



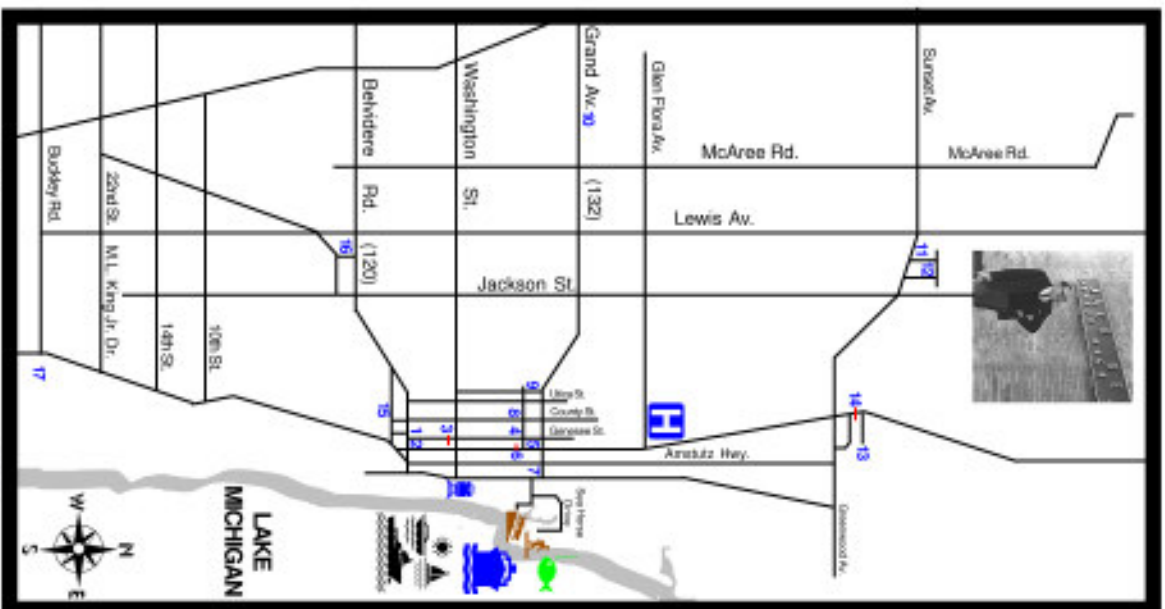
**"Oh Waukegan, oh Waukegan  
On the shores of Lake Michigan  
Jack was born here in this place  
He was pretty, except his face."**

Mary Livingston - at the live  
Broadcast from the Genesee  
Theatre on June 25, 1939.

1. 224 S. Genesee St. - 1st Kubelsky home in Waukegan.
2. 211 S. Genesee St. - Kubelsky Bros. (Clothing store)
3. 25 S. Genesee St. - Former location of the Barrison Theatre.
4. Corner of Genesee & Clayton - Jack Benny Statue & Plaza
5. 201 N. Genesee St. - Genesee Theatre premiered "Man About Town" on June 25, 1939
6. Site of the Clayton Hotel\* - southwest corner of Sheridan & Clayton. Jack Benny & Sadie Marks were married in Julius Sinykin's apartment on January 14, 1927
7. Corner of Sheridan & Grand - Walk of Stars Park.
8. 128 N. County St. - Former location of Central School
9. 518 Clayton Street\* - Kubelsky home where Jack spent his childhood
10. 3100 W. Grand Ave. - Congregation Am Echod Cemetery - His mother, father, & sister are all here - (No visitation on Saturday)
11. 1500 Sunset Ave. - Waukegan Baptist Bible Church formerly known as Congregation Am Echod - Home of the Benny Stage
12. 1701 Montasano - Jack Benny School
13. 39 Jack Benny Dr. - Jack Benny Center
14. 1917 N. Sheridan Rd. - Waukegan Historical Society which features a Jack Benny exhibit including his Vaudeville trunk
15. Liberty Street between Utica & Oak\* - South School - graduated 8th grade in 1907
16. Benny Ave. - Rte 120 just east of Glen Rock
17. Great Lakes Naval Training Center

\* Denotes razed building

# Waukegan, Illinois



# Waukegan's Jack Benny Historical Tour



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**Proud Home of  
Jack Benny  
1894 - 1974**



Jack Benny (1894-1974) was one of the first major radio personalities to make the successful transition to television. A huge star on radio ever since his March 29, 1932 debut on Ed Sullivan's show, Jack Benny's television program premiered on CBS television on Saturday, October 28, 1950. It was to become a television classic, an enormously popular program which remained on the air for 15 years.



Jack Benny was born, Benjamin Kubelsky, on February 14, 1894, Valentine's Day, at Mercy Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. He was raised at 224 South Genesee St. in Waukegan, Illinois.



Young Benny Kubelsky with his violin.

Ben learned to play the violin at an early age. His parents thought that it was his only shot at a successful career.



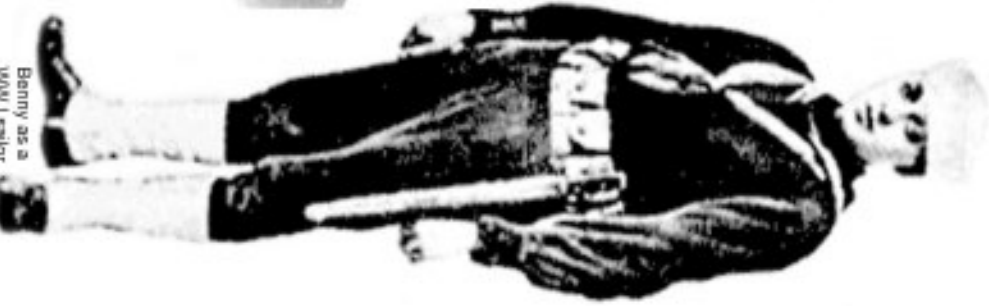
At age 16, Ben got a job playing violin in the pit of the Barrison Theater which was located at 25 S. Genesee.

*This Week's Headlines in 'Audenille'*



SAM BENBOW and BENNY

Benny as a WWI sailor.



Eddie "Rochester" Anderson & Jack Benny riding in the "Maxwell" at the Corner of Genesee and Washington Streets.



"Man About Town" premiere at the Genesee Theatre at 201 N. Genesee Street on June 25, 1939.



(L-R) Onlookers with Jack Benny and Mayor Robert Sabonjian during Waukegan's Centennial Celebration in June of 1959.