

I spent my 14th summer in Garden City, Kansas. My step brother had a farm, an insurance business, wife, and 5 kids there. Garden City had a small city air about it. Many silos and farms. Add a few hillbillies and I might have thought it was KY, if it was not for seeing flat ground and wheat, no blue grass, as far as the eye could see. <g>

Drivers age was 14 and my brother got me my license. What a letdown when I returned home and it was no good. Of course there was no chance my parents would have let me use it anyhow.

Late one afternoon we stood on the back porch watching a tornado run across the farm. It was a mile or so away. It hit one of the barns and swept it up into the funnel. Visions of Toto, and Dorothy flashed through my mind. <g>

Enough of that:

Kansas:

I have a number of chips from Kansas. Here are 3 of them.

This is the first written account of the Military being involved in closing the illegal casinos, I've seen. I've heard they were involved in Phoenix City Alabama closures but never read it anywhere. Can you imagine today, an Apache helicopter hovering outside a casino and the loud speaker blaring out, "OK you crap shooters-everyone down." <g>

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Hogan's Club

223 Delaware

Leavenworth, Kansas

Chips –Delivered from Mason Co over 7 years 1931-38.



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Andy Curry, (T.F.Hogan)
 Leavenworth, Kans.

4-6-31: 400 Orange
 11-16-31: 300 Orange

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"SGD" Reg. Old Mono

8-31-36: 200 Orange Hubs - 3-28-36
 500 Lt. Blue - .50¢ other side
 700 Pink - \$1.00 other side
 200 Choc. - \$5.00 other side

9-21-36: 200 Green - .25¢ other side
 400 Lt. Blue - .50¢ other side

400 Pink - \$1.00 rev. 3/23/36
 100 Choc. - \$5.00 rev. Over

4-20-36: 200 Green Hub Checks
 5-22-36: 500 Orange " "
 7-28-36: 1500 B-9: Blue - M&Co. Inv.#1567- K.C.
 8-10-36: 500 B-9: Blue, M&Co. Inv. #1676

I got this chip from Jim Kruse in 2002. I knew it had to be an illegal and got on the phone to many Curry's and Hogan's in Leavenworth. No luck on the first 15 or so calls. I finally talked to a fellow who said he was the grandson of one of the gents the chips were delivered to. He said he did not know a lot and was very guarded in his answers. He did not know about grand pa and any gambling. As we were getting ready to hang up, he mentioned that he was a high school football coach. I called a few more and gave up. The chip was forgotten for 8 years.

Fast forward to 2010 and the golden age of internet searches. I can understand why a high school football coach was guarded in conversations about his grand pa.

Andrew Broaddus Curry died Leavenworth 1949, age 66.

During the years the chips were ordered Curry was the manager of Hogan's (sometimes with Place/Tavern/Club added to the name).

Located at 223 Delaware, the building which housed the address no longer exists. Curry was a police officer turned bootlegger and gambler. He was arrested for gambling in Leavenworth as early as 1920 and as late as 1947.

Hogan's was named for Thomas Francis Hogan who owned the place at 223 Delaware as early as 1925 and as late as 1937--when he seems to have either died or left Leavenworth (Curry remained manager of the place until his death in 1949).

(I am spelling Curry the way it is on the record card. As you can see the newspapers have it spelled two ways. Not unusual for newspapers. Not sure which one is correct.)

Kansas City Star--20april1920:

LEAVENWORTH CLEANS UP.

Army Officer's Exposure of Vice Brings Quick Action.

LEAVENWORTH, KAN., April 19.—Frank Connors, patrolman, was suspended tonight at roll call at the Leavenworth police department, a provost guard of soldiers from the Fort Leavenworth command was established in this city and raids were conducted right and left on gambling dens, all the result of charges preferred by Maj Charles B. Stone, recreation and education officer, who announced that "the Fort Leavenworth military authorities have decided to take drastic steps in order that soldiers may come to Leavenworth without being enticed into gambling places."

Connors's suspension came immediately after he was identified by Capt. E. M. Landrum, who had been detailed to intelligence duty. The army officer declared Connors, in full uniform and on duty, was present while a game was in full swing at one Leavenworth dive. The suspended patrolman only recently was reinstated as a member of the department by the mayor and city commissioners.

The provost guard, under command of Capt. Landrum, was established tonight for its first tour of duty. The guard has been instructed to patrol the city under directions of the Leavenworth police chief.

Thomas Hogan was the first man placed under arrest following investigations of Major Stone's charges. The warrant for his arrest was sworn out by Captain Landrum, the officer to whom Hogan admitted, it is alleged, that Sergeant Michael Lucas lost \$300 in his place on the night previous to the supply sergeant's suicide. An investigating board found that Sergeant Lucas committed suicide April 6, because of a shortage in company funds. Proprietors of two other alleged gambling resorts in this city were also placed under arrest tonight.

Among others taken into custody as the result of raids upon alleged gambling resorts is Andrew Curry, who until very recently was a member of the Leavenworth police department. When Major Stone appeared tonight at police headquarters, both Mayor Davis and the police chief, Lewis Young, expressed a willingness to co-operate with the military authorities.

Joplin Globe--5oct1947:

Curry's name under "Released ON Bond." Not highlighted in yellow this time.

DICE GAME RAIDED BY KANSAS AGENTS

**Fourteen Persons Arrested in Back
Room of a Tavern at
Leavenworth.**

Leavenworth, Kan., Oct. 2.—(AP)—Police Chief A. C. Mistler said 14 persons were arrested in a raid on a dice game in a back room on the Hogan tavern here at 4 p. m. today.

Three agents from the office of Attorney General Edward F. Arn made the raid, Mistler said, and summoned him to take charge of the prisoners and gambling equipment. The agents, Mistler added, told him they had been in the back room for some time before breaking up the game. Neither city or county officers had known the state agents were in town, the chief said.

Released on Bond.

Four persons were charged with violation of the city gambling ordinance and were released under bonds pending hearings in city police court tomorrow afternoon.

They were Andrew Currie, proprietor, \$1,000 bond; Lewis Hooper, Glenn Miller and John McNamara, \$500 bond each.

Ten persons, charged with fre-

quenting a gambling place, each posted \$10 cash bonds.

A gambling table, dice and other equipment were seized, Mistler said, in addition to a \$70 check and \$40 in cash found in the game.

In Topeka, Arn said the state would recommend that Currie, Hooper, Miller and McNamara be charged on three state counts of gambling and that Currie be charged with maintaining a nuisance and that his beer license be revoked.

Bessie Hotel

Pittsburg, KS

Joe Anderson

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Joe Anderson,
c/o Bessie Hotel,
Pittsburg, Kansas. New Mono "JA" JA
11/11/36: B-9 1000G, 200B, 300R - M&Co. Inv. 2130

Another one of those special chips. Greg Susong gave me this one and 3 others to me in 1998.

He had acquired the whole rack. He sent a lot of info on it but I am unable to find it. Any of you guys got the info? I know Greg sent them to others.

Wichita Club

Wichita, Ks



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