

Mapping LGBTQ St. Louis
Additional Information Sheet

Location:

Uncle John's / Chapnick's Bar

Uncle John's Lounge; Mrs. Betty Chapnick Tavern; Betty Chapnick Liquors; John Huber Liquors
620 Pine St.

Additional Information:

A bar owned by wife and husband Betty Schwartz Chapernick and Jack Chapernick mid-1940s until 1980, according to his obituary in the Globe-Democrat newspaper. In 1946 listed in city directories as "John Huber Liquors" followed by 1947-1956 as "Chapnick, Betty liquors" or "Mrs. Betty Chapnick Tavern." Listed in city directory as "Chapnick's Bar" 1958-1963.

In 1954 after a police raid on Uncle John's, a customer stated he had been going there for over 10 years, indicating it was most likely a gay space when owned by John Huber. This would also explain name of the bar remaining "John's" when the owner was later Jack (not John) Chapnick.

For additional history see: