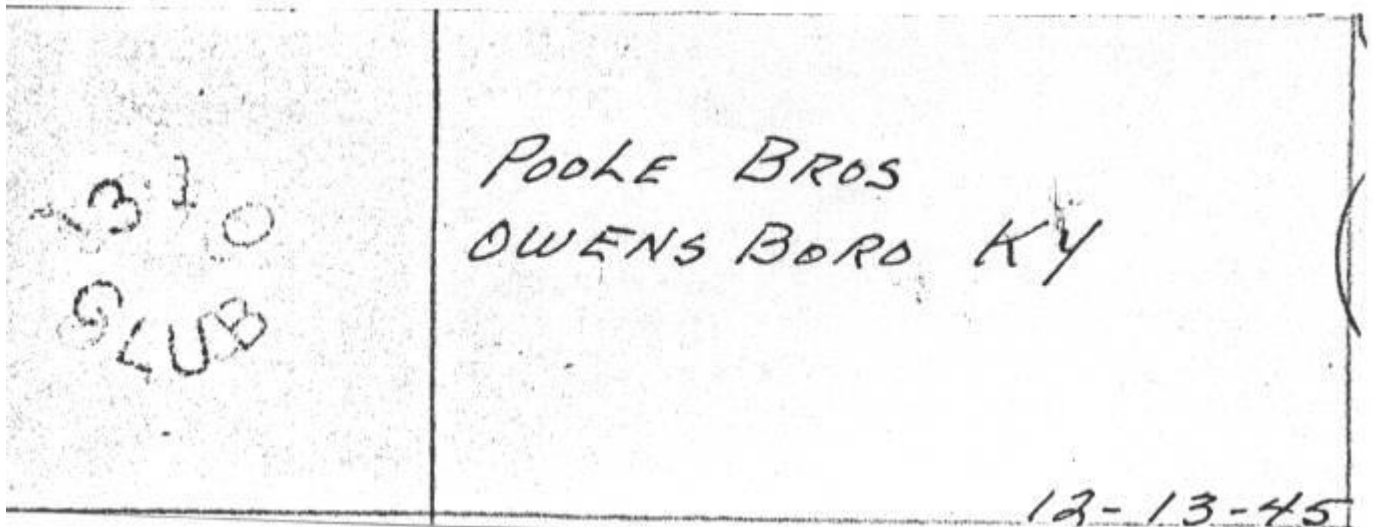


This was another toughy to ID. I have 2 colors. I got them in June 2002. There was no Mason record card (or at best misfiled) on the 310 Club chip. Howdy had given up searching for it, when he thought to look in the Mason "Die Tag files." This file, the way I understand it, is separate from the records and for "Special Dies." Not all dies are in it.



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310 Club

Poole Brothers-Owensboro, KY

1945

I have never done a search for info on the Poole Brothers. But it is on my "things" to do list along with over 3,000 other illegal chips

The old distributors records are the most valuable pieces of history in our hobby. Not only to illegal chip collectors as they have info on NV chips also.

This site with over 15,000 records on it belongs to you. If you have not seen it, take a look.

<http://www.preservinggaminghistory.com/>

Thanks to several friends of our hobby, recent research has given us lead on two more sets of records. Keep your fingers crossed.

For some reason I had a hunch that I should look further into this chip. I am glad I had that hunch. <g>

Added 11/27/10

There is no proof a 310 Club ever existed in Owensboro, Ky. The 310 on the chip looks like it stands for the street address. The "Club" had a name.

Read on:

310 Club

Old Country Bar

310 West Second Street

Poole Brothers

Owensboro, KY

1945

James Lee Poole, died 1966 of a cerebral hemorrhage at Wilson, NC—at the time of his death the 59 year old Poole was a resident of Hollywood, FL. James' younger brother Guston "Gus" Poole, died 1980 at Owensboro, KY age 70. The Poole brothers were natives of Daviess County, KY.

When the chips were ordered the Poole brothers were the proprietors of the "Old Country Bar" which was located at 310 West Second Street. I didn't find any reference to a "310 Club" but I assume the chip stood for the address of the bar. The Poole's were operating a bar at 310 W.2nd as early as 1936. The two story structure which housed the address no longer exists (it's a parking lot).

Guston Poole's only surviving child Delois (age 79) is currently residing in Henderson, KY where she and her husband Newt have been in the liquor business for years.

My note: I wonder how many other illegals we have, that are similar to this one. <g>

History is important to me. I feel very good that I now know "The Rest Of The Story."