

Bottle Talk

July – August, 2012



COHANSEY ½ PINT CANNING JAR FROM JOE WILLIAMS' COLLECTION

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Bottle Talk Feature Of The Month



RBC member, Joe Williams, presented this beautiful, hard to find, ½ pint Cohansey canning jar. The ½ pint size is a rare jar. Depending on condition, these circa 1872 jars sell from \$200.00 to \$450.00. This jar has a very interesting closure. See if you can figure how it works. Thanks to Joe for sharing this nice jar with us at "Show and Tell".

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DRUGGIST,
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Drugs, Patent Medicines,
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Flesh Brushes, Soaps, Combs,
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Raleigh, N.C.
Druggists, Pharmacists, and Medicine Companies
1867 to 1915 by David Tingen
Part One of Three. 1867 -1896

Parts two and three will be featured in the next two issues of
BOTTLE TALK

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Raleigh, North Carolina
 Druggists, Pharmacists, Apothecaries and Medicine Companies
 1867-1915
 Part One Of Three
 1867-1896

Raleigh, like many cities of its size, had limited access to drugs and medicine in the early years. In the period following the Civil War this began to change with more druggists and physician/druggists entering the business. This article will cover those with business and census records found during the covered period. Due to space constraints, not every year in this period will be covered. Those covered are representative of the growth of the drug and medicine trade in Raleigh. Future parts will attempt to determine which of these businesses had known bottles, embossed or paper label.

1867

Peter F. Pecud	Druggist	Fayetteville Street
Williams & Haywood	Druggist	Fayetteville Street
John R. Williams and Fabius J. Haywood, Physician		

1875

J. R. Carmer	Druggist	9 Fayetteville
Pescud, Lee & Company	Druggist	14 Fayetteville
John S. Pescud, Addison S. Lee and Eugene Grissom, Physician		
William Simpson	Druggist	33 Fayetteville
William & Haywood	Druggist	Fayetteville at Hargett

It is interesting to note that these drug stores sold everything from drugs to white lead. Many of them dealt in alcohol, both in and out of the medicines. Pescud, Lee and Company advertised wines, brandies, whiskies and mineral waters.

1880

F. H. Heartt	Druggist	Fayetteville Opp. Market Sq.
Pescud, Lee & Company	Druggist & Apothecaries	14 Fayetteville and Fayetteville & Martin
William Simpson	Druggist & Pharmacist	33 Fayetteville
Williams & Haywood	Druggist	Fayetteville and Hargett

Raleigh Druggists Continued

As was the practice in those days, many of the physicians were pharmacists or physicians who located in the local drug store. Such was the case with J. W. Alston who maintained an office at Simpson's drug store. G. W. Graham maintained an office over Pescud, Lee & Company.

1883

Bobbitt & Garrett	Druggist	124 Fayetteville
William H. Bobbitt, Physician and B. H. Garrett, Dentist		
Pescud, Lee & Company	Druggist	118, 301 Fayetteville
William Simpson & Co.	Druggist	133 Fayetteville
Williams & Haywood	Druggist	201 Fayetteville
L. L. Polk	Diphtheria Cure	542 East Jones

1886

Lee, Johnson & Company	Druggist (Wholesale and Retail)	301 Fayetteville
A.S. Lee, J. I. Johnson and E. Grissom (Successors to Pescud, Lee & Co.)		
Note: Dr. Grissom was the Superintendent of the Insane Asylum in Raleigh.		
John Y. MacRae	Druggist	Wilmington & Martin
R. N. Partin	Druggist	Salisbury & Hillsboro
John S. Pescud	Druggist	118 Fayetteville
William Simpson	Druggist and Agent	133 Fayetteville
William & Haywood	Druggist	201 Fayetteville

Note: In the 1886 City Directory Henry T. Hick was listed as a drug clerk.

1888

A. W. Goodwin, Physician	Druggist	202 W. Cabarrus
East Raleigh Drug Store	Druggist	East Hargett (County)
O.G. King, Proprietor		
Lee, Johnson & Company	Druggist & Apothecaries	301 Fayetteville and 4-6 East Martin
John Y. MacRae	Druggist (Wholesale & Retail)	Wilmington & Martin
James McKimmon & Co.	Druggist	133 Fayetteville
James McKimmon and W. A. Lodge		
John S. Pescud	Druggist & Agent (Lincoln Lithia)	118 Fayetteville
Robert Simpson	Druggist	Salisbury & Hillsboro
Williams & Haywood	Druggist (Wholesale and Retail)	201 Fayetteville

Raleigh Druggists Continued

As noted in the previous years, these druggists are beginning to branch out into other fields and becoming wholesalers as well as retailers. Some are acting as agents like Robert Simpson who moved from the retail trade. As patent and proprietary medicines became more prevalent, the drug stores had to stock the product to remain competitive. Company names such as "Sharp & Domes (Dohme)" started to show up in drug store advertisements.

The next list will jump forward some years as there was little change from the late 1880s until the mid 1890s. At that time a number of new names and products began to appear in the Raleigh newspapers and trade journals.

1896

J. Hal Bobbitt	Druggist	233 Fayetteville
Hicks and Rogers	Druggist	101 Fayetteville
Henry T. Hicks and B. C. Rogers		
James I. Johnson	Druggist (Wholesale & Retail)	Fayetteville & Martin
	Anticephalalgine Cure	
W. H. King & Company	Druggist	201 Fayetteville
O. G. King	Druggist	Wilmington & Hargett
John Y. MacRae	Druggist	19 E. Martin and 20 Exchange Place Branch – 240 Fayetteville
James McKimmon & Co.	Druggist	133 Fayetteville
Park Avenue Pharmacy	Pharmacist	West Martin
John S. Pescud	Druggist	118 Fayetteville
William Simpson	Druggist	326 Fayetteville
Robert Simpson	Druggist	Hillsboro & Salisbury
Wynne & Birdsong	Pharmacist	Halifax near Johnson
J. W. Wynne and Ed G. Birdsong		

Show and Tell



Travis Harden presented two pint NC dairy bottles. This hard to find Ballentine's Dairy bottle from Varina, N.C. was in circulation prior to the merger of Fuquay and Varina. The Slug plate Brooks Dairy bottle from Roxboro, N.C. is a very hard to find bottle. All types of embossed Roxboro bottles seem to be growing in popularity and value.



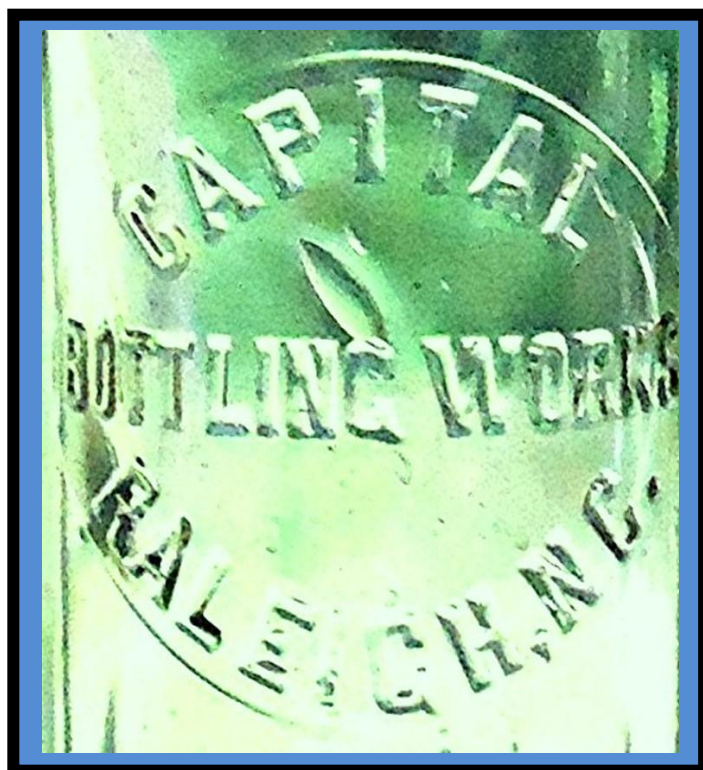


Travis also presented this slug plate quart HANDS DAIRY bottle from Chadbourn, N.C. This milk bottle, embossed on a slant, is one you don't see very often.



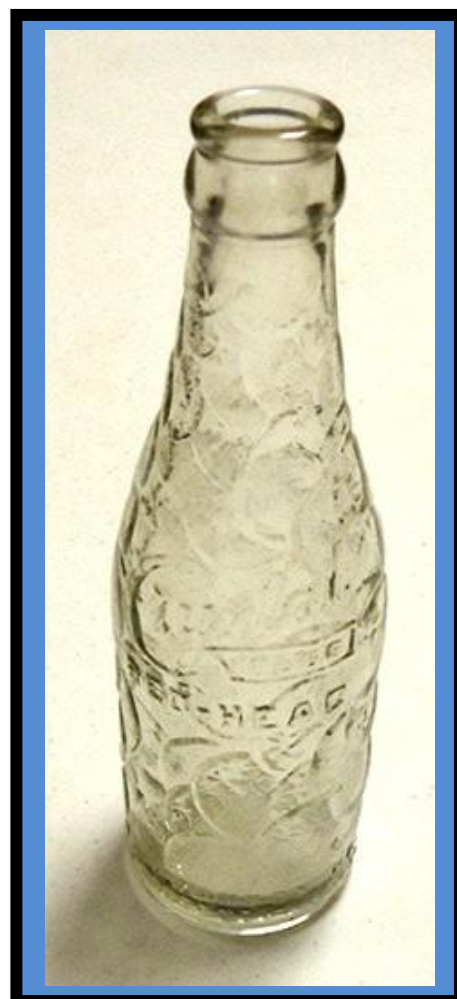
These nice ½ pint bottles are examples of two variations of Elko Dairy Farm bottles from Roxboro, N.C. Notice that one is embossed E.B. FOUSHEE and the other MRS. E.B. FOUSHEE. This is a rare pair of local area milk bottles.

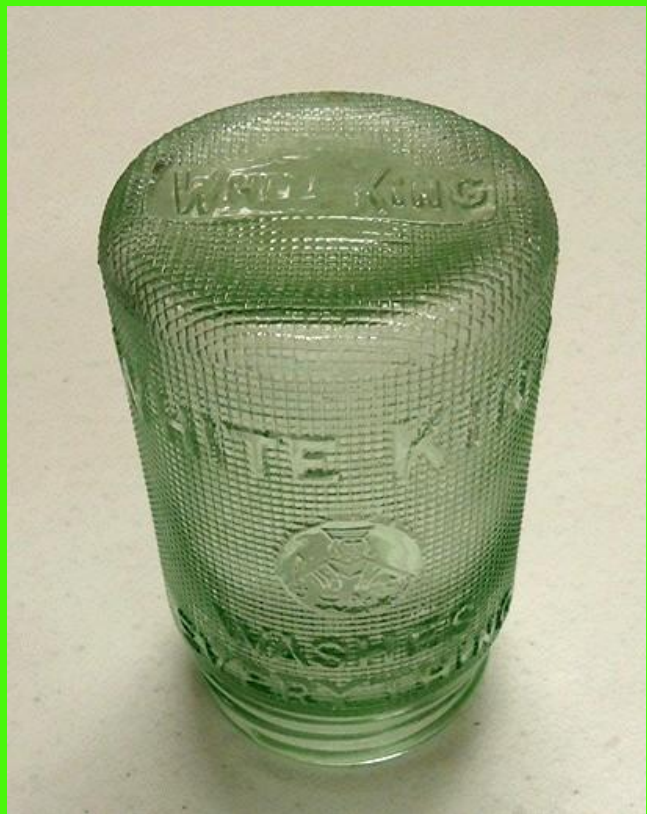
Thanks Travis for sharing your nice collection of N.C. dairy bottles with the readers of BOTTLE TALK.



Above: Whitt Stallings presented this extremely rare CAPITAL BOTTLING WORKS bottle from RALEIGH, N.C. It is one of three known bottles of this type. Capitol Bottling Works is believed to have been the beginning of Capitol City Coca-Cola.

The bottle on the right is from Jerry Higgins' collection of Art Deco Sodas. This highly decorated bottle is embossed CRYSTAL CLUB RED-HEAD.





RBC member, Robbie Delius, presented this unusual pint apple green WHITE KING soap dispenser jar. It "WASHES EVERYTHING". I guess that's why it looks so clean.



Early N.C. labeled medicines seems to be growing in popularity, especially those from the smaller towns. This SEA SIDE RHEUMATONE bottle from the sea side town of MANTEO, N.C. is a hard one to come by. Thanks to Pem Woodlief for sharing this nice N.C.

Thanks to David Tingen and Janie Raper

Thanks to David and Janie for the articles in this issue of Bottle Talk. Both are former newsletter editors and appreciate more than anyone else how helpful it is to have someone pitch in with stories and photos. Every collector has stories and photos that would be of interest to other readers. Please consider contributing something for a future edition of BOTTLE TALK.

Marshall Clements: Editor



Thanks to Laton Bare, BOTTLE TALK reader from Ocala, Florida, for these nice photos. This hard to find blob top soda is embossed J.L. FRYER, BOTTLER, WELDON, N.C. in a round center slug plate.



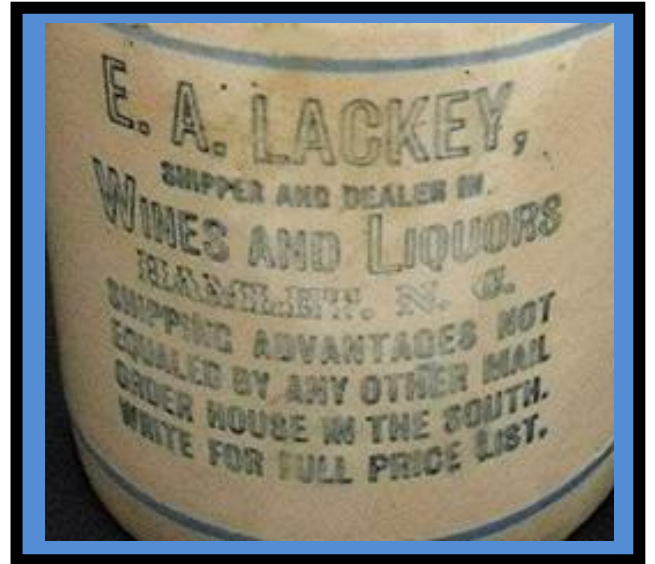
This nice ½ pint CUMBERLAND COUNTY DISPENSARY, FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., was presented by RBC member Joe Williams.



Above: This nice grouping of Henderson, N.C. pharmacy bottles was shown by Taylor Currin, the “Oxford Bottle Man”. Taylor is one of RBC’s newest and youngest (by a long shot) members. These four variations of the ATLAS MEDICINE COMPANY, HENDERSON, N.C. are a good start in building Taylor’s collection of area medicines.

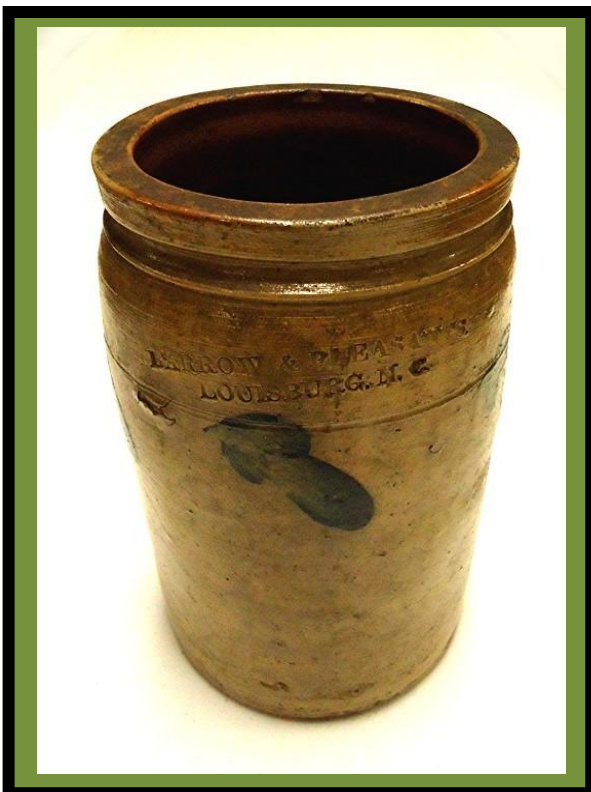


Left: You never know what type of bottle or collectible you might see at the RBC monthly meeting. You also might be surprised at what shows up on the snack table. One thing for sure, if you missed the last meeting you missed a treat. (*Barbecue, Baked Beans, Slaw, Potato Chips and Brownies*) The RBC thanks Robert and Sharon Currin for this nice surprise.



Top: Pem Woodlief brought this ½ gallon E.A. LACKEY, WINE AND LIQUOR, stoneware Jug for “Show and Tell”. This jug, although not considered rare, is a pretty hard to come by item. E.A. Lackey sold wines and liquors in the town of Hamlet, N.C. from 1891 until 1961.

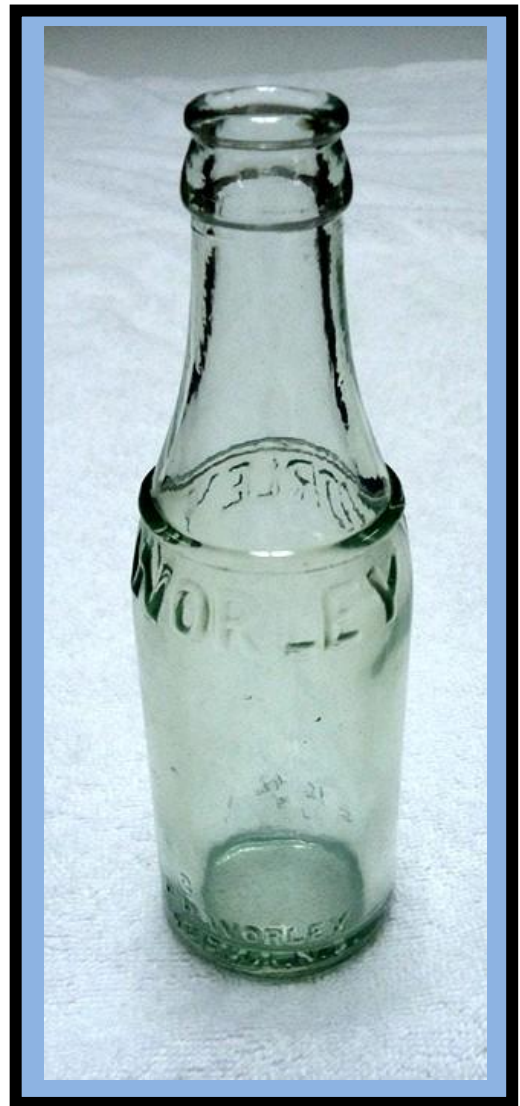
Bottom: This gallon BARROW & PLEASANTS, LOUISBURG, N.C. stoneware jar is a very rare NC item. It is believed to be from the late 1800's. This nice piece is from the collection of Pem Woodlief.

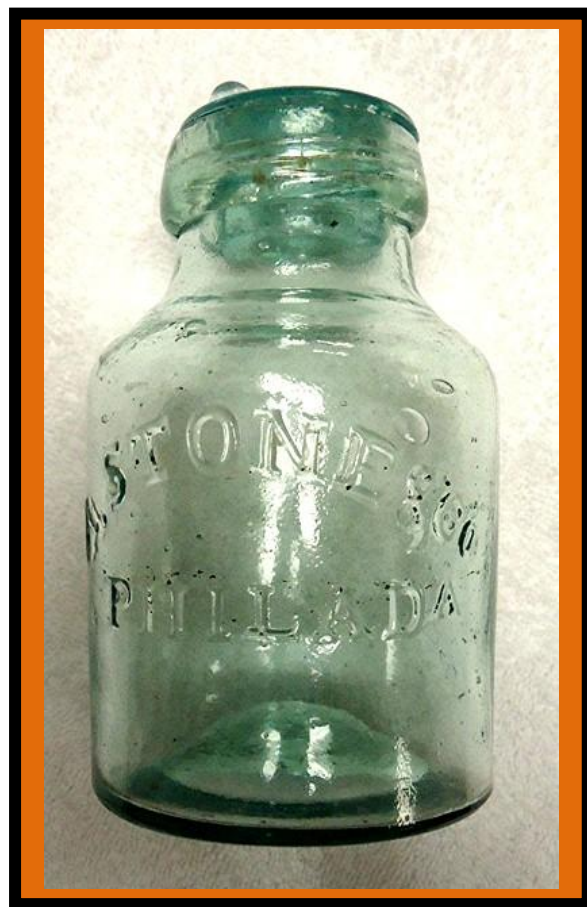




Above: Joe Williams added this nice WARRENTON, N.C. DISPENSARY to his growing collection of NC whisky flasks.

Right: If you are from NC you have probably seen a lot of Worley bottles from Selma, N.C., but I would bet you haven't seen one like this. Whitt Stallings presented this nice embossed Worley soda at "Show and Tell" last month. If you want to learn about bottles and see some unusual and rare bottles join us at the Raleigh Bottle Club on the first Tuesday of the month.





Joe Williams shared another of his extremely nice canning jars with us at "Show and Tell". This nice A. STONE & CO. pint canning jar is from the mid to late 1800's. The pint jar, in good condition, could sale for well over \$1,000.00. Thanks to Joe for giving us a chance to see this beautiful piece of early history.



Century-Old Whiskey Bottles Found in Missouri Man's Attic (ABC News)

To save money on the installation of central air-conditioning in his St. Joseph, Mo., home, Bryan Fite began replacing the wires in his attic, prying up the floor boards on the rafters. Along with possible savings, he found a treasure beneath the floorboards: 13 bottles of century-old whiskey.

Fite, 40, grew up in St. Joseph, and after working in Kansas City for several years, he returned to settle in his hometown in September 2011. The house he and his wife Emily Fite chose was built in the 1850s and needed work, Fite said.

The cost of installing central A/C and heat was prohibitive, he said, so he got to work in his attic. What first appeared to Fite as a set of strangely shaped insulated pipes turned out to be the secret whiskey stash of one of the house's former owners — or so goes Fite's main theory of how the liquor ended up there.

When they purchased the house, the Fites received a paper abstract detailing the history of its ownership. One of the owners, Fite said, had to give up the house when he was consigned to a sanitarium "for alcohol reasons." Fite hypothesizes that this alcoholic hid the bottles in the attic for some future occasion.

"Unfortunately, he never got the chance," Fite said.

Very Aged Whiskey Found Under Attic Floorboards

All the whiskey in Fite's attic was bottled in 1917 and distilled between 1912 and 1913. Fite, a self-proclaimed history buff, said the four bottles of Hellman's Celebrated Old Crow whiskey he found may have been among the last of their kind. In 1918, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of

Edson Bradley, the maker of the still-popular Old Crow whiskey bottled by the makers of Jim Beam, allowing him exclusive rights to the "Old Crow" label.

In addition to the Old Crow bottles, Fite's attic was keeping cool a few bottles of Guckenheimer, the erstwhile Pennsylvania rye whiskey, and W. H. McBrayer's Cedar Brook whiskey.

In 2017, when the bottles turn 100, Fite and his friends will pop them open, he said. But for now, they are simply antiques.

"Part of the allure for me is having them in their original state," said Fite, who identified bourbon as his drink of choice. "I have high expectations of what they'll taste like, and I'm afraid if I open them I'll be disappointed."

The quality of Fite's findings depend largely on the liquid level of the whiskey in the bottles, said Lew Bryson, managing editor of WhiskyAdvocate.com. If enough whiskey has evaporated, oxygen will enter the bottle and begin rusting the whiskey, and its "off flavors" will be concentrated in what remains, according to Bryson.

"Unfortunately, the good stuff leaves first," he said.

But unlike wine, in which yeast continues fermenting in the bottle, whiskey's alcohol content is too high to support any organisms. As long as the cap or cork is secure enough not to let in much oxygen, the age of the bottle will not affect the quality or taste of its contents.

Bryson said Fite could likely sell the bottles for several hundred dollars apiece. Pre-prohibition whiskeys are of historical interest, he said, adding that as a Pennsylvania rye enthusiast, he would be interested in buying one of Fite's Guckenheimers.

The value of antique whiskey is influenced by factors such as rarity and the reputation of the brand, he said, but it is not easy to predict, he said. An extremely rare single-malt whiskey from the 1930s recently sold for \$100,000.

"You don't know until you try to sell it," he said.

Thanks to Janie Raper, former newsletter editor and RBC secretary, for this interesting article.

Show Calendar

23 September 2012 (Sunday) Greensboro, North Carolina 11th annual Greensboro Antique Bottle & Collectibles Show & Sale indoors at the Farmer's Curb Market, 501 Yanceyville Street, Greensboro, North Carolina. Public admission: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm for \$1.00. Free appraisals. Dealer setup 7:00 am – 9:00 am, No Early Buyers. Info: Reggie Lynch Tele: 704.221.6489. Web: www.antiquebottles.com/greensboro FOHBC Member Club

29 September 2012 (Saturday) Memphis, Tennessee – 27th Annual Antique Bottle & Advertising Show, Agricenter International, 7777 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38120, Saturday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Collectors from 25 states. Early admission available, Admission \$5.00, Show Chairman: Gene Bradberry, P.O. Box 341062, Memphis, Tennessee 38184, 901.372.8428 [Download Show Information](#) FOHBC Member Club

06 October 2012 (Saturday) Woodstock, Connecticut - Norman C. Heckler & Company 13th Annual Columbus Day Weekend Event, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bottle extravaganza to include free hayfield dealer setup and many activities at the Heckler Offices, 79 Bradford Corner Road, Woodstock Valley, CT 06282. Info: Contact Hecklers at 860.974.1634. Email: info@hecklerauction.com or www.hecklerauction.com

06 October 2012 (Saturday) Richmond, Virginia - Richmond 41st Antique Bottle Show and Sale, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Admission: \$3.00, Early Admission: 7:30 am, \$10.00, Chesterfield County Fairgrounds, 10300 Courthouse Road, Chesterfield, Virginia 23832, Info: RichBottleClub@comcast.net or Marvin Croker 804.275.1101 or Ed Faulkner 804.739.2951 FOHBC Member Club

06 October 2012 (Saturday) Point Pleasant, West Virginia – West Virginia State Farm Museum Bottle Show, Held during the Fall Festival at the [West Virginia State Farm Museum](#), [See Map](#), Directions: 4 miles north on Rt 62 of Pt. Pleasant, W VA take Fairgrounds Rd. 1 mile to Museum, Saturday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Info: Charlie Perry, 39304 Bradbury Road, Middleport, Ohio 45760, 304.675.2887, Email: perrycola@suddenlink.net

21 October 2012 (Sunday) Findlay, Ohio 36th Annual Findlay Antique Bottle Show (9:00 am – 2:00 pm, early buyers 7:00 am) at the Old Barn Auction House, 10040 St. Rt. 224 West, Findlay, Ohio. Directions: Go West on SR-224 from I-75 (exit 159). Admission: \$2.00, Early-Bird Admission: \$10.00 (“Dealer-only” set-up & dinner on Saturday, 20 October) Info: Show-chairman is Fred Curtis 419.424.0486 or Marianne Dow finbotclub@gmail.com, 419.455.1112 Club website: finbotclub.blogspot.com FOHBC Member Club

04 November 2012 (Sunday) Elkton, Maryland - The Tri-State Bottle Collectors and Diggers Club 40th Annual Show & Sale (9:00 am – 2:00 pm) at the Singerly Fire Hall, Routes 279 & 213, Elkton, Maryland, Info: Dave Brown, Tele: 302.738.9960, dbrown3942@comcast.net FOHBC Member Club

09 & 10 November 2012 (Saturday) **Jacksonville, Florida** - **Antique Bottle Collectors of North Florida 45th Annual Show & Sale**, (Saturday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm; early buyers Friday, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm), Fraternal Order of Police Building, 5530 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida, Free admission Saturday, Info: Mike Skie, 3047 Julington Creek Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32223, Tele: 904.710.0422 or Jackie McRae, 904.879.3696

17 November 2012 (Saturday) **Florence, Alabama** – **4th Annual North Alabama Bottle and Advertising Collectors Show**, 840 County Road 7, Florence, Alabama 35633, Saturday, 17 November 8:00 am – 1:30 pm, Early admission: Friday, 16 November 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Set-up: Saturday, 7:00 am – 8:00 am, Friday, 3:00 – 8:00 pm, Free admission. Early Buyer fee \$10.00, North Alabama Bottle and Advertising Collectors, Attn: Robert Sledge II, Show Organizer, 141 E. Lee Avenue, Florence, Alabama 35630, 256.335.1592, I-dig-bottles@comcast.net

04 & 05 January 2013 (Friday & Saturday) **St. Petersburg, Florida** – **44TH Annual Suncoast (aka St. Pete) Antique Bottle & Vintage Tabletop Collectible Show & Sale**. Make us your first show of the New Year! Friday, Dealer Set-up 1:00 pm – 7:45 pm, Early Buyers: 4:00 pm – 7:45 pm \$15.00, General Admission – Saturday, 05 January, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm \$4.00, Show Chairman: George Dueben 727.804.5957 or res08W341@verizon.net. Assistant Chairman: Linda Buttstead 941.722.7233 or OriginalSABCA@aol.com **FOHBC Member Club**

Street, Raynham, Massachusetts 02767, 508.880.4929, sierramadre@comcast.net **FOHBC Member Club**

19 January 2013 (Saturday) **Jackson, Mississippi** – **28th Mississippi Antique Bottle Show**, Mississippi Fairgrounds, Trade Mart Building, Take High Street exit 96B off of I-55, Jackson, Mississippi, Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Early admission: \$20.00 on Friday and Saturday morning, Early admission time: Friday 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Saturday, 7:00 am to 9:00 am, Admission: Free, Club: Mississippi Antique Bottle Club, Contact: John Sharp, Show Chairman, PO Box 601, Carthage, Mississippi 39051, 601.507.0105, johnsharp49@aol.com **FOHBC Member Club**

The show schedule published in BOTTLE TALK will generally list shows of interest on the east coast. It is not meant to be a complete list of all upcoming shows.

There are primarily two web sites listing shows throughout the country. If you are traveling on business or taking a long needed vacation, you might want to take a look at the following sites to see if there is a show in the area:
www.fohbc.com/FOHBC_ShowCalendar2.html www.glswk-auction.com

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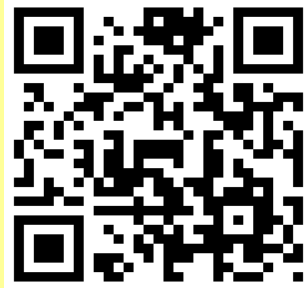
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(old items embossed or labeled RALEIGH, N.C.)

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Contact: Jack Murdock 919-829-5766

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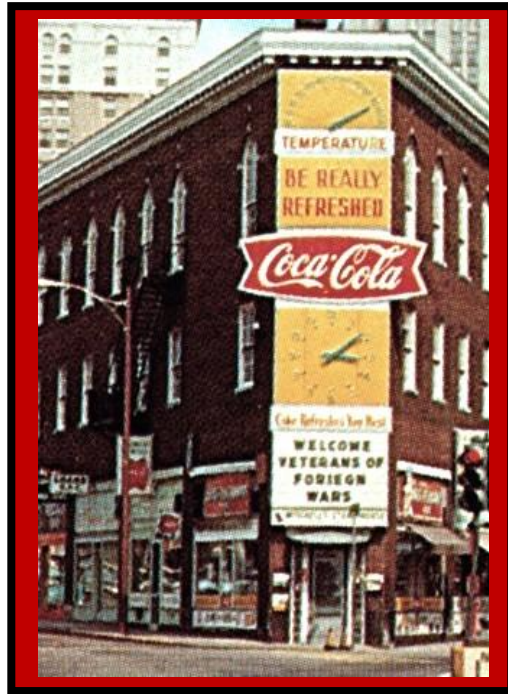
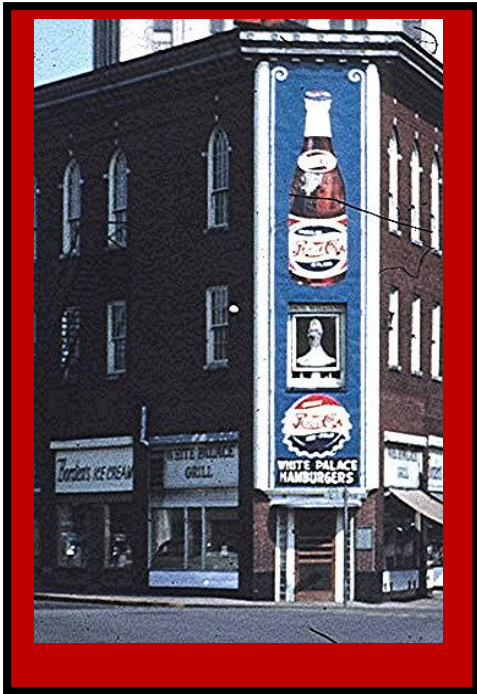
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BLAST FROM THE PAST



These colorful signs appeared at the Five Points area in downtown Durham, NC. Can you tell by looking at them which cola company was the first to claim this prime ad space? The Pepsi sign was erected in 1954 and the Coke sign in 1960.

IN MEMORIUM

This issue of BOTTLE TALK is dedicated to my good friend, George Poniros. George was a member of the RBC and loved collecting bottles. He passed away on Sunday, August 19, 2012. George and I spent a lot of time going to auctions, yard sales and occasionally diving in a dumpster for hidden treasures. What I'll miss most about George is just sitting around Bojangles talking and laughing about the fun times we had in the past and planning our next adventure.