

Westen Charles found the T in Star and WBW chips and sent them to the "Illegal Of The Day" team. We were very disappointed the T in Star was not in the TR King records. Fortunately there was a handwritten tag on one of the chip boxes that gave Westen a starting point. Below is Westen's research on the chips. Our 'Friend Of The Hobby' was not aware Westen was researching the chips and did his own. Both combined below. We have research and proof of the research. *vbg*



T in Star1

No TR King record card on the T in Star chips.

WBW & T in a STAR

After Research:
Wong's Pool Hall
Ann N Wong and Woon Bong Wong, 699 Tulare ST
Parlier, CA
1956

Enter: Westen Charles.

Bought these together in June of 2015. Sold from Tehachapi, CA
On the top of one of the boxes there is an old hand written name and address.

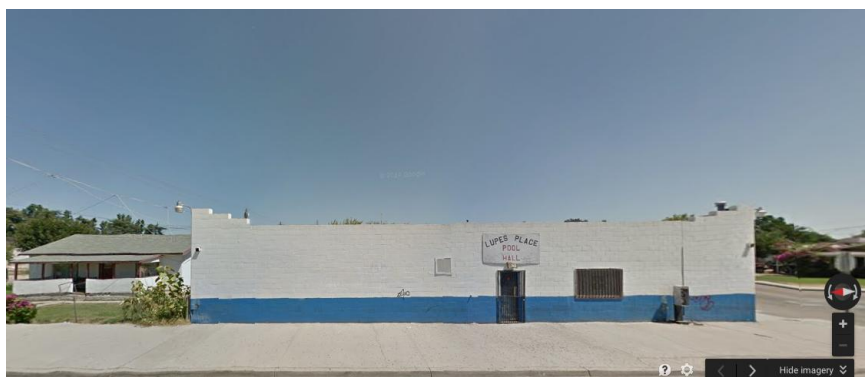
Looks to me like....

Ann M. ??? Last name "Unreadable"
540 K Street
Parlier, CA



T in Star2

Address comes back to this building, which is now a Pool Hall called Lupes Place.



T in Star3



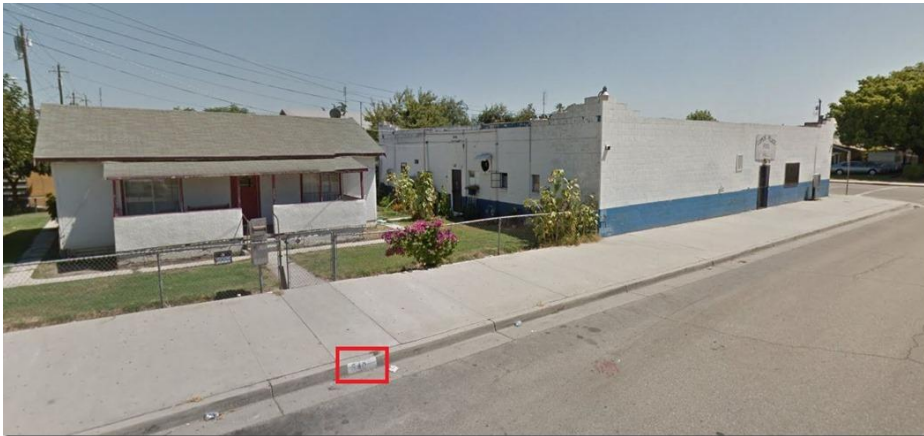
T in Star4

This could all be a wild goose chase but interesting, it comes back to a Pool Hall.

By the way... The Star T chips had .50 painted on them "by hand". They were then played to the point where only the areas where the paint went into the hot stamp area show.

Enter: "Our Friend Of The Hobby."

540 K St. in Parlier includes this house:



T in Star5

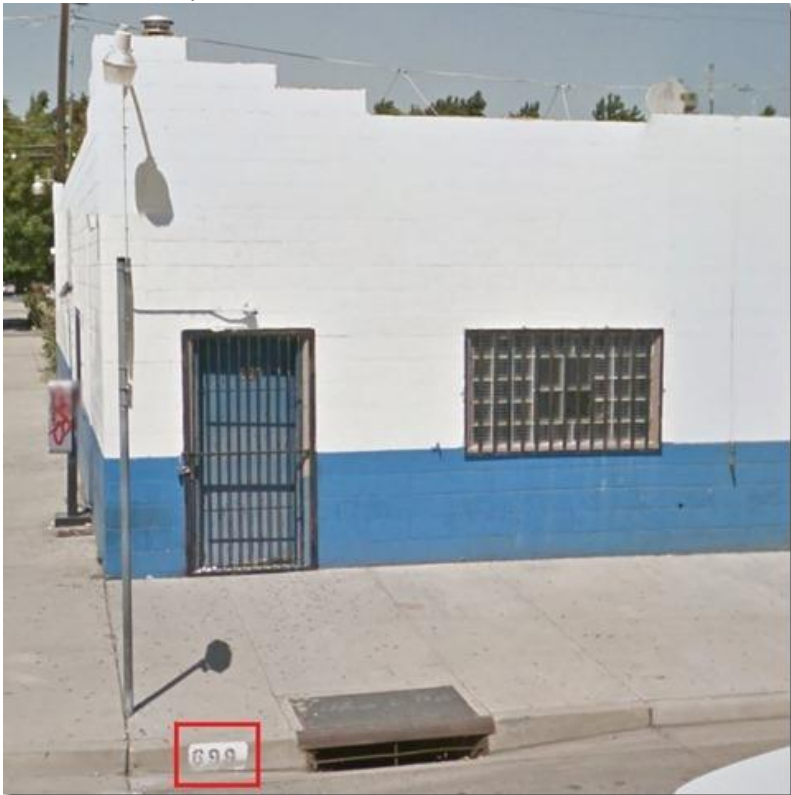


T in Star6

Ann N. Wong lived there (so did her parents). She and her father Woon Bong Wong operated a pool hall at 699 Tulare in Parlier. WBW = Woon Bong Wong ???

My Note: (NO! We did not make the name Woon Bong Wong up!) *vbg*

699 Tulare is around the corner from the house (it occupied the same space as Lupes Place Pool Hall):



T in Star7

1956:

Wong Ann N (Wongs Pool Hall) r540 S K P O Box
443
" W B (Nāmie; Wong's Pool Hall) r540 S K P O Box
443
Wong's Pool Hall (W B and Ann N Wong) 699 Tulare
P O Box 443

T in Star8

Ann and her father operated a place called "Wong's Kitchen" in Pittsburgh, PA in the 1930-40's.

Ann died in 1978. Her father in 1965.

My note: IMO: It is quite possible the WBW and/or T in Star chips migrated from Wong's Kitchen in Pittsburg to Wong's Pool Hall with the move to CA. Was there illegal gambling at the Kitchen or the Pool Hall? My bet is, YES! But, no proof, so the chips will go on John Kallman's CA site as CA card room chips.

Also, these chips would have been used in the same building:

LGC [LITTLE GARDENA CLUB]
695 TULARE STREET
PARLIER, CA
1968 - 1969



T in Star9

My note: The LGC chips were ordered by Joseph Wilkins. Looks like Ann Wong sold out 3 years after her father passed away.