

Mapping LGBTQ St. Louis
Additional Information Sheet

Location:

Betty's California Bar, Betty's CB, Sandy's, Sandy's California Bar, C.B., Betty & Sandy's Place
2258 California

Additional Information:

Located at California and Shenandoah; sometimes listed as 2800 Shenandoah.

Listed as a restaurant in the 1946 city directory, as Albert Mallet liquors in 1952, as Milford Lougeau liquors in 1946-1957, and as Lorraine Schuman Tavern in 1958.

Community recollections indicate this became a lesbian bar sometime in the late 1950s or early 1960s.

"Betty's" or "Betty's California Bar" operated by Betty Glidden, who at least for a time lived in the building, circa 1965 – 1979.

"Sandy's California Bar" operated by Sandy Harvey, who at least for a time lived in building, circa 1976-1980.

Described in guidebooks as: 90% lesbian in Gaia's 1978, "girls and very popular" in Damron. Some guidebooks give the location as Shenandoah and Compton, however research indicates this was likely an error.

For additional history see: