

Nevada: Has been my home for 30 years and 8 months. It has been good to me.

I don't have any of, what I would call illegals from Nevada. I bet there were some over the years.

What gets me riled up about Nevada chips is collectors putting names to initial chips and managing to sell them as casino chips, some that never had a gaming license. That's illegal enough to qualify for an "Illegal Post Of The Day."

I am sure some of you have seen my posts calling out ID's on the BB, that I feel can not be. I have not been shy about doing it and sometimes it generates hate mail. <g>

Some are molds that are years before or after the molds were made. Some are made up casinos to match the wording on the chips.

Do your homework before buying chips.

Harvey Fullers book is a must for Nevada collectors. TCR is a must for Nevada collectors.

Robert Eisenstadt's site is a must for Nevada Collectors.

http://www.antiquegamblingchips.com/molddesignindex_site.htm

Enough of that:

Mike Spinetti gave me this chip in 1998. Asked me to try and attribute it.



I sent it to Dennis at TR King. He came back with:

William Kriter, Reno 1954.

I sent it to Larry Hollibaugh in Reno, and ask him to look into it. He found no trace of William Kriter in Reno or surrounding area.

Larry did a phone search on Kriter. He came back to me with a little under 100 people in the USA with that last name along with their phone numbers. It was not a common spelling of the name.

That was before I ever heard of a cell phone. I started calling.

After a few calls I had found some info. Almost everyone I called were related, and spread out across the USA. The family had migrated from British Columbia back around 1920. All were cordial and wanted to be helpful. Harry would say, call my cousin Mary in Arizona. Some had unlisted numbers. I wound up calling way over 100 people. I talked to every Kriter in the USA but one, in Kansas. Her phone was dead and not even a listing for her in any Kansas directories as still in Kansas.

NOT ONE OF THEM KNEW OR KNEW OF WILLIAM!!!

In 2001 I met Larry in Reno to research the Reno Card Room chips. I went thru all criss cross directories for 1952-55 for William Kriter. NADA.

OK, enough is enough.

NOT!!

Later in 2001 I saw the chip on Ebay saying it was Kriter's Bar, Reno. Low and Behold it had a TCR number. Geez, that spawned a quick email to Allan Myers.

Also a 2nd email to Dennis at TR King.

-----Original Message-----

From: Gene Trimble [mailto:

Sent: Monday, September 10, 2001 7:56 AM

To: trkingco@earthlink.net

Subject: WMK

Hi Dennis,

I sent this chip to you a couple years ago.

It came back, William Kriter, Reno 1954. It is a \$1 chip. I was under the impression, that was all you had on the chip. Don't remember the exact exchange. Maybe I did not ask for further information.

Some are attributing it to Kriter's Bar in Reno.

Do you have this information?

Later

Gene

From: TRKING [trkingco@earthlink.net]

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2001 6:34 PM

To: poker@lvcm.com

Subject: RE: WMK

Dear Gene, That is all except a street address of 315 North Second Street, Reno. Sincerely, Dennis

There was no listing in Reno phone books nor criss cross directories for a William at 315 North Second Street, in Reno.

Allan and I had several back and fourths on where the ID came from. Short version, it was removed from TCR.

Bottom line, who the heck was William Kriter? Alias? Used as a mail drop?

Home game set for The Phantom?

As I said before I am calling an ID summit. New invitees at the top of the list are:

The Nevada boys

The KY boys

The Texas boys

The CA boys.

Not an illegal. It is a home game chip.

Louie Weiner

Las Vegas, NV

Louie was a gaming lawyer for some of the biggest Casinos on the strip in the 1950's and up

I have the white \$1.00 also.

Gift from Carey Burke in 2003. Most of you will know who Carey is. One of the Club's best collector's of Nevada history.



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Be careful if you see this on ebay as "Larry's Wigwam" in Elko!!!