

I need to make it clear that this type of research is way above and beyond my kind of research. I tend to get on the telephone, start calling until I get a hit, ask questions and hope notes/memory don't fail me. <g>

My friend of the hobby appears to have access to internet data bases, I have no knowledge of. I've tried some of the data bases and after a few minutes, I am ready to pull out what little hair I have. <g>

I would never have this kind of information without him. I am happy to be the one that has bits of information that starts the process. I am happy to be the one that collects the information and attaches it to chips I have.

Thank you my friend.

No chips in this post, sorry just history. I am sure all the KY boys have chips from the Clubs mentioned below. <g>

I hope Porkchop Pam takes notice of this post. This one is really for her and for the fabulous pictures/information she posts for us. Pam you can thank Jim Linduff for this information. Without his request for info we would never have found your guy. <g>

Enough of that:

Kentucky/Ohio/Las Vegas:

If you read the "Illegal Of The Day Washington DC, you should recognize this chip.

JOHN CROFT
1511 RHODE ISLAND AVE N.E.
FRANKLIN APT #104K
WASHINGTON, DC

11/3/33
MONO DCE OLD STYLE BOTH SIDES IN GOLD

1000 BLUE
2000 GREEN



**NOTE: CHOCOLATE RESERVED FOR Wm DIETZ (3/7/33)
ANOTHER CARD UNDER WILLIAM DIETZ (RITZ HOTEL,
WASHINGTON, DC) SAYS SAME AND ALSO BLUE 'DCE'
RESERVED FOR JOHN CROFT.**

In that thread Jim Linduff asked:

Gene,

Was the John Croft in your DC research the same John Croft who was in Newport during the 1940's who had points in the Yorkshire? Maybe the Beverly too.

Jim

My reply:

We did not do any research on the DCE/John Croft/Ritz Hotel chip as the record card had a Club name on it.

Might be worth looking into.

Well it was worth looking into. Unfortunately we did not get an answer one way or the other. We did not find anything on a John Croft in 1933 Washington DC that would carry over to Newport in the 1940's. But anything is possible. Still could be him.

I couldn't find any evidence that the John Croft of DC was the same as the John Croft who was involved with Newport gambling. The Newport Croft was John Louis Croft: born 1896 Indiana, raised in Muncie, moved to Ohio in the 1920's where he became a major figure in the Cleveland syndicate's gambling operations by the late 30's. In the early 1940's he moved to Cincinnati where he reportedly was the Cleveland syndicate's front man for their gambling operations in Northern Kentucky.

Croft testified before Kefauver Commission on organized crime in 1951. He died at Ft. Lauderdale, FL in 1972.

As far as I can tell, Croft was in Ohio when the DC chips were ordered in 1933.

Here's a 1950 article from the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* which gives a newspaper's account of how the Cleveland guys moved into Kentucky (mentions Croft):

Yorkshire

Merchants club

Glenn Schmidt's

Beverly Hills

Latin Quarter

Lookout House

Kentucky Club - I did not know Cleveland had their hooks in the KY Club.

Gene,

The Kentucky Club had a back room gambling operation once run by Jimmy Brink and Ping Carr, one of the Carr Brothers. To the extent that Brink and Carr were tied to the Cleveland Syndicate, so was that back room at the Kentucky Club.

Jim

KENTUCKY CLUB



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John Croft is described as The Cleveland Syndicate's "Palace Guard" of Newport, Ky. He handled Cleveland's 6% to 15% in each joint.

Sorry you will have to strain a little to read it as it would not upload the size I received it in, but well worth it if you are a history buff. I can email a little better copy but you still need to strain, but not quite as much. <g> I've sent the scan to several people that might be able to make it more readable.

Jim Linduff has more on Croft including an obit.

TACT VITAL 'CLEVELAND GANG' TOOL

Kentucky Invasion Is Story
of Diplomacy, Money
and Humor

EDITOR'S NOTE—Aimed at showing a typical operation of one racket syndicate, the "Cleveland gang," an investigation has been made jointly by the Cleveland Plain Dealer and the Louisville Courier-Journal, two of 16 newspapers that have formed a national group to put more light on racketeering. This is the second story of a series.

BY TODD SIMON, Plain Dealer, in collaboration with DON GLAS NUNN, Courier-Journal.

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Some Kentuckians say that Cleveland gamblers used "scrooch owl" tactics to take control among Newport and Covington clubs, just over the Ohio River from Cincinnati.

A "scrooch owl" edges closer and closer with a friendly look on its face and then shoves its partner off the end of the limb.

In the Newport-Covington area the Cleveland gang's rise since the late '30s illustrates how an interstate ring flows over state lines, seeking loose money and finding towns and officials with rubbery morals.

Not a single raid was necessary in Cuyahoga County, in which Cleveland lies, to chase the Cleveland gang's gambling joints out, starting in June, 1941.

Big Boys Leave Cleveland
A supervisor sheriff, Joseph M. Sweeney, got rid of them simply by taking office. Nobody could make a dirty "deal" with Sweeney. So the big boys left.

They had already started their Kentucky chubbing, and they had the political situation well in hand in the rural regions bordering Greater Cleveland. So they simply left Cleveland to its inner purity.

There never was a shooting war when Cleveland's racket tycoons—Moe Dalitz, Morris Kleinman, Lou Rothkopf, Sam Tucker and John Croft—edged into Cincinnati's satellite cities.

They have fought their Kentucky-bred rivals, rather, in a lukewarm war of political scuffles.

Newport Is Shot Down
Newport proper got itself tangled in a gambling shutdown. The Cleveland gang's most powerful rivals are the ones hardest hit.

One theory is that the Cleveland gang, if it did not actually engineer the shutdown, at least is secretly fostering it to liquidate or weaken its home-grown competitors.

Two Cleveland syndicate clubs in Newport—the Yorkshire and Merchants Clubs—are paralyzed by the April shutdown. So are

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'CLEVELAND GANG' EDGES IN NEATLY

Diplomacy and Money Set
It Up in Kentucky

(Continued From First Page)
Pete Schmidt's big \$750,000 bowling and dice hall and all three of Arthur Danner's clubs.

Four Places Still Open
Still grinding out blue-chip profits for the Cleveland caterer are the Beverly Hills Country Club and the Latin Quarter, which are outside Newport city limits.

So are the Lookout House, outside Covington, and the Kentucky Club, inside Covington.

"Cabbies do good business, they say, hauling playboys over the toll bridges from Cincinnati to the clubs where dice still are hepping. They get 50 cents to \$2 from the clubs for each sucker delivered to the door. The doorman hands them their fee as the customers walk in.

In the syndicate's plans, most dice sharks are still playing with nothing lighter than \$5 chips.

How It Is Done

Here is how the Cleveland syndicate moved into the Kentucky suburbs of Cincinnati.

Pete Schmidt, a Newport junk dealer and later a produce man, built the Beverly Hills, a blocky brick house on a hilltop outside the city. It was an era when gamblers highjacked each other's change trucks, and some blood was spattered around.

Schmidt found it too hard to watch his early-morning club and his early-morning produce business at once. He sold out to the Cleveland gang the highest-toned casino in the Midwest.

Shellock Is Acquired

The new owners put in charge Sam Tucker, trusted lieutenant of their chased-out clubs in Cleveland. Because Sam Schrader held control of the race wire there, they took him in as a partner.

In the sister city, Covington, James N. Brink's family owned Lookout House, just outside town. Lookout House had been a historic inn and refreshment stop for the carriage trade. Morgan of Morgan's Raiders slept there. The gentry used to stop there on the way back from two fashionable cemeteries in the Kentucky hills.

Gasoline came, and Lookout House was no longer a way station. It got cheap enough for the Brinks to buy it.

Brink Discloses Connections

Now Brink says he has no connection with gaming. He is busy with his stud farm and real estate and his hobby of flying.

But gamblers and officials say the syndicate has watchers in the Lookout House and in the town Kentucky (or "B7") Club, keeping track of its percentage.

Cleveland has influence in Covington. Through a political boss there Morris (Mushy) Wesler of Cleveland, who is the Ohio distributor of the race news from Continental Press, is said to have dictated that a certain policeman should be promoted.

Bookie Is Double-Crossed

Wesler got that done to help a bookmaker friend of his. The bookie was double-crossed. Instead of getting a free rein now, he was battered on by the newly promoted cop and had to pay \$300 a month to stay open, gamblers say.

Wesler's Empire News Service has the race-wire monopoly all over Ohio and in northern Kentucky. Wesler was hustling newspapers for Arthur B. (Mickey) McBride, the founder of the Continental horse-wire system, when McBride was a newspaper circulation manager.

After they got hold of the Beverly Hills and Lookout House and the Kentucky Club, the Clevelanders "crooked" in a 65% share in the Yorkshire Club, downtown in Newport.

Local Men Get Out

John Croft, always one of their palace guard, became boss. Local men owned shares ranging from 6% to 15% in the club.

Next, using Sam Schrader as its entering edge, the gambling cartel backed crap games in the Merchants Club, also inside Newport. There the Clevelanders eased in as partners with Albert (Red) Masterson.

Then the Latin Quarter, a big white-front club outside Newport, was bought from Ernest A. (Buck) Brady.

That gave the Clevelanders six big money-makers, the first-division casinos in two counties.

Shooting in 1940

Only once was there shooting linked to the syndicate.

A Kentucky man, Clayton (Tip) Farley, brother of an independent club owner, Taylor Farley, held an a crap table in the Yorkshire, in the heart of Newport, in 1940.

Shortly, he was shot dead and Taylor Farley seriously hurt outside the Flamingo Club across the street. One of the killers was identified Aaron Meyervitz alias Danny Morris, alias Meyers, a Cincinnati thug. Meyervitz, not long after, was found dead in a car outside Pittsburgh. No other killers were ever traced.

Gambler "Unemployed"

Diplomacy, money and humor are the gang's usual weapons.

"Red" Masterson, after the recent Newport shutdown, was standing near City Manager Malcolm R. Rhoads at lunch in the syndicate's Merchants Club. A canvasser was asking Masterson's name, his address then: "Occupation?" With looking at Rhoads, Masterson answered: "Unemployed."

The gang offers charity gifts, special tax offerings and support for cleanups of the river-bottom vice sewers, where the careless sucker gets cleaned more roughly than at the clubs. Such joints give gambling a bad name and rock the boat.

Here's an article which mentions Croft, McGinty and Moe Dalitz:

Cleveland Plains Dealer--5jan1939:

Links Arrow Club to Other "Spots"

A suit filed in Common Pleas Court late yesterday against persons allegedly operating the Arrow Club, recently opened Geauga County gambling joint, named among the defendants five persons identified in other court records as operators of the Thomas Club or the Ohio Villa.

The petition was filed by Arthur Amram, attorney for Elizabeth Burns, 10413 Euclid Avenue, seeking \$25,000 for injuries allegedly suffered at the Arrow Club.

Defendants are Sam (Gameboy)

Miller, Hotel Hollenden; Harry Potter, Hotel Doanbrooke, 1924 E. 105th Street; Lester Wilson, 14439 Superior Avenue N. E.; Morris Kleinman, 11411 Whitman Avenue N. E.; John Croft, 18501 Lomond Boulevard, Shaker Heights; Thomas (Tommy) McGinty, Hotel Hollenden; Moe David, also known as M. B. Dalitz, 3609 Antisdale Avenue, Cleveland Heights, and Karl Gaylord, address unknown.

Miller, Potter and Wilson were named as operators of the Thomas Club in a previous suit filed in the court. Kleinman was sued as operator of the Ohio Villa last month in Federal Court, and Croft was named lessee of the Ohio Villa in still another suit recently filed in Common Pleas Court. McGinty and

Gaylord have been previously reported active in the Arrow Club. Miss Burns, in her suit said that Aug. 31 she was waiting with other women for cars furnished by the club to bring them back to Cleveland.

When one drew up, she alleged several women made grabs for the handles of the doors, and as they did the driver of the car started up with a jerk. Several women were thrown to the ground, she said, or hurled against the car. She was knocked down, she related.

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There are several new Ohio joints in the article. At least they were new to me. Any of you KY/Ohio boys heard of them?

Arrow Club

Thomas Club

Ohio Villa

Gene,

All three Ohio clubs mentioned were in the [Cleveland](#) area and operated in the early days of the Syndicate. The Arrow Club was in Bainbridge and became the Pettibone Club during WWII. The Ohio Villa was part of the Richmond Country Club outside of Cleveland and the Thomas Club was in Maple Heights...all run by the Syndicate.

Jim

Newspaper article on John Croft.

Old Court Order Gives Croft Reason for Silence

BY JOSEPH F. DORAN

John Croft, operator of the Yorkshire Club, Newport, had good reason to refuse to answer Kefauver committee questions about gambling operations in Campbell county. Croft is under a permanent injunction against engaging in gambling operations anywhere in Campbell county and has been since Aug. 9, 1944.

The injunction was issued on that date by Judge J. Wirt Turner, sitting at a special judge in Campbell Circuit Court during the famous nuisance abatement suits.

Those suits, filed in 1943, kept gambling at an almost absolute shutdown for more than a year in Campbell county.

Partner in Beverly

The order was issued against Croft as a partner in the Beverly Hills Country Club, Southgate. He is reported to have cut his connections with that outfit after the injunction.

Had he admitted to the Kefauver committee that he had been engaging in gambling operations, he would have laid himself open to contempt action in Campbell Circuit Court, according to legal circles.

Injunctions also were issued at that time against Peter, Glenn and Agnes Schmidt, Louis Levinson, known as Sleep Out Louie, Albert (Red) Masterson, Bill Motz Sam Gutterman. All have been connected with gambling operations in Campbell county.

With the Kefauver committee and local officials watching closely northern Kentucky night spot owners apparently will try to operate their former pretentious gambling resorts without benefit of income from the gaming tables.

In Campbell county and Newport they will operate under the watchful eyes of police. In Kenton county James H. (Jimmy) Brink has already given assurances there will be no more gambling at the Lookout House.

John Croft, Newport operator, may return to this area soon following his appearance Thursday before the Kefauver committee in Washington. He refused to talk about gambling operations.

Beverly to Reopen

Beverly Hills is scheduled to reopen Friday night with an absolute ban on gambling. County police under Robert Matthews, acting

The text of John Croft's testimony before Senate crime investigators is on Page 34.

chief, intend to inspect the place regularly, making at least two visits a night.

They have been checking cafes and resorts in the county for some time and were invited by Daniel W. Davies, attorney for Beverly, to make regular inspections of the night club.

Croft may return to this area soon following his appearance Thursday before the Kefauver committee in Washington.

The scheduled reappearance before the committee Friday of Croft and Morris Kleinman and Lou Rothkopf, members of the Cleveland syndicate, were canceled.

Hearings Possible

Sen. Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.) committee chairman, says they may be heard at some time during the 30 extra days the committee was granted Thursday by the Senate.

Croft is free under \$10,000 bond, as are the others. He lives in Amberley Village. His attorney Charles Ford, Washington, said Croft had no statement to make.

Rothkopf and Kleinman, as members of the Cleveland syndicate, had northern Kentucky connections for the past decade. They defied the committee last Monday night in open session.

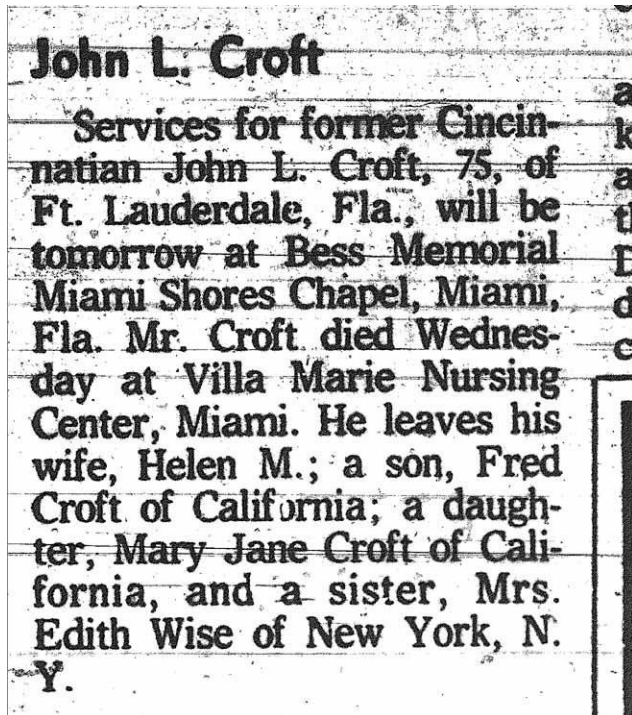
Other defiant witnesses free under bond are William G. O'Brien and Jacob (Greasy Thumb) Guzik, both of Chicago.

The Weather

HOURLY TEMPERATURE AT THE FEDERAL BUILDING			
Midnight	55	7 a. m.	48
1 a. m.	53	8 a. m.	45
2 a. m.	50	9 a. m.	44
3 a. m.	49	10 a. m.	44
4 a. m.	48	11 a. m.	47
5 a. m.	47	12 noon	44
6 a. m.	47	1 p. m.	45

Forecast Friday: 7 p. m. Partly clear
 8 p. m. Partly clear

John Croft 1897-1972-Died Ft Lauderdale, FL



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Prepared for Kevfauver Commission on organized crime in 1951.

Lists all owners of the Yorkshire in Newport Ky. John Croft is named even though he was banned from owning any part of a Newport casino by a judge in 1944.

Interesting that it names ER Lowe, Louisville, KY. He owned the 119 Club in Jeffersonville, IN that was closed in a raid in 1948.

The footnote indicates that E.R. Lowe was of Tucson, AZ in 1947. So, I did a Google search and hit this:

"Edwin Rogers Lowenstein, supported by Cleveland mobsters Moe Dalitz and Morris Kleinman, establishes bookmaking operations under E.R. Lowe & Co. with Harold Fischer and Fred Kreisler in Tucson, Arizona and Albuquerque, New Mexico This becomes one of the earliest syndicate criminal activities in the Southwestern United States and is eventually known as the "Tucson Front". The Tucson Front would later include front businesses such as the [hotel chain](#) run by George Gordon."

This is from a Wikipedia page "1947 in Organized Crime". Link is here:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1947_in_organized_crime

Looks like "Lowe" was not his full, given name.

The Yorkshire, Newport, Ky
(A 1944 dollar, adjusted for inflation, is \$11.06 in 2005)

	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
Gross Receipts	65,904	534,018	637,838	685,967	670,370	856,604
Cost of Goods Sold	66,649	352,350	444,425	479,664	403,675	509,285
Gross Profit	(745)	181,668	193,413	206,304	266,695	347,319
Net Income	(12,818)	144,706	148,677	144,782	184,733	242,864
Partner's share of income or loss:						
Maurice Ryan, Fort Thomas, Ky	(203)	10,890	10,525	10,620	12,825	17,193
Fred Hallam, Bellevue, Ky	(1,007)	16,674	15,470	15,266	20,701	26,961
Richard Fox, Bridgetown, Ohio	(193)	969	-	-	-	-
Morris Nemmo, Ft. Thomas, Ky	(163)	10,900	11,575	11,670	13,800	16,693
Robert F. Bergin, Ft. Thomas, KY	158	8,590	9,267	9,757	10,645	13,476
Sam Gutterman, Cincinnati, Oh	(322)	12,010	12,679	6,310	4,470	6,026
George Bregal, Melbourne, Ky	(803)	5,775	5,895	5,595	1,470	-
A. R. Masterson, Ft. Thomas, Ky	(803)	5,775	5,895	5,595	7,450	10,043
E. R. Lowe, Louisville, Ky (1)	(803)	5,775	5,895	5,595	7,450	10,043
Alfred Goltsman, Cleveland, Oh	(1,253)	6,956	7,074	6,714	8,940	12,052
George Gordon, Cleveland, Oh	(1,253)	6,956	7,074	6,714	8,940	12,052
John Angersolo, Cleveland, Oh	(1,253)	-	-	-	-	-
Samuel Tucker, Southgate, Ky.	(1,253)	6,956	7,074	6,714	8,940	12,052
James Brink, Fort Mitchell, Ky	(803)	5,775	5,895	5,595	7,450	10,043
Ruby Kolad, Cleveland, Oh	(1,253)	6,956	7,074	6,714	8,940	12,052
Abe Schneider, Cincinnati, Oh	(1,607)	11,549	11,790	11,191	14,901	20,086
Claude Hines, Ft. Thomas, Ky	-	5,700	5,895	5,595	7,450	10,043
Chalres Polizzi, Cleveland, Oh	-	6,956	7,074	6,714	8,940	12,052
John Croft, Cincinnati, Oh	-	9,535	12,529	11,739	14,615	18,477
George Bear, Detroit, Mich	-	-	-	6,680	10,820	13,476
Freda Bregal, Melbourne, Ky	-	-	-	-	5,980	10,043

1. Address of E. R. Lowe shown as Tuscon, Ariz., in 1948 and 1949
Note: all of the above returns prepared by Jack Kuresman. Returns for 1944 through 1947 signed by Sam Gutterman. 1948 and 1849 returns signed by John Croft, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Deductions for 1945 include "customer expense" of \$10,405, deductions from 1948 include "customer expense" of \$16,314, deductions from 1949 include "customer promotion expense" of \$12,759.

The above is from a government document - **An Investigation of Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce**, in 1951. The hearings were also know as the Kefauver Hearings.

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Ok Pam here is the bonus that showed up by chance and a researcher that can rack his brain at the drop of his hat. I sure hope it is who we think it is. If not we have egg on our face. <g>

For the rest of you, Pam showed some Desert Inn pictures on the BB some time ago asking for ID of a guy in the pictures. He was in golf and showroom pictures Pam had. If Danny Nason had not just passed on, I feel certain he would have had the answer. Rest easy my friend, Danny.

Is this your guy Pam?

While I was looking for info on Croft I came across these pictures of another Cleveland syndicate member, Thomas J. McGinty, who testified before Kefauver Commission on organized crime 1951:



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John Croft 4 att2

My note: Once again he racks his brain and comes up with a hit! <g> My brain just racks!!! <g>

When I saw these pictures I knew I'd seen the guy before. Within the last year or so, someone on The Chip Board posted a message about finding several photos of a guy in Las Vegas that they were unable to ID--I'm pretty sure this is the guy. Don't know if the poster was ever able to ID the guy (there were several photos, some at a golf tourney in Vegas— Thomas J. McGinty was part owner of the Desert Inn and was involved in their golf tourney).

Gene,

McGinty went to Cuba in the 1950's and had points in the Hotel Nacional with Wilber Clark, Jack Lansky (Meyer's brother) Moe Dalitz and Morris Kleinman. Sam Tucker was the casino manager. Old Tom was here in Newport prior to the Airlift.

Jim

Here's an excerpt from a report on the Kefauver hearings, which includes a couple of the clubs that you mentioned. Virgil Peterson, of the Chicago Crime Commission, was asked to summarize his information on various people; this is what was read to Moe Dalitz (also referred to as Moe Davis):

"Moe Davis has been closely associated in gambling enterprises in the Cleveland area for many years with Maurice Kleinman, Lou Rothkopf alias Lou Roddy alias Lou Rhody, Thomas Jefferson McGinty, and others. Rothkopf, Kleinman, and Davis maintained a suite in the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, for many years. Members of this group have been in association with some of the biggest racketeers from the east coast to the West. They have maintained contact, for example, with Abner "Longie" Zwillman, of [New Jersey](#), and it is known that Lou Rothkopf was in very close contact with Mickey Cohen and Jack Dragna, notorious west coast gambling racketeers.

In the late 1930's a series of lawsuits was filed against Maurice Kleinman, Moe Davis, Louis Rothkopf, and Thomas Jefferson McGinty, who were named as operators of gambling joints known as the Thomas Club, the Arrow Club, which subsequently became known as the Pettibone Club.

In the early 1930's Kleinman, Rothkopf, and Davis were partners in a front for a gambling operation called the Prospect Advertising Co.

On February 3, 1931, William E. Potter, a Cleveland City councilman, was slain in one of the most sensational crimes ever committed in Cleveland. The most logical suspect insofar as the murder was concerned was one "Pittsburgh" Hymie Martin. Moe Davis and Lou Rothkopf were with "Pittsburgh" Hymie until a few hours before the slaying. Davis was also with Hymie until an hour prior to the arrest of Hymie, who was charged with the murder of Potter. Pittsburgh Hymie was tried for this murder and was convicted. He won a retrial, however, and was acquitted. It was alleged that Potter had been killed because it was feared that he was about to expose some crooked deals.

The police had traced checks written by a city official to the Prospect Advertising Co., operated by Moe Davis and Morris Kleinman.

In recent years Davis, Kleinman, and Rothkopf have been connected with the operation of the Mound Club, the Pettibone Club, the Jungle Inn, located near Youngstown, Ohio, the Beverly Hills Club, and the Lookout House near Cincinnati.

It is known, of course, that Thomas Jefferson McGinty has been an important figure in the operation of the Mound Club. Several years ago it was alleged that Moe Davis was then connected with a gang which was known as the Mayfield Road gang."

OK Pam let's see your pictures again. Do we have a hit?

My note: Here is his obit: Should help you date your pictures. No mention of Cleveland Syndicate, Moe Dalitz, Illegal gambling joints, etc, etc, etc. <g>

Palm Beach Daily News--19march1970:

Final Rites Saturday For Thomas McGinty

Memorial mass for Thomas J. McGinty, 78, of 224 S. Ocean Blvd. and Shaker Heights, Ohio, who died Wednesday night at Good Samaritan Hospital following an illness, will be held at St. Edward's Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Saturday. Funeral services and interment will be held later that day in Cleveland.

McGinty, whose promotions included numerous sports activities, was one of the owners of the Desert Inn in Las Vegas and the Mounds Club near Cleveland.

For years he was a boxing promoter in Cleveland and was associated with John Ringling North in building New York's second Madison Square Garden.

In Ohio he had interest in the Maple Heights, Bainbridge and Thistle Down tracks. In other states he was associated in the operation of the Fair Grounds in New Orleans, Fairmont Park in East St. Louis, Aurora Downs in Illinois and Agua Caliente in Mexico.

In the mid-1950s, McGinty pioneered the first professional golf tournament on television from the Desert Inn for the Cancer Fund named for Damon Runyon.

As a philanthropist, he gave generously to charities, two of his favorites being Boy's Town and the John Carroll University in Cleveland where he established a scholarship fund.

McGinty was married to the late Helen Flanagan McGinty who was born in Youngstown, Ohio, and who, during her residence in Palm Beach, was active in charity activities.

Survivors include three sons, William James of Lakewood, Ohio; Thomas J. Jr. of Pompano Beach; Brian J. of Palm Beach; a daughter, Patricia Ann of Palm Beach; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

The family requests that in place of flowers contributions may be made to the Thomas Jefferson McGinty Scholarship Fund, John Carroll University, University Heights, Cleveland.



Thomas McGinty
(Kaye)

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Disclaimer: I emailed Pam hoping to hear back before I posted this. If we are wrong I claim Alzheimer's.

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