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Posting: Benny's Poster: William Brainard Date: 16 June 2006 7:29 AM	Posting 1
When did Benny's come to Willimantic? As a child it seems it was further down on Main Street. This has to be before 1960.	
Posting: Re: Benny's Poster: S V Date: 16 June 2006 8:32 AM	Posting 2
I always remember it located where it is now, but I could be wrong...	
Sharv	
Posting: Re: Benny's Poster: Janice Fournier Date: 16 June 2006 9:43 AM	Posting 3
Benny's was on Main Street (down town) once upon a time. I can't remember exactly where, but I'm pretty sure it was on North side of the street.	
mammabear	
Posting: Re: Benny's Poster: Thread City Team Date: 16 June 2006 10:56 AM	Posting 4
Wasn't it on Main St. near the Surplus Center? It was about 2 or 3 buildings to the east of the Savings Institute	
Posting: Re: Benny's Poster: Francis Sellars Date: 16 June 2006 11:16 AM	Posting 5
I believe benny's was where the surplus center was or the next building down from there.	
Posting: Re: Benny's Poster: Jack Farrell Date: 16 June 2006 12:08 AM	Posting 6
I'm inclined to agree with Whitey's second choice. Also, the store had to have opened prior to 1942 as two of my close friends in the WHS Class of '45, (Kilty & The Count) both worked there during high school. I'm guessing sometime in the late 30's. Incidentally, a gentleman who spent a working lifetime and retired from Benny's several years back and who still "works" part time at one or two of the stores here in Warwick, RI, recalls the store in Willimantic. Al Lupo is now in his upper 80's and still going strong. That store would fit in the broom closet of most of the Benny's stores of today. One thing that has not changed, the company, via its staff, still maintains a "home neighborhood" attitude with their clientele, something that is grossly missing with the "big boxes" of today. Another point of recollection, wasn't there a Western Auto Store almost across Main Street from Benny's, or maybe closer to Railroad Street, back then. Anyone remember?	
Posting: Re: Benny's Poster: John Tormey Date: 16 June 2006 1:39 PM	Posting 7
Back in the Fifties Benny's Auto Store was on Main Street, North side of the street, beyond Town Hall, close to Memorial Park, near the Chrysler dealership.	
John T.	
Posting: Re: Benny's Poster: Francis Sellars Date: 16 June 2006 2:06 PM	Posting 8
Star furniture used to be in that area also, till they moved up next to the old bowling alley bulding. I am not sure but the building star furniture moved into was the willimantic grain store. They had a loading platform on the right side of the building, so farmers could load up their grain on there trucks.	
Posting: Re: Benny's	Posting 9

Poster: William Brainard Date: 16 June 2006 3:42 PM	
Yes, that's it and it had a neon sign with arrows pointing to the store. It used to be open till 9:pm. Now it closes at 6:pm and earlier on weekends. I got my first radio wagon there and my Columbia bike with coaster brakes.	
Posting: Re: Benny's Poster: Ernie Gesner Date: 16 June 2006 4:11 PM	Posting 10
In the mid fortys Benny's was located on North East corner of Main and Windham St's.	
Posting: Re: Benny's Poster: John Tormey Date: 16 June 2006 6:01 PM	Posting 11
Yeah. That's it, Ernie. Remember the pool hall/Italian grinder shop nearby?	
Posting: Re: Benny's Poster: Francis Sellars Date: 16 June 2006 7:16 PM	Posting 12
If I remember right Western Auto was in the now Meehan building,next to the old YMCA building.	
Posting: Re: Benny's Poster: Ernie Gesner Date: 16 June 2006 8:37 PM	Posting 13
John, the name of the grinder store was the Santa Lucia Market It was below street level. My younger brother and sisters and I were students at Windham Street School and we used our lunch money to buy grinders instead of eating lunch at the school. When the war ended thier son in law Remy became the manager. He allso ran a restaurant next to the Hurley store on Main Street. They were the best grinders that I have ever eaten.	
Posting: Re: Benny's Poster: Francis Sellars Date: 16 June 2006 8:58 PM	Posting 14
Remy's son Jay also ran the grinder shop. He is now an automobile salesman at Wile Motors. Their last name is Handfield.	
Posting: Re: Benny's Poster: John Tormey Date: 17 June 2006 12:30 AM	Posting 15
We used to call them "Guinea Grinders" -- and I'm half Sicilian. Now I guess it's politically incorrect. Grinders, heroes, submarines, torpedos -- all the same. But, you're right, Santa Lucia's ruled! jt	
Posting: Re: Benny's Poster: John Boudreau Date: 18 June 2006 11:21 PM	Posting 16
Francis ,  I never realized that Remy was a Handfield . I was friends with some of the Sata Lucia boys in grammar school in the 60's , and I always thought their Dad ran the store . When did the Handfield's take over ? Jay Handfield was good friends with my cousin John Collins , whose stepfather owned and operated Miner Motors when it was on Jackson Street .	
Posting: Re: Benny's Poster: S V Date: 19 June 2006 7:28 AM	Posting 17
The grinders at Santa Lucias were the best!!! Trying to remember here, didn't they use shredded cabbage on them? I think we used to call that place Remy's when I used to go there.  Sharv	
Posting: Re: Benny's Poster: Mick Seretny Date: 19 June 2006 9:58 AM	Posting 18
I always thought Richy Ducheneau made the best grinders at your grandfathers old store, John. I drove by there yesterday..it, and Ken's Tastee Freeze..all gone..leveled..It saddened me, I have to say. But a toasted salami grinder from Tonys down the street is still killer.	
Posting: Re: Benny's Poster: William Brainard	Posting 19

Date:	22 June 2006 3:52 PM	
Benny's is one of the few places left that carry genuine flypaper. At least they did before this influx of flies. Marlow's in Manchester had it too but they went out of business in 2002.		
Posting:	Re: Benny's	Posting 20
Poster:	John Boudreau	
Date:	22 June 2006 8:36 PM	
Mickey ,		
Yep - whenever I was in town I made it a point to head on down to Boudreau's for a grinder and State Line chips !		
Posting:	Re: Benny's	Posting 21
Poster:	Francis Sellars	
Date:	22 June 2006 9:11 PM	
John in Japan, Remy Hanfield's wife was a daughter of the Santa Lucia's. I Believe Remy took over the store when mom & pop retired. The handfield's have a son Jay that ran the store for awhile,he is now a salesman at Wile motors selling GM cars.		
Posting:	Re: Benny's	Posting 22
Poster:	Stephen Allcroft	
Date:	23 June 2006 9:12 AM	
Geezee whatever happened to STATELINE CHIPS??		
Posting:	Re: Benny's	Posting 23
Poster:	Jack Farrell	
Date:	23 June 2006 1:33 PM	
Re: State Line Chips Check these out. A Google search uncovers a wealth of info. I called on them selling adding machines and calculators some forty-eight years ago!  <a href="http://www.taquitos.net/snacks.php?snack_code=1307">http://www.taquitos.net/snacks.php?snack_code=1307</a>  <a href="http://www.rocketroberts.com/wilbraham/images/stateline_demo.jpg">http://www.rocketroberts.com/wilbraham/images/stateline_demo.jpg</a>  <a href="http://www.roadfood.com/Forums/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=187&amp;whichpage=7">http://www.roadfood.com/Forums/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=187&amp;whichpage=7</a>		
Posting:	Re: Benny's	Posting 24
Poster:	Stephen Allcroft	
Date:	24 June 2006 6:19 AM	
Thanks,,,  Apparently they can be special ordered  01/06/2006 : 16:23:33 -----  This is for Essvee, I live in New England and was distraught over the loss of Stateline. However, believe it or not, they are back, manufactured out of Lynn Mass. I special order them from Highland Park Market in Suffield, CT. The manager's name is Joe and their telephone number is 860-668-3770. He can get them for you and ship them if you like. posedly they can be special ordered..		
Posting:	Re: Benny's	Posting 25
Poster:	W Walker	
Date:	24 June 2006 6:36 AM	
I don't know where in NE you live but there are several Highland Park Markets in CT - even right down the road in Coventry and the original one in Manchester is not far away either.  Also, the ones in Farmington, Glastonbury, manchester, South Windsor, and Suffield allow you to shop online!		
Posting:	Re: Benny's	Posting 26
Poster:	Stephen Allcroft	
Date:	24 June 2006 6:38 AM	
I live in Willi..		

Posting: Re: Benny's  
Poster: Stephen Allcroft  
Date: 24 June 2006 6:41 AM

Posting 27

Yep Stateline is on Highland Park Site.. 2.69 per 14oz bag