

I think I got this one from Weston. Sometimes it is tough to remember. <g> My advise, “Don’t get old!”

Once again all available information does not turn up a Club name. This one may be a home game but IMO it was used in a gambling operation. IMO Pete Buck was a small time operator and flew under the radar. Chips were delivered to a downtown Westville, IL hotel.

That said. I have several new Illinois legals undergoing research. Watch for them.

There has only been one “Illegal Of The Day” post for Florida on 8/11/10. That is mainly due to Mark Lighterman’s great Florida book. He has already done the research on Florida illegals and a great job he has done. If you don’t have the book, you should consider getting it.

That said: A new Florida illegal with a Club name is on the way. <g> It has taken months to come up with the Club name.

Enough of that:

Illinois:



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Pete Buck

101 N State St

Westville, IL

4/5/37 – 100 each yellow, pink, white

4/17/37 – 200 each pink, white

Vermilion County, Illinois, the location of the 1937 Westville and 1941 Danville chip deliveries, attracted many European immigrants to work in its coal mines during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Both of the recipients of the chips were immigrants who worked in the mines.

My note: The Danville 1941 order mentioned is for a different hub to be featured in a coming “Illegal Of The Day” post.

Peter Buck came over in 1903 from Lithuania. He died at Westville 63 years later. All references I came across for Buck show him involved in the coal mining business. The chip delivery address, 101 N State ST. was Buck's residential address. The address, on the corner of Main & State in the heart of downtown, was also the address of a hotel. My guess is that Buck was running something in the downtown area.