

Mapping LGBTQ St. Louis
Additional Information Sheet

Location:

Sahara Lounge

Virgil L Daly Liquors

2800 Shenandoah

Additional Information:

Phyllis Kitchens remembers frequenting the bar in 1962 and it having gay patrons. Owned by Virgil Daly in the 1950s, ownership then passed to his brother-in-law Ernie Sarkis in circa 1953. The liquor license was put in the name of Sarkis' wife, Mrs. Ruth George in circa 1956. The bar faced numerous run-ins with the liquor control board for allowing fighting, felons, and dice games.

For additional history see:

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Jun 8, 1955, page 3 “4 Men Are Held After Shooting Near Tavern”



St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Jun 9, 1955, page 3 “Charges Against 4 Men in Shooting Non-prossed”

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Sep 21, 1956, page 1 “Geekie Quashes Warrant in Sale of Beer to Minor”