INC.

CH-32 Montgomery, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCT-682 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	11-28-75 12-1-75 12-1-75 23 FEB 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Annual Reports Filed Atty: Elwyn C. Lee (Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering) Contours filed 12-1-75	GRANTED COMMISSION ACTION	12-16-76
BRCT- 781130KI R&F PN REC'D PRESS	11-30-78 11-30-78 '79 0130	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ROBERT BERNSTEIN, ATTY (BROWN & BERNSTEIN)	GRANTED	3-22-79

Ltr. 2-9-76 re Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering no longer represent WKAB-TV.

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

BRCT-682:

PETITION TO DENY RENEWAL OF BROADCAST LICENSE filed 3-1-76 by the Montgomery Chapter of the National Organization for Women.

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RESPONSE OF MONTGOMERY INDEPENDENT TELECASTERS, INC. TO PETITION TO DENY filed5-3-76 by Robert V. Cahill on behalf of WKAB.

REPLY TO THE RESPONSE TO THE PETITION TO DENY filed 6-24-76 by Ralph Knowles, Jr. on behalf of Montgomery Chapter of the National Organization for Women.

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MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 12-16-76, released 1-6-77 FCC 76-1161 43393: For the foregoing reasons, IT IS ORDERED, That the petition to deny filed March 1, 1976 by the Montgomery Chapter of the National Organization for Women and four of its members individually, IS DENIED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the application for renewal of WKAB-TV, Montgomery, Alabama, IS GRANTED for ~~hrk~~ the remainder of the current term for Alabama stations (i.e., to April 1, 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 radio 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.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. 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 television station history.