

Bottle Talk

July-August, 2011



DURHAM BOTTLING WORKS

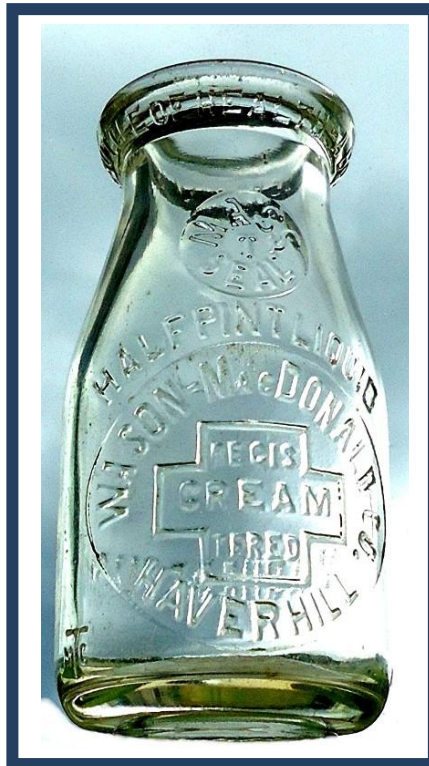
A rare turn of the century Durham, N.C. Lager Beer bottle

Marshall Clements collection

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The earliest City Directory listing for Durham Bottling Works is 1897. It appeared off and on in the directories at two different locations until 1914. It was listed only as a bottler with no reference to the product. It wasn't listed until 1913 as a bottler of Lager Beer. This bottle was purchased for \$50.00 as part of a box lot. You never know what you might find on the bottom of the pile.



Most of the milk bottles that appear in BOTTLE TALK are from North Carolina and Virginia but I couldn't pass up a chance to bring you a unique and most interesting story about this WASON-MACDONALD pint cream bottle.

While searching through some boxes of old milk bottles I found this bottle. I was not familiar with HAVERHILL and since the other bottles in the box were from North Carolina I figured it was just a small rural N.C. town.

After a few minutes on the computer I discovered Haverhill is actually a town in Massachusetts. Searching further I found an interesting article relating to the WASON-MACDONALD cream bottle. I have included the article in this month's news letter. It says a lot about life and how things change with time. I hope you enjoy the article and thanks to Earle Wason for permission to use it.



Current Article in the NEREJ

By Earle Wason | 4/10/2011

It is about this time each year that I am invited to speak to a group of MBA students at the University of New Hampshire. The University has been an important part of my life, and I met my wife, Mary, there when we were students. This year's session took place a couple of weeks ago, and it is always a fun event for me. I really like to talk about changes in business since my first experience working in my father's business and reviewing some of the changes that most often are not known to a student in their 20's.

I usually start off each class with a discussion about my father's company; he was in the milk and ice cream business and had over 100 trucks on the road each day delivering milk door to door. This was a very successful business in the 40's, 50's, and early 60's, but he didn't see what was coming with the age of the Supermarkets.

His business included a very successful ice cream stand on Route 125 in Haverhill, Massachusetts near the Plaistow, NH town line. I worked many weekends in my early teens scooping ice cream. We would have 7 windows open and lines up to 14 people or more at each window. Around 1965 when I was in college, I suggested to my father that he look in to buying some McDonald's Franchises. His comment to me was "McDonald's will have come and gone and Wason MacDonald Milk Company will still be here!" Not only was he wrong but now on the site of the old Ice Cream stand is a McDonald's Restaurant!

A COUNTY BOY CAN SURVIVE

A few years ago I was walking through the Raleigh Flea Market with only 60 bucks in my wallet looking for a bargain. I saw a fellow unpacking some straight side bottles and stone jugs. Being a bottle collector I decided to hang around to see exactly what came out of the boxes. As you would expect I ended up spending all of my 60 bucks. I was able to buy an E.A. LACKEY jug from Hamlet, N.C., several straight side Pepsis from Fayetteville, N.C. and an ice blue Coca Cola from Lane, SC. I paid 5 bucks each for the bottles but that jug for 15 really set me back. I was really upset when I discovered I was flat broke and had to forego my regular breakfast at Pam's Farmhouse. I slowly began to feel a little better knowing I was headed back to Selma with a truck full of bottles!

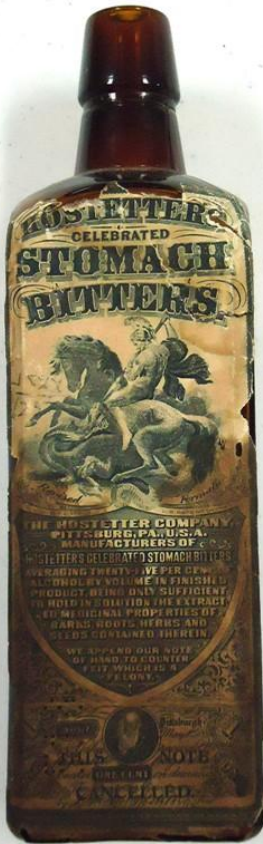
I decided a few weeks ago to sell off a few of my non-N.C. bottles to make a little shelf room. I listed 10 Virginia Taka Kola bottles and the \$5.00 Lane, S.C. Coke on eBay. I had talked with RBC member and Coke collector, Frank Bishop. Frank told me this bottle was a pretty hard one to find. A quick Google search revealed the current population of Lane, SC was 438! Imagine how few people lived there in the early 1900's. Lane is a very small community that barely has enough people to support a US Post Office. It is located about 15 miles East of Santee Cooper, SC. Armed with my new found information I was hoping for at least 100 bucks for my Coke. After all, it had a good history, nice color and was in great condition. When the auction ended the final bid was \$586.00. I guess that's pretty good for a \$5 investment. I don't know of many CDs turning that kind of return now-a-days.

Another Coke collector sent me a message after the auction closed informing me the bottle should have brought well over \$1000.00. Well, I'm happy with what I got. A bird in the hand is better than two in the bush. I can assure you \$586.00 in my pocket is better than \$1000.00 in a bottle book, plus I sold that E.A. Lackey jug for a little over \$300.00. You see, a country boy can survive.

Robert Creech



SHOW AND TELL



This nice Hostetter's Stomach Bitters was presented by Whitt Stallings. Hostetter's Bitters without a label sell on eBay from \$10.00 to \$20.00. With a label they will sometimes sell in the \$50.00 range. Do your research. There are some unusual variations that sell for a lot more.



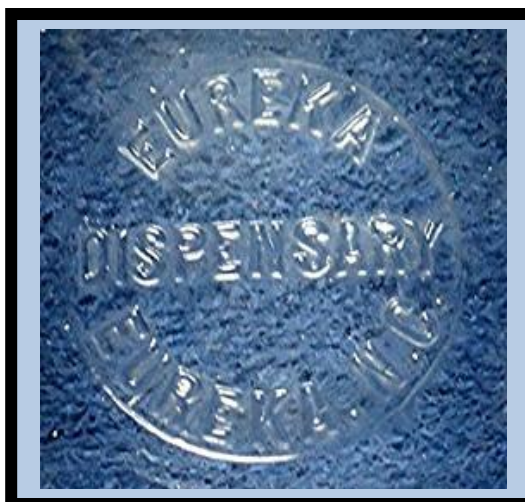
Christo
5¢ COLA 5¢

CHRISTO MFG. CO. SODA FOUNTAINS AND SUPPLIES RICHMOND, VA.

Frank Bishop presented his rare flanged, double sided, Christo Cola sign. This is an extremely hard to find sign.



This nice J.D. ARRON center slug whiskey flask from Mount Olive, N.C. was presented by Joe Williams.

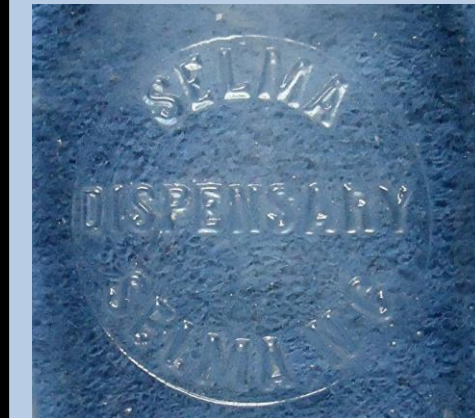


This EUREKA SPRINGS center slug dispensary from Eureka Springs, N.C. and the bottles shown on pages 7, 8, 9 were presented by RBC member Donnie Medlin. Donnie is becoming famous for his ever growing collection of N.C. whiskies.



**D.J. Williams center slug pint
whiskey from Statesville, N.C.**

Presented by Donnie Medlin



**Selma center slug pint whiskey
dispensary flask from Selma, N.C.**

Presented by Donnie Medlin



Vanceboro half pint center slug
dispensary flask from Vanceboro,
N.C.

Presented by Donnie Medlin



Pint Trenton Dispensary center slug
flask from Trenton, N.C.

Presented by Donnie Medlin



Pint HARRINGTON & BRO. center
slug whiskey from Aulander, N.C.

Presented by Donnie Medlin

BELOW: EDGEMONT DRUG STORE
pharmacy bottle from Durham, N.C.
This bottle was used in the early
1900's.

Presented by Frank Bishop



**Samuel Waters – Waters & Sons Bottlers
Elizabeth City, North Carolina**

Samuel Waters was born 14 October 1827 in Catawissa, Columbia County, PA and died 19 July 1911 in Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County, North Carolina. He had moved his family there after the Civil War around 1870. Samuel fought in the Union Army in the 6th PA Reserves, Company A as a Captain. He fought in the battle of Gettysburg and was later wounded in the left knee at the Battle of Bethesda Church in Virginia in May 1864. His younger brother, George W. Waters, was also part of this unit.

Samuel married for the first time to Caroline Richards about 1855 in Pennsylvania. Caroline was born about 1833 in Pennsylvania and died sometime between 1870 and 1880 in Pasquotank County, North Carolina. Samuel and Caroline had four children. After Samuel's first wife died, he married a second time to Mary [maiden name unknown] who was born about 1822 in North Carolina.

Samuel owned *Waters Bottling Company* in Elizabeth City, North Carolina which continued operating until the 1930s. In his will he mentions four grandchildren: Lydia Hartshorn, Edna Waters, Selma Waters and Samuel Waters. Samuel was buried in the Old Hollywood Cemetery, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

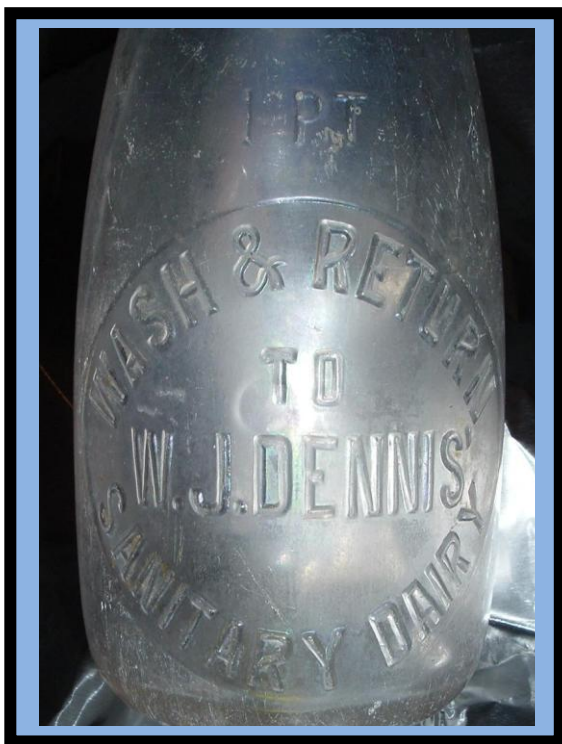


Captain Samuel Waters

Taken from the On Line Waters family history.
Compiled by David Tingen
July 6, 2011

Image left is a Waters and Sons bottle pre 1900.





One of the first articles I wrote for Bottle Talk was about my good friend, John Dennis. Two of John's uncles, W.J. Dennis and W.R. Dennis, ran dairies in West Durham in the early 1900's. Their bottles are highly sought after by North Carolina milk collectors. John was proud of his heritage and enjoyed reminiscing about the old days in West Durham.

I am sad to say John passed away a few weeks ago. Along with the passing of John Dennis goes a lot of history about the Dennis Dairies of West Durham but what saddens me most is the loss of another good friend.

Marshall Clements

**Scatter seeds of kindness everywhere you go;
Scatter bits of courtesy - watch them grow.
Gather buds of friendship;
Keep them till full-blown;
You will find more happiness than you have ever known.**

Show Calendar

September 19, 2011 Winchester, Va.

The Apple Valley Bottle Collectors Club 36th Annual Show & Sale, (9 AM to 3 PM, early buyers 7:30 AM), at the Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Family Life Center, 1309 Opequon Ave, Winchester, VA. Info: RICHARD M. VENSKE, 2038 Chestnut Grove Road, Winchester, VA. 22603, PH: (540) 247-4429

01 October 2011 (Saturday) Chesterfield, Virginia Richmond Area Bottle Club's 40th Annual Show & Sale (9:00 am – 3:00 pm \$3, early admission 7:30 am \$10), at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds, 10300 Courthouse Road, Chesterfield, Virginia 23832, Marvin Croker, 804.275.1101 or Ed Faulkner, 804.739.2951 or RichBottleClub@comcast.net, **FOHBC Club**

01 October 2011 (Saturday) Point Pleasant, West Virginia The West Virginia State Farm Museum 16th Annual Bottle Show (9:00 am to 2:00 pm), Fairgrounds Road, Point Pleasant, West Virginia, Free Admission, Info: Charlie Perry, 2317 Jefferson Avenue, Point Pleasant, West Virginia 25550, Tele: 304.675.2887, perrycola@suddenlink.net

November 5, 2011 (Saturday) Jacksonville, FL

Antique Bottle Collectors of North Florida's 44th Annual Show & Sale (8am - 3pm with early buyers Friday 5pm - 8pm) at the Fraternal Order of Police Building, 5530 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville, FL. Info: Mike Skie, 3047 Julington Creek Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32223, ph: (904) 710-0422 or Jackie McRae, ph: (904) 879-3696

November 20, 2011 (Sunday) Greensboro, North Carolina 10th annual Greensboro Antique Bottle, Pottery & Collectibles Show & Sale indoors at the Farmer's Curb Market on 501 Yanceyville St, Greensboro, North, Carolina, Public admission 9:00 am-3:00 pm for \$1. Free appraisals. Dealer setup 7:00 am-9:00 am, No Early Buyers. Info: [Reggie Lynch](mailto:Reggie.Lynch@antiquebottles.com) 704.221.6489.

www.antiquebottles.com/greensboro

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

WANTED

STYROFOAM COVERED SODAS

Any size larger than 20 ounce

Marshall Clements (919) 423-8557

blobtop@gmail.com

*Will pay top dollar for bottles
embossed 'Wilmington, N.C'*

**Sodas Medicines Whiskeys
Beers Milks**

**Contact: Chris Whitehurst
cbw315@yahoo.com**

WANTED

Coca-Cola Water bottle TOP.

**Any style, but prefer the one with the
sailboat.**

Contact Steve Williams at (317)848-4921

or *steve.williams@chiefind.com*

FOR SALE

MOUNTAIN DEW

Over 300 hard to find bottles including:

**...tri-city bottles
...numbered bottles ...Australian bottles
...various hard to find bottles and
advertisement pieces**

Contact: Stan Dismukes 772-473-7730

******* WANTED *******

Raleigh, N.C. Memorabilia

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

ephemera - advertisement - license plates

- BOTTLES -

Contact: Jack Murdock 919-829-5766

******* WANTED *******

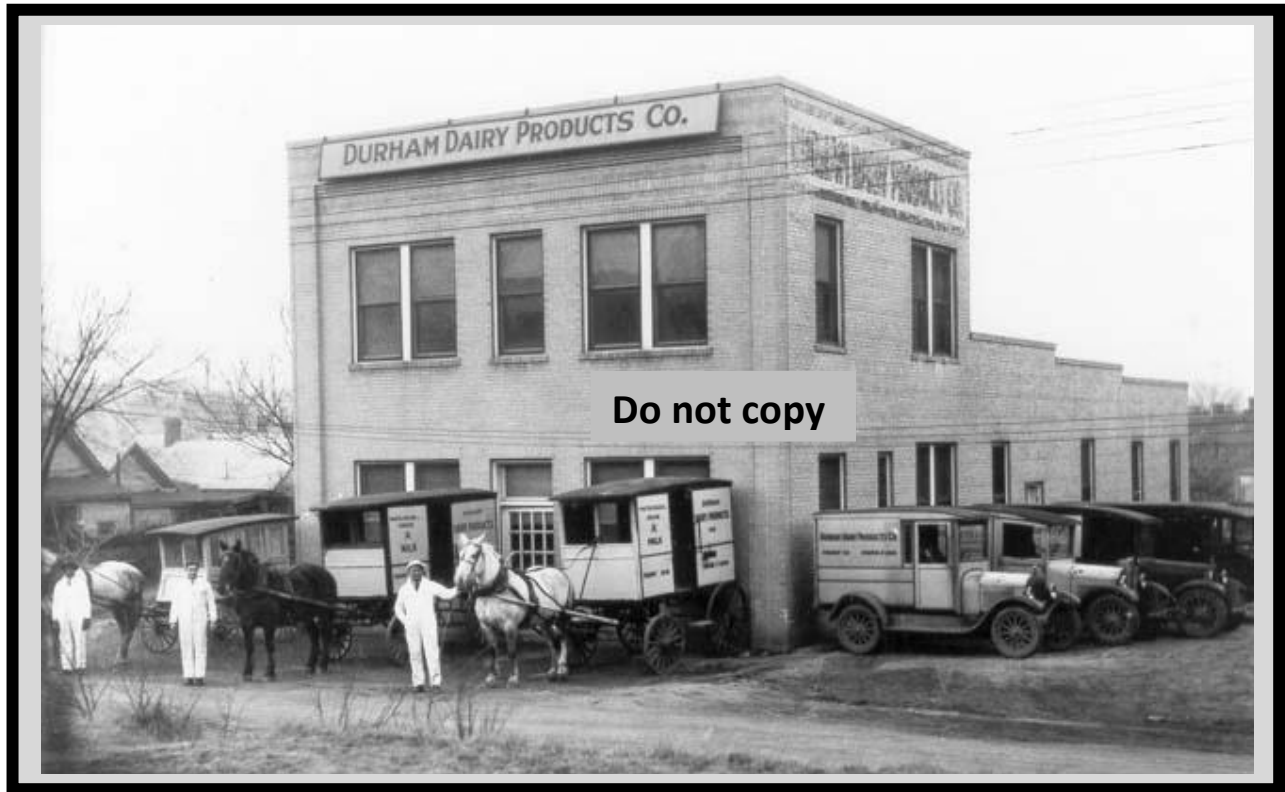
TAB BOTTLES

**Will pay reasonable price for unusual
colors or odd sized TAB bottles.**

Contact: DeeAnn Nichols

919-383-2094

BLAST FROM THE PAST



Early 1900's photo of Durham Dairy, Durham, N.C.