

Bottle Talk

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N. CLARK JR. Stoneware Jug Presented by RBC Member Joe Williams

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Bottle Talk Feature Of The Month



Joe Williams purchased this nice 3-gallon jug at the Raleigh Flea Market. "The early bird gets the Jug."



A Short History of The "N. CLARK, Jr." Stoneware Jug

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A Summary of research by John O'Brien

Updated 10/20/09

This paper is intended to unravel some of the mystery and questions one might have about the stoneware created in Western NY, specifically the stoneware made in Athens, Lyons, Mt. Morris, and Rochester. My intention is to reveal the close relationships between the various potters, their families, and workers. I also wish to reveal a timeline that will assist in dating pieces of stoneware that are marked with the maker's name, explain some of the earlier uses of these wares, and tell a little about how it was made. I chose these certain Potteries because of my interest and proximity to them. This paper is not meant to diminish the importance of other Potteries in the region such as those found in Troy, Fort Edward, Penn Yan, Utica, Geddes, Cortland, and others.

The largest of all potteries in NYS with the greatest production and employment was the Athens Pottery, in the village of Athens, NY. So it makes sense that I start with this Pottery and the various branches of it that reached into Western NY. Nathan Clark, who began this pottery, had an older sister who married an Englishman named Thomas Howe. It was Howe that purchased the original property site for the Pottery and financed the operation. Nathan, who had just completed his apprenticeship at 18 years of age was put in charge around 1805. This business, known at the time as "*Howe & Clark*" prospered until 1813 when Howe died and Nathan bought out his widowed sister's half of the business. Nathan ran the business under the name of "*N. Clark*". This business grew quite quickly and it wasn't long before he was shipping his wares as far south as South Carolina and Georgia.

Around 1825 Nathan Clark formed a new company called "*N. Clark & Company*". It was Nathan's intention to expand the Pottery business into other parts of NYS where the pottery business could flourish. As a means to fund this expansion, Nathan sold half the interest in the Athens factory to Ethan Fox in 1829. Fox was related to Nathan's wife. During this period, the Athens pottery was known as "*Clark & Fox*". In 1838 Clark sold his remaining half of the Pottery to Fox so he could concentrate on his branch Potteries. However, in 1843, Nathan Clark bought back the Athens' Pottery from Fox and sold it the same day to his son, who operated the factory as "*N Clark Jr.*". Nathan Clark Jr. ran the Pottery until 1892 when he sold it to Thomas Ryan. At this time, the pottery was identified as "Athens Pottery". This continued until 1900 when the Pottery was closed for good.

The Show Goes On

The 2012 RBC Bottles and Collectibles Show



Anthony Townsend had a table full of nice bottles and Collectibles. Anthony displayed a good mixture of interesting and unusual items. The CRISTO COLA dispenser was one of his nicer items. If interested in buying the dispenser, contact Anthony at phtownsend@yahoo.com

Thanks Anthony for supporting the RBC Show.





Top: Adam Pickett is set up and ready for a sale. Thanks Adam for coming all the way from Gulf, N.C to support the Raleigh Bottle Show.

Left: Jim Caudill has always been a great supporter of the Raleigh Bottle Show. Thanks again Jim for your help in making the 2012 show a success.



Kenneth Barger from Sanford, N.C. talks to a prospective customer. Kenneth had a nice assortment of bottles and collectibles on his sales table. Thanks Kenneth for your support of the Raleigh Bottle Club.

If you want to see some interesting and unusual bottles and collectibles just look for Mrs. Cullom. She always draws a lot of people at her sales tables. She has been one of the most loyal dealers at the Raleigh Bottle Show. Thanks for your support over the years.





J.B. Young

Pictured are some of the RBC members at their sales table. Thanks to these and many others that helped with the 2012 show.



Ronald Hinsley



Pem Woodlief



Dean Haley



Whitt Stallings

Show and Tell



The RBC is taking on a new look. With the addition of several young collectors the average age of the club is drastically going down. Jacob Michaels is one of our newest members but you couldn't tell it from his enthusiasm. Jacob brought several nice bottles to 'show and tell'.

Good job Michael !!

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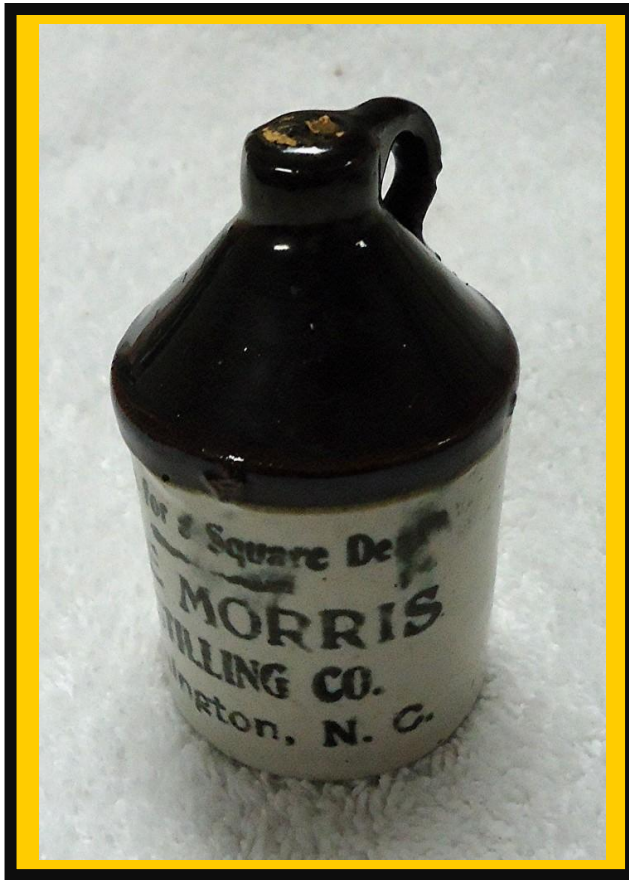
- 1) Brown Chemical Company Iron Bitters. Circa 1908.
- 2) A beautiful light blue Dr. Hoofland's German Bitters from the 1850's (Iron Pontil)
- 3) Amber Electric Brand Bitters
- 4) Honey Amber Chattanooga Medicine
- 5) A very nice amber 1860 Plantation X Bitters





The nice pint Henderson Dispensary was shown by Joe Williams. Joe also brought this very rare Van Vliet pint fruit jar. Take a look at the closure on this jar. How many like that have you seen at your local flea market?





Joe has once again discovered some unusual pieces to add to his collection. This nice MORRIS DISTILLING CO mini-jug from Wilmington, N.C. is an extremely hard to find item.

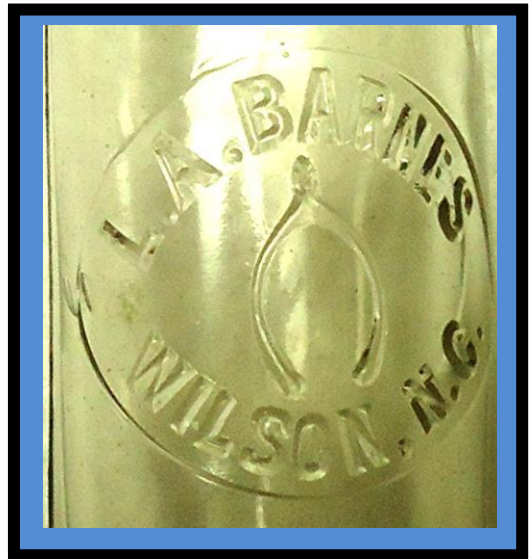
These Sealtest table top creamers were very common in the 40's and early 50's but are rarely seen today. The small creamers with no ACL can sometimes be found at local flea markets but ones with a nice color label are getting very scarce.



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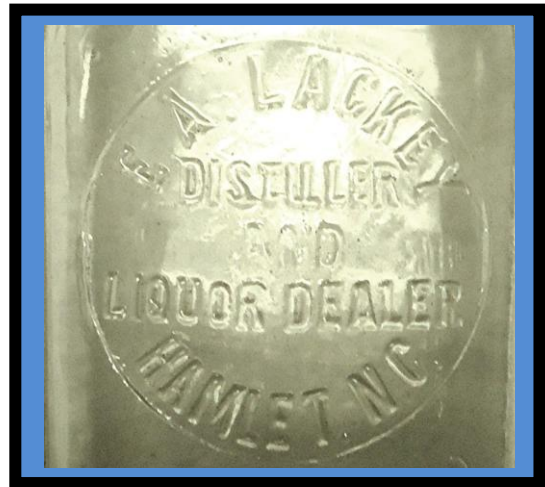


REAR



This nice ½ pint center slug GEO. ROEDIGER & CO. whiskey from WINSTON, N.C. was shown by Joe Williams.

Do you like unusual N.C. bottles? If so, this rare L.A. Barnes from Wilson, N.C. with a wishbone embossed slug plate is about as nice as they come. Donnie Medlin presented this bottle.



Donnie Medlin finds two more nice whiskey flasks for his growing collection of N.C. Whiskeys. The W.B. Pate ½ pint flask from Goldsboro is a nice addition to Donnie's display case.

Some early liquor dealers, like E.A. Lackey, were distillers and bottlers. E. A. Lackey sold most of their whiskey in stoneware jugs. You will see one of their jugs from time to time but the L.E. Lackey whiskey bottle from Hamlet, N.C. is a pretty rare find. Donnie Medlin has added this rare bottle to his collection.

Reader Response



Raleigh Crush Bottle owned by Whitt Stallings

Hi Marshall - I am an avid genealogist and Pepsi-Cola historian, and read your webpage from time to time. The Orange Crush bottle featured in your Jan/Feb edition was quite unusual. I have never seen one like it, but would make an educated guess that it is most likely a 1931/1932 bottle from the Raleigh Orange Crush Bottling Company located (then) at 223 East Davie St.

Prior to 1931, I have not found a Crush bottler based in Raleigh – Durham. Pepsi-Cola was the nearest Crush bottler. However, in 1931 the Raleigh Pepsi-Cola/Grapeola bottler, Numa Fetcher Turner, Sr., dropped Pepsi-Cola for the Orange Crush brand(s), becoming Raleigh's first known Crush bottler. It is interesting to note that Turner acquired the Raleigh Pepsi-Cola franchise in 1917 and also served as sheriff of Wake County from 1926 thru 1946. Turner's Orange Crush operation lasted until 1941 when it closed due to WWII materials rationing. The Burnett family of Durham Pepsi-Cola acquired the Pepsi-Cola franchises in Raleigh, Goldsboro, Burlington, Henderson, and Sanford in 1934 during the massive national refranchising effort by the Pepsi-Cola company.

I have written a (yet to be published) electronic book about the Burnett family's roots and connections to Pepsi-Cola since 1905. I work for the sole remaining Burnett family member at the family's Pepsi-Cola franchise in Roxboro and would be happy to share information with any of your members and/or readers

Jeff Fitzgerald

Show Calendar

07 & 08 July 2012 (Saturday & Sunday) **Elsecar, Yorkshire, England** **The 22nd UK Summer National** Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday Show & Auction, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Auction 11:00 am. Elsecar Heritage Center, Nr Barnsley, S Yorks, S74 8HJ, England. Info: BBR 00441226 745156, email: sales@onlinebbr.com

11 – 14 July 2012 (Wednesday thru Saturday) **Muncie, Indiana** **Fruit Jar Show JAR-B-Q** at the Signature Inn, 3400 N. Chadam Lane, Muncie Indiana. Free admission to room-hop-shopping, auction and seminars. Open to the public. Hotel reservations: 765.284.4200, Show info: [Jerry McCann, fjar@aol.com](mailto:fjar@aol.com) 773.777.0443 or [Marianne Dow finbotclub@gmail.com](mailto:MarianneDow@finbotclub@gmail.com) 419.455.1112 Show website: finbotclub.blogspot.com **FOHBC Member Club**

21 and 22 July 2012 (Saturday & Sunday) **Adamstown, Pennsylvania** **The 11th Annual Shupp's Grove Bottle Festival**, (Saturday & Sunday, 6:00 am to dusk, early buyers Friday 3:00 pm, at the famous "Shupp's Grove", 1686 Dry Tavern Road, Denver, Pennsylvania 17517, Info: Steve Guion, Tele: 717.626.5557, email: affinityinsurance@dejazzd.com

27 & 28 July 2012 (Friday & Saturday) **Birmingham, Alabama** **The Alabama Bottle Collectors annual Birmingham Antique Bottle & Folk Pottery Show**, Bessemer Civic Center, Friday, 27 July 2012 for Dealer Set-Up and Early Buyers (Early Buyers \$10 per person) 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Dealer tables will be available again for \$35 per 8-foot table. We will again serve a COMPLIMENTARY pizza buffet dinner Friday evening for our Dealers and Early Buyers. Saturday 28 July 2012, 8:00 am thru 3:00 pm, FREE Admission, Special Group Displays: Alabama Whiskey Bottles & Flasks plus Alabama Pottery, Contact: Tom Lines ALBottleCollectors@Hotmail.com or call 205.410.2191 or visit our new website [Alabama Bottle Collectors](http://AlabamaBottleCollectors.com).

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**

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**

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](mailto:MarianneDow@finbotclub.com), 419.455.1112 Club website: finbotclub.blogspot.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



If you would like more information on joining FOHBC or information about the Reno Expo 2012 refer to the federation web site. FOHBC.org

RBC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

In June the RBC added two family memberships -- the Robert Currin family and the David Michaels family. We welcome you to the Raleigh Bottle Club. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact a club officer or the newsletter editor.

WANTED

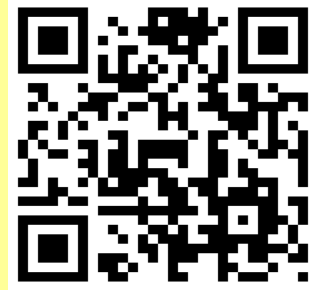
STYROFOAM COVERED SODAS

Any size larger than 20 ounce

Marshall Clements (919) 423-8557

blobtop@gmail.com

Smart Phone scan-able link to
<http://www.Raleighbottleclub.org>



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

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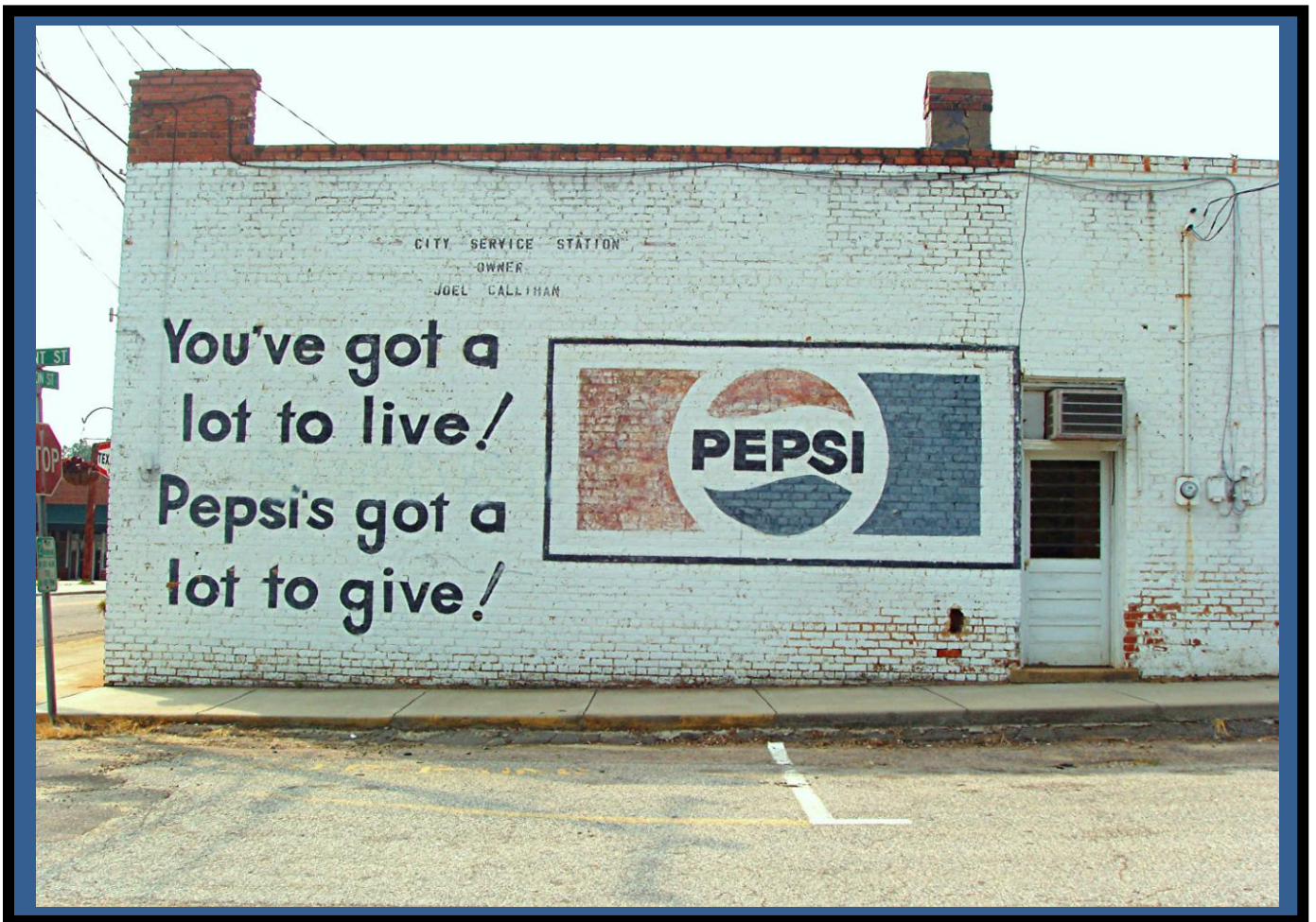
TAB BOTTLES

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

Contact: DeeAnn Nichols

919-383-2094

BLAST FROM THE PAST



An unusual store side sign found in Franklinton, N.C. I have seen a lot of Pepsi signs but never one configured quite like this. If you happen to see some unusual soft drink signs during your travels, I would appreciate a photo for my collection and possible use in a future newsletter

The slogan was used between 1965 and 1975. The logo was introduced in 1973.

The photo is from the sign collection of Marshall Clements