

## Southern Club Rock Slide 1966

The Southern Club landslide occurred April, 25, 1966. Approximately 1,000 tons of rock buried and destroyed the southern end of the building in an approximately 2,700 sq. ft. area. The slide was located on the southeast slope of West Mountain and all evidence of the slide has been removed. Like many businesses along Central Avenue, the Southern Club, which was a gambling house in the 1960's, was constructed in dangerously close proximity to a vertical high wall measuring approximately 80 ft in height. Although heavy rains were the catalyst, the excavation of the bottom of the slope over steepened the mountain to a point where a rock slide was inevitable (McElwaine, 1966). Today the Southern Club has been converted to a Wax Museum, located immediately south of the Aristocrat Manor Apartments.



The Wax Museum and former Southern Club. location.

### Reference:

McElwaine, 1966, The Southern Club Rock Slide of April 25, Consulting report, *recipient unknown*, 1966.