

OK, here we go on a brand spanking new year of "Illegal Of The Day" posts. Once again "Happy New Year."

I mentioned I was looking for this JML hub in my Hawaiian Club-Jason Lee-Chicago "Illegal Of The Day" post. It was credited on Ed Hertel's site as the Hawaiian Club. This is an incorrect listing as I found out. In my research I sent for the Mason record card on it. It came back something completely different and I started my quest to find the chip. After emails to many long time illegal old timers without finding it, I made several different posts on the BB. Finally got one thanks to Robert E. This chip is apparently scarce. Even Dave Brown, our resident Chicago expert does not have the chip. Anyone else out there have one?

Once again we are looking at chips that are over 70 years old and ties all the way back to Al Capone's The Ship in the 1920's and later The Rock Garden.

Enough of that:

History and newspaper articles from:

Rich Hanover's site

<http://www.oldpokerchips.com/NonNevada/JoeMiller.htm>

He has a set of Joe Miller 885 Club Crest & Seals: that are absolutely beautiful.

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Joe Miller

885 Club

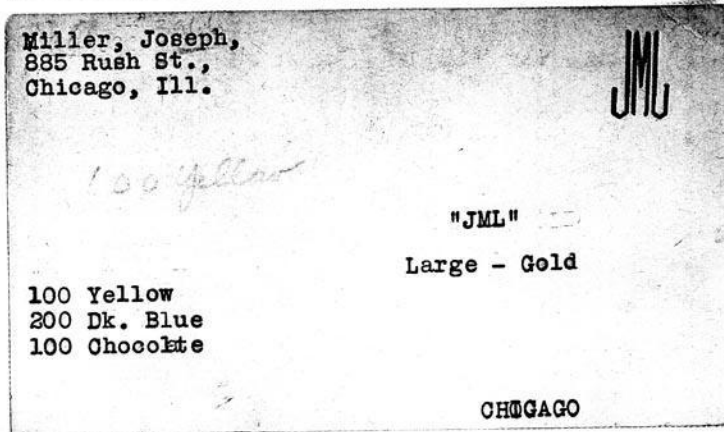
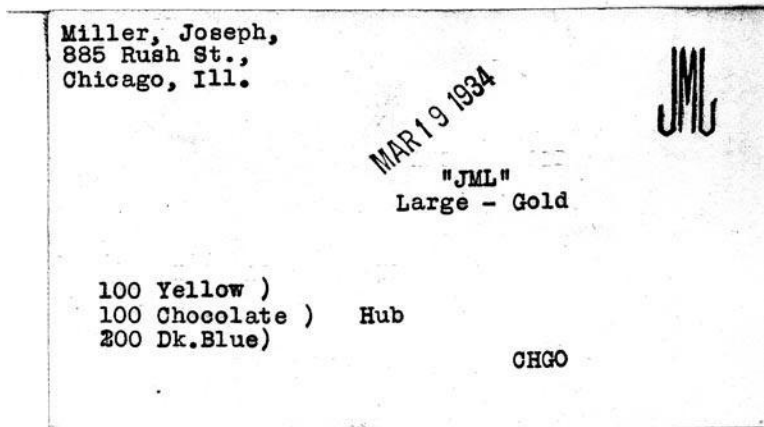
885 Rush Street

Chicago, IL

Chips delivered in 1934



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The 885 Club was a Rush Street nightclub...885 Rush. Rush street was the nightclub district downtown. In prohibition days it was a speakeasy operated by Julius "Dolly" Weisberg. Around 1935 it was taken over by Joe Miller, who was an early manager of Capone's big gambling casino in Cicero, The Ship back in the 1920s. The Ship became the Rock Garden in 1934 which is better known to chip collectors, but really was never the big deal that The Ship was. It was mainly testimony about profits from The Ship that put Capone in prison.

The 885 Club was really more of a mainstream nightclub, with fine food and dancing. It was one of the places to be on New Year's Eve. I'd expect the gambling would have been in an upstairs room and unknown to most of its patrons. By the 1950s it had deteriorated into a dumpy tavern with games of "26" at the bar.

Chicago Tribune 22 May 1933

FORMER CAPONE ALLY ARRESTED AT BALL GAME

Joe Fusco, 31 years old, who directed the beer business of Al Capone's outlaw syndicate, declared yesterday that he left the rackets and got a legitimate job when legal beer came back, but that did not save him from arrest when detectives found him watching a baseball game at Wrigley field.

The arrest was made by Sergts. Thomas Alcock and Matthew Quilter of the detective bureau, who with a number of other detective teams had been assigned to the baseball park to look for hoodlums. With Fusco, who said he lives at 7342 Prairie avenue, were Ralph Buglio, 36 years old, 410 East 90th street, and Joe Miller, 34 years old, 505 West 25th street.

The three men were taken to the detective bureau and held there for investigation.

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Pic of Joe Miller 8/22/1933

Not too happy in this picture. <g>



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Pic courtesy of John Binder. Thank you John,

Quote from John:

Joe Fusco (left), Joe Miller (center) and Ralph Buglio (right)

You would think that these f*ckers, given how much money they made, could at least get different clothing. The two at the left look to have almost identical suits and hats. <g>

John

Tell us how you really feel, John! <g>



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Chicago Tribune 9 Jan 1935

Rebori to Remodel Cafe; Will Be Named "885 Club"

The building at the southeast corner of Rush street and Delaware place is being remodeled by Andrew N. Rebori, with Edgar Miller associated, and will be opened shortly as the 885 club. A new modernistic front has been put on the restaurant, which is owned by **Joseph Miller**. Edgar Miller is doing murals of great generals in history for the café walls.

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Chicago Tribune 5 Sep 1940



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STEAK & CHOP HOUSE
MODERATE PRICES
Same Superb Cuisine & Liquors
DINNER From
Serving from **\$ 1.35**
4 P. M. to 2 A. M.

Joe Millers
885 RUSH ST.

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Chicago Tribune 7 Aug 1951

Seize Three at 885 Club

Joseph Miller, 53, of 20 E. Delaware st., manager of the 885 club at 885 Rush st., and two women were arrested in the club last night



[TRIBUNE Photo]

Miller being finger printed in Chicago av. station by Policeman Ed Hussey.

by Detectives Francis O'Connor, John Madden, and Charles Dugan of the Chicago av. station.

Dugan said that Mary Record, 32, of 1036 Dearborn st., the 26 girl in the club, asked him if he wanted a girl, and when he said yes, suggested that he lose \$5 playing bingo, a dice game. After he lost the \$5, he said, Jean Burton, 27, of the Dearborn st. address, came over, and Miss Record told Dugan that Miss Burton was the girl.

Dugan arrested Miss Burton after they left the club together, and the other detectives arrested Miller and Miss Record. All three were fingerprinted at the Chicago av. station.

**885 CLUB, RUSH ST.
RESORT, CLOSED BY
MAYOR FOR POLICE**

Mayor Kennelly yesterday closed the 885 club, at 883-885 Rush st., by revoking its liquor, music, dancing, food, and cigaret licenses. Under the law, it cannot reopen as a tavern for a year, and then only under a new licensee.

The club manager, Joseph Miller, 53, of 20 E. Delaware pl., was arrested Aug. 6 by Capt. John T. Warren of the Chicago av. station and charged with being keeper of a disorderly house after Detective Francis O'Connor, posing as a "Mr. Johnson," was told he could get a girl in the club for \$25. The girl, Jean Burton, 27, of 1036 N. Dearborn st., and her roommate, Mary Record, 32, a dice girl at the club who arranged the meeting, were arrested as inmates. Their cases have been continued.

Warren reported that his men found a book in the club listing the names of 51 girls. He characterized the place as a "front for prostitution and vice." Warren said he believed the club was owned by Joseph Miller, but that because of a police record dating back to 1917 his brother Norman was listed as owner.