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Posting: Jackson Street Bars Poster: John Boudreau Date: 30 May 2007 7:10 PM	Posting 1
<p>I lived at 195/197 Jackson Street from around 1955 (born 1952) until 1965 , and my father lived in the bars down on Jackson , in particular the one at the K of C ! Hehe...</p> <p>I'm trying to remember the names of all the bars that were down there . Duke's Tavern was one , correct ? What were the others ? Thanks !</p>	
Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Poster: Pippin Date: 30 May 2007 7:25 PM	Posting 2
<p>John - here are a few</p> <p>Frenchy's Tavern (27 Jackson) Wonder Restaurant at (31 Jackson) American Legion - They MUST have had a bar (44 Jackson)</p> <p>Just for old times' sake I'll throw in a few more in the area: Horseshoe Restaurant (25 Center St.) Franco American Club (34 Center)</p> <p>Last, but not least, Lindy's on Union St.</p> <p>Cheers! Pippin</p>	
Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Poster: John Boudreau Date: 30 May 2007 11:12 PM	Posting 3
<p>May I assume you like to quaff once in a while ? I mean , you even know the addresses ! LOL !</p> <p>What was the name of the place on Railroad Street ? I used to walk by it often either on my way to the music shop or Mike's but can't recall the name .</p>	
Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Poster: Mick Seretny Date: 31 May 2007 3:37 AM	Posting 4
<p>Frontenac</p>	
Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Poster: Fred Masterton Date: 31 May 2007 6:18 AM	Posting 5
<p>Was there a Liberty's Cafe on Jackson or Union Street, or is my memory faulty?</p>	
Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Poster: Pippin Date: 31 May 2007 8:05 AM	Posting 6
<p>No...I'm not much of a beer drinker. But I happen to have an old copy (1959) of the Willimantic City Directory.</p> <p>Liberty's Restaurant was on Main St. at Threadmill Square.</p> <p>John - you mentioned living on Jackson St. There is a John and Marjorie listed at 197 Jackson.....your folks maybe? It says he was a "chef in Storrs".</p>	
Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Poster: Dick Donovan Date: 31 May 2007 11:00 AM	Posting 7
<p>I think the Wonder Bar also had a sign in the window "Booths for Ladies"</p>	

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Posting 8
 Poster: Ada Kerachsky Albright
 Date: 31 May 2007 3:55 PM

When I think of the Jackson St. bars, I think of this true, and in retrospect somewhat amusing, story. When I was five or six, my grandmother still had her store on Union St. I would walk to her store from Natchaug for lunch, then walk back to school. One day, I has some sort of a disagreement with my grandmother before returning to school. Sniffing softly to myself, I walked the block or so down Union St., crossed Jackson St. and continued walking up Jackson St. toward Natchaug. In that first block, a rather drunk, tattooed man was leaning up against one of the bars. As I walked by, he (possibly symthathetically) said to me, "What are you crying about, little girl?" I was so surprised and scared, I ran as quickly as I could the rest of the way to Natchaug. I'm sure that I set some sort of personal record for speed.

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Posting 9
 Poster: vince cerreto
 Date: 31 May 2007 4:57 PM

We can't forget the Brass Rail on Union st. A block up from Jackson St.
 The Polish Club on lower Union St.
 Lenords Tavarn lower Main St.

That was about it for that side of Town,how about the otherside of Town.

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Posting 10
 Poster: Harold Michaud
 Date: 31 May 2007 5:03 PM

How about Duke's on Jackson St?

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Posting 11
 Poster: Harold Michaud
 Date: 31 May 2007 5:09 PM

There was Marcel's bar on Ives St. Later on it was the College Shop Restaurant.

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Posting 12
 Poster: John Tormey
 Date: 31 May 2007 5:36 PM

Other side of town in the 50's: The bar at the Shell Chateau, The bar at the Rock Garden across from Memorial Park, Tambornini's - corner of Winter Street and West Main. Al's & Irene's near the airport.

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Posting 13
 Poster: vince cerreto
 Date: 31 May 2007 7:27 PM

Good "thinking" Harold,

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Posting 14
 Poster: vince cerreto
 Date: 31 May 2007 7:38 PM

O.K. John here are a few more Cozy Korner on corner of Main and Winter ST. Johns Tavern on West Main and Italian Garden in the center of town.
 Nathen Hale Hotel. Welechs Bar all on main st. Campus on High St. There are more I just got brain dead. All together there were 33 of them, Maybe Pepin can help...hes an ole timer too.

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Posting 15
 Poster: John Boudreau
 Date: 2 June 2007 12:38 AM

Pippin ,

" John - you mentioned living on Jackson St. There is a John and Marjorie listed at 197 Jackson.....your folks maybe? It says he was a "chef in Storrs". "

John and Marjorie are my parents ! Thanks for the post . 197 was (is) the upstairs apartment . We eventually took the downstairs apt. at 195 . I would have sworn we were downstairs by 1959 , but maybe not . My aunt Dorothy (she was married to city engineer John Collins but he passed away very young) and Uncle Roger Miner owned the house at this time but sold it around 1964 to some German immigrants named Henning . Coincidentally , they lived over the top of my Grandfather's store Boudreau's Market before buying the Jackson St. house .

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Posting 16
 Poster: John Boudreau
 Date: 2 June 2007 12:42 AM

Pippin ,

" Chef in Storrs " ? That I didn't know . Have to ask about that next time I call home .

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Posting 17
 Poster: John Boudreau
 Date: 4 June 2007 8:02 PM

Didn't Liberty's move down to the eastern end of Main Street or was that a different bar ? I'm talking diagonally across from Fred's Fruitland on the northwest side .

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Posting 18
 Poster: vince cerreto
 Date: 5 June 2007 6:04 PM

John, Libertys was on Main St.. If you are coming to town going over the Jillson Bridge you will be looking straight at it. the last time I saw it Haddad bought the building for a bar....

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Posting 19
 Poster: John Boudreau
 Date: 5 June 2007 8:18 PM

Vince ,

Yes , I know where you mean and I remember it being there , but there was a bar farther down on Main Street on the northwest side just before you would turn the corner to go up Ash Street . My friends and I used to drink there once in a while when I'd visit from Long Island back in the late 70's / early 80's .

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Posting 20
 Poster: Fred Masterton
 Date: 6 June 2007 6:49 AM

I remember Liberty's being on Main Street at Threadmill Square, as Pippin mentioned. This would have been in the early to mid 1970's. Us long-haired kids apparently had the "Easy Rider" syndrome - we were always a little afraid to go in there because of all the "old rednecks" who frequented the place. Seems ludicrous in retrospect, since most of the people who drank there were retirees or close to that, and generally harmless.

I assume the "Jillson Bridge" is the one on Bridge street (about where Miner Motors used to be in their second incarnation)?

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Posting 21
 Poster: DAN RIQUIER
 Date: 6 June 2007 7:03 AM

john, the bar down by rec park was leonards.then it was bought and the name change was jack's pub. now its tony's pub.

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Posting 22
 Poster: Harold Michaud
 Date: 6 June 2007 7:22 AM

The one you are thinking of was Leonards

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Posting 23
 Poster: Francis Sellars
 Date: 6 June 2007 9:22 AM

There was a bar where Tony's pizza is now, called buster's. I believe they only served beer there. This was a hot spot on friday & saturday nights.

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Posting 24
 Poster: Ernie Gesner
 Date: 6 June 2007 10:03 AM

I will never forget the night that I saw a woman banging on the window of a bar on Main St. It was late on a payday night and she had her little kids with her. She was trying to get her husband to come home before he would spend all his money. Females were not allowed in bars then and he looked out the front window and gave her the finger. This was in the late

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Posting 25
 Poster: Ernie Gesner
 Date: 6 June 2007 10:04 AM

40's

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars Posting 26
 Poster: Ada Kerachsky Albright
 Date: 6 June 2007 10:23 AM

Jillson Bridge was the one on Rt 32, just south of Thread Mill Square, between American Thread buildings, at the foot of Jillson Hill.

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars
 Poster: John Boudreau
 Date: 6 June 2007 7:25 PM

Posting 27

Fred ,

My friends and I (new wavers if you will) went into Liberty's one early evening back around 1980 , and there were a couple of biker chicks in there . One spotted my NECKTIE and told me to take it off because I was " spoiling the image of the bar " . I said I had no intention of taking it off so she came off and grabbed it , trying the choke me with it . I could have pulled a Clint Eastwood and decked her , but thought better of it and let her friends and mine break it up .

Later on in the evening I ran into this same chick at the Back Door in Chaplin . She was feeling MUCH better by then and we even danced together . Hehe...

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars
 Poster: John Boudreau
 Date: 6 June 2007 7:27 PM

Posting 28

Ernie ,

I do remember hearing a story from my parents that my Grandmother Boudreau once walked into the French Club and made my Grandpop get his butt home forthwith . He was a sweetie pie and obeyed . She was a tough cookie from Quebec with arms like a pro wrestler !

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars
 Poster: Fred Masterton
 Date: 6 June 2007 8:50 PM

Posting 29

Yep, the Back Door (I think it was actually the "Bach Door"?) had a sign out in front that said "No Club Colors", when I used to go there in the 70's. Trying to avoid fights between rival motorcycle clubs, I suppose. The Jillson bridge location for Liberty's makes sense now - thanks Ada.

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars
 Poster: vince cerreto
 Date: 6 June 2007 9:05 PM

Posting 30

I moved out of Willimantic five years ago this Dec. for the reasons why many people moved out. I was born in Willi. in 1934 and lived there all my life. I watched the city in its good times and the bad times always hoping it would change. In my opinion and I know there are alot on people out there that can back me up on this.

When the mills were running the managers of the mills provided the leadership for the City.....as one by one closed we lost these good people. The last ones were the A.T.C. Mrs Greer Electric Motive ECT.

I can Blame the Chamber Of Commerce who did nothing, I can blame the MANAGERS AND THE INCOMPETENT LEADERS THAT WERE ELECTED.

But never the people who were living there. What Willi needs for the taxpayers to elect a good manager or it will never change. Next time when your voting ..vote for a good manager.

There has been alot of small towns who recovered from dispair because they had good leadership. I waited several years for this to happen and it never happen. "We had the best years in willie."

In fact there are more people from my generation living here in Fl. then Willi.

Im glad Dick P. brought this up.....by the way Dick P. Bart was my uncle on my Mothers side Irene Burns.

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars
 Poster: J. Richard Phaneuf
 Date: 6 June 2007 9:31 PM

Posting 31

Hi Vince,

I remember your name but can't put a face on it anymore. If I'm not mistaken, I think I see our email address on some of the emails I get from Pat Harrington. Old Bart was a piecee of work and I miss him a lot paticularly on days like today. . . "D" Day. He never talked about it much but he was in combat almost continually for four years straight during WWII. Makes my little two years in Vietnam and the short tours of the guys in Iraq seem like chickfeed. God Bless them all for going though. The people they are fighting for there and here don't deserve such sacrifice.

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars
 Poster: Ada Kerachsky Albright
 Date: 7 June 2007 2:23 PM

Posting 32

"I can Blame the Chamber Of Commerce who did nothing, I can blame the MANAGERS AND THE INCOMPETENT LEADERS THAT WERE ELECTED."

This is likely true, but what I never understood (I was already away from the area, but my parents were still there) is why, when these industries relocate, they are not made responsible, at least in part, for retraining the employees left behind. As I recall, ATC imported (less expensive) workers to replace older, retired workers whose children (my generation) went on for more education and had no interest in working in the mill. Of course, there would then have to be appropriate employment opportunities for those workers. That is where aggressive recruitment of businesses would have been necessary. Has anyone ever thought of a research park that could take advantage of Willimantic's proximity to UConn? Of course access to transportation would be another issue.

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars
Poster: Dick Donovan
Date: 8 June 2007 8:45 AM

Posting 33

Ada, I could never understand why the City government never took advantage of the student population at Eastern State and UConn. How many thousands of students and their parents would have shopped at stores for clothing, food, entertainment, recreation, etc. The City could have made some arrangement with UConn to share expenses for a bus between the university and the city. I would think the residents would be outraged at having to share a greater proportion of the tax base and would push, by their vote, to get a change in the leadership (or lack thereof).

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars
Poster: Ted Perch
Date: 8 June 2007 2:49 PM

Posting 34

Please stop looking to UConn or ECSU to rescue Willimantic. Ain't gonna happen. In the early 90's when Hannah Clements was First Selectman, she floated an idea to use the ATCO property (it wasn't Windham Mills then) just for that plan, a research, industrial park. UConn was given the old Mansfield Training School campus which it has turned into the Depot Campus and is their research park. ECSU is not a engineering research hard science school; it is a liberal arts, soft science university that has been aggressively consolidating within its present borders, not into Town. And, as we now know, even the best laid plans for the Mills as a small business, research incubator site have failed. There simply isn't the private sector interest in our area. UConn is building a trendy "town center" in Storrs in an attempt to keep the kids in town on weekends, and Eastern students are hard core commuters. Keep in mind Willimantic is isolated transportation wise. No rail service, RTs 32, 66 and 6 are narrow, hilly and dangerous in every direction. So we lose the connections to Norwich, Middletown, New London, Hartford and Providence and, with no connection to Rt 395 North, the entire Massachusetts and Boston grid. Never getting Rt 6 connected to Rt 384 West has been a devastating blow to even moderate economic development in this region. We have a nice local economy and everyone commutes out for real work on \$4.00 gasoline. I'm interested in building a new railroad connecting Providence to Willimantic and Hartford and New London Willimantic to Worcester. It'll only take a few hundred million dollars. Take the train to Fenway.

Posting: Re: Jackson Street Bars
Poster: John Boudreau
Date: 8 June 2007 11:10 PM

Posting 35

Ted ,

Spot on ! Thumbs up !!!! Thank you .