

Appendix F

Bottles Used by the Small Dairies and Creameries, 1920s-1940s

To make this table more user friendly, I have included the dairies in alphabetical order rather than the chronological order used in Chapter 9.

Federal Prison Industries, Inc. (La Tuna)

Method of Manufacture: Machine

Color: Colorless

Size: 5 ¼" (h); 2 3/8" (d)

Primary Labeling Style: Embossed

Finish: Cap Seat

Capacity: ½ pt.

Overall Bottle Design: Cylindrical

Front Description

Neck: Bare

Shoulder: Embossed - HALF PINT LIQUID (slight arch)

Body: Embossed plate - FEDERAL PRISON / INDUSTRIES, (both arch) / INC. (horizontal) / LA TUNA, TEXAS (inverted arch)

Heel: Embossed - L52 REGISTERED

Back Description

Neck: Bare

Shoulder: Bare

Body: Bare

Heel: Embossed - B SEALED 5

Base: Bare [ejection scar]

Manufacturer: Lamb Glass Co. (1921-present)

Dating: early 11950s?

Collection(s): Author's collection.

Method of Manufacture: Machine

Color: Colorless

Size: 5 ¼" (h); 2 3/8: (d)

Primary Labeling Style: Embossed

Finish: Cap Seat

Capacity: ½ pt.

Overall Bottle Design: Cylindrical

Front Description

Neck: circular plate (empty) at the neck/shoulder – apparently only on OI bottles]

Shoulder: Embossed - HALF PINT LIQUID (slight arch)

Body: Embossed plate -FEDERAL PRISON / INDUSTRIES, INC. (horizontal) / LA TUNA, TEXAS (arch)

Heel: Embossed - REGISTERED / 25 B

Back Description

Neck: Bare

Shoulder: Bare

Body: Bare

Heel: Embossed - MLX49 SEALED <0> 5

Base: Embossed - 9 <0> 53 / {ejection scar} X / Duraglas (cursive)

Manufacturer: Owens-Illinois Glass Co. (1929-1954)

Dating: 1953

Collection(s): Author's collection.

Method of Manufacture: Machine

Color: Colorless

Size: 5 ¼" (h); 2 3/8: (d)

Primary Labeling Style: Embossed

Finish: Cap Seat

Capacity: ½ pt.

Overall Bottle Design: Cylindrical

Front Description

Neck: Bare

Shoulder: Embossed - FEDERAL PRISON / INDUSTRIES, INC. (horizontal) / LA TUNA,

TEXAS (arch)

Heel: Embossed - MTC REGISTERED {1 / MINN in triangle} / BIX

Back Description

Neck: Bare

Shoulder: Bare

Body: Bare

Heel: Embossed - SEALED 1-11-14

Base: Embossed - 1-7-11-14 (arch) / {ejection scar} S49

Manufacturer: Thatcher Mfg. Co.

Dating: 1949

Collection(s): Author's collection.

Method of Manufacture: Machine

Color: Colorless

Size: 9 1/2" (h); 3 5/8" (d)

Primary Labeling Style: Embossed

Finish: Cap Seat

Capacity: 1 qt.

Overall Bottle Design: Cylindrical

Front Description

Neck: Bare

Shoulder: Embossed - HALF PINT LIQUID (slight arch)

Body: Embossed - FEDERAL PRISON / INDUSTRIES, INC. (horizontal) / LA TUNA, TEXAS (arch)

Heel: Embossed - REGISTERED / 16 MLX 490

Back Description

Shoulder: Bare

Body: Bare

Heel: Embossed - SEALED I-in-an-oval-superimposed on a diamond B

Base: Embossed - Duraglas (cursive) / 9 51 / X

Manufacturer: Owens-Illinois Glass Co. (1929-1954)

Dating: 1951

Collection(s): Leonard K. Schutz collection.

Variation 1

9<0>53 / X / Duraglas (cursive) [f heel – SEALED <0> B; b heel – REGISTERED]
base bare [f heel – L52 REGISTERED; b heel – B SEALED 5

Variation 2

1 - 7 - 11 - 14 (arch) / S49 [f heel – MTC REGISTERED {Minn. Triangle 1 / MINN}; b heel – SEALED 1 - 11 - 14]

9 51 / Duraglas (cursive) / X [quart (reported to me – heelmarks unknown]

9 55 / Duraglas (cursive) [f heel – SEALED <0> B; b heel – REGISTERED]

9 56 / Duraglas (cursive) [f heel – SEALED <0> B; b heel – REGISTERED]

Heidelberg Dairy (1935-1936)

Method of Manufacture: Machine

Color: Colorless

Size (in cm.): 24.0 (h); 9.7 (d); 3.6 throat; 4.1 cap seat

Primary Labeling Style: Etched

Finish: Cap Seat

Capacity: 1 qt.

Overall Bottle Design: Cylindrical

Front Description

Shoulder: Etched - Heidelberg (very crude hand etching)

Body: Bare

Heel: Embossed - ONE QUART LIQUID

Back Description

Shoulder: Bare

Body: Bare

Heel: Embossed - 7 MINN-in-a-triangle SEALED L-G 52 B1287

Base: Embossed - 40

Manufacturer: Liberty Glass Company (1934-1954) (Giarde 1980:67)

Dating: [1935-1936] Heidelberg was only listed in the city directory for two years

Collection(s): Author's collection.

Lane's Jersey Dairy (1929-ca. 1995)

Method of Manufacture: Machine

Color: Colorless

Size (in cm.): 24.1 (h); 9.8 (d); throat 3.7 ; cap seat 4.2

Primary Labeling Style: Embossed

Finish: Cap Seat

Capacity: 1 qt.

Overall Bottle Design: Cylindrical

Front Description

Shoulder: Embossed - ONE QUART (slight inverted arch) / LIQUID (slight inverted arch)

Body: Embossed plate mold - USE / Lanes Jersey (cursive with tail of the "Y" underlining the other words and FOR HEALTH enclosed within the tail / MILK (everything but "USE" slightly upwardly slanted)

Heel: Embossed - triangle containing 7 / MINN REGISTERED L-G / REG. CAL.

Back Description

Body: Bare

Heel: Embossed - SEALED 52 / B108-2

Base: Embossed - 58 with 5 in valve mark

Manufacturer: Liberty Glass Co. (1934-1954) (Giarde 1980:67)

Dating: [1930?-1949?] This bottle provides an enigma. The 58 on the base should be a date (1958), but both Giarde (1980:67) and Toulouse (1971:321) agree that Liberty stopped using the L-G mark in 1954. Most dairies also stopped using round bottles (in favor of the lighter, more space-efficient square quarts) around 1949. The general style of the bottle suggests a use between ca. 1935 and 1949.

Collection(s): author's collection.

Lane's Dairy

Method of Manufacture: Machine (Plastic)

Color: Colorless

Size (in cm.): 25.2 (h); 9.8 (w); 9.7 (d)

Primary Labeling Style: Enamel

Finish: Cap Seat

Capacity: Half Gallon

Overall Bottle Design: Square in cross section with an orange, plastic handle molded around the neck just below the finish.

Front Description

Neck: A single ring to retain the handle

Shoulder: Embossed - USE ONLY FOR FOOD (left and right sides bare)

Body: Embossed - HALF GALLON / Lane's (red, upwardly-slanted cursive) / DAIRY (horizontal) / RETURN / DEPOSIT / BOTTLE / Rinse & Return

Heel: Bare

Back Description

Neck: see front

Shoulder: Same as front

Body: Same as front by no HALF GALLON

Heel: Bare

Base: Embossed - MOBAY / 1 / [six dots in two columns - 3 larger than the others] 79 / MERLON

Manufacturer: Unknown

Dating: 1979

Collection(s): Author's collection.

Method of Manufacture: Machine

Color: Colorless

Size (in cm.): unknown

Primary Labeling Style: Embossed

Finish: Cap Seat

Capacity: 1 Qt.

Overall Bottle Design: Round in cross section

Front Description

Shoulder: Embossed – ONE QUART / LIQUID (inverted arch)

Body: Embossed (plate mold) – USE (horizontal) / Lane's Jersey (slightly upwardly slanted cursive) / FOR HEALTH (in extended tail of "Y") / MILK (horizontal)

Heel: Embossed – 7 / MINN REGISTERED / REG. CAL.

Back Description

Shoulder: Bare

Body: Bare

Heel: Embossed – L-G SEALED 52 / B108-1

Base: Embossed - 58

Manufacturer: Liberty Glass Co.

Dating: 1958

Collection(s): eBay

Method of Manufacture: Machine

Color: Colorless

Size (in cm.): unknown

Primary Labeling Style: ACL

Finish: Cap Seat

Capacity: Half Gallon

Overall Bottle Design: Round in cross section with indented “hand grip”

Front Description

Shoulder: Blue ACL – Lane’s (slightly upwardly-slanted cursive)

Body: Bare

Heel: Embossed – REC; right side – SEALED

Back Description

Shoulder: Same as front

Body: Bare

Heel: Embossed – LG SC; left side – HALF GALLON LIQUID

Base: Embossed - 877-1 / 65-51E

Manufacturer: Liberty Glass Co.

Dating: 1965

Collection(s): eBay

Leary Dairy (ca. 1932-ca. 1936)

Method of Manufacture: Machine

Color: Colorless

Size (in cm.): 24.1 (h); 9.8 (d); 3.6 throat; 4.1 cap seat

Primary Labeling Style: Embossed

Finish: Cap Seat

Capacity: 1 Qt.

Overall Bottle Design: Cylindrical

Front Description

Neck: Four horizontal embossed ribs evenly spaced around the neck

Shoulder: Bare

Body: Embossed - ONE QUART (inverted arch) / PROPERTY OF AND FILLED BY (inverted arch) / plate mold: LEARY DAIRY (arch) / MAIN 6594 (horizontal) / EL PASO (inverted arch)

Heel: Embossed - L-G

Back Description

Neck: same as front

Shoulder: bare

Body: bare

Heel: Embossed - REGISTERED/THIS BOTTLE NOT SOLD / 347

Base: Embossed - H-with-an-extended-bar to form an HL-connected brand (large letter) / 36 with 255 in reverse in the ejection mark

Manufacturer: Liberty Glass Co. (1934-1954) (Giarde 1980:67)

Dating: 1936

Collection(s): Author's collection.

Lone Star Dairy (ca. 1942-1943)

Method of Manufacture: Machine

Color: Colorless

Size: 9 ½" (h); 3 ¾" (d)

Primary Labeling Style: Embossed

Finish: Cap Seat

Capacity: 1 qt.

Overall Bottle Design: Cylindrical

Front Description

Shoulder: Embossed - ONE QUART (arch) / LIQUID (arch)

Body: Embossed plate mold - LONE STAR DAIRY (arch) / J. ALBA (arch) / PROP.
(horizontal) / RT. 2 BOX 331 (horizontal) / EL PASO, TEXAS (inverted arch)

Heel: Embossed - MTC REGISTERED / B1

Back Description

Shoulder: Bare

Body: Bare

Heel: Embossed - SEALED 1-11-14

Base: Embossed - S / 7 43

Manufacturer: Thatcher Manufacturing Co. (ca. 1923-1949) (Giarde 1980:112)

Dating: 1943

Collection(s): Author's collection.

Method of Manufacture: Machine

Color: Colorless

Size: 7 ¼" (h); 3" (d)

Primary Labeling Style: Embossed

Finish: Cap Seat

Capacity: 1 pt.

Overall Bottle Design: Cylindrical

Front Description

Shoulder: Embossed - ONE PINT (arch) / LIQUID (arch)

Body: Embossed plate mold - LONE STAR DAIRY (arch) / J. ALBA (arch) / PROP.
(horizontal) / RT. 2 BOX 331 (horizontal) / EL PASO, TEXAS (inverted arch)

Heel: Embossed - MTC REGISTERED / B

Back Description

Shoulder: Bare

Body: Bare

Heel: Embossed - SEALED 1-11-14

Base: Embossed - 7 42 / S

Manufacturer: Thatcher Manufacturing Co. (ca. 1923-1949) (Giarde 1980:112)

Dating: 1942

Collection(s): Author's collection.

Martha's Dairy (1947-1948)

Method of Manufacture: Machine

Color: Colorless

Size (in cm.): Unknown

Primary Labeling Style: Embossed

Finish: Cap Seat

Capacity: 1 qt.

Overall Bottle Design: Cylindrical

Front Description

Shoulder: Embossed - ONE QUART / LIQUID (both arch)

Body: Embossed (plate mold) - MARTHA'S (slight upward slant) / DAIRY (horizontal; offset to right) / PHONE MAIN 3808 W (horizontal) / EL PASO, TEXAS (inverted arch)

Heel: Embossed - REGISTERED SEALED 152 (from eBay description – may be on front or back heel)

Back Description

Shoulder: Bare

Body: Bare

Heel: See front heel description

Base: Embossed - 5

Manufacturer: Unknown

Dating: [1947-1948]

Collection(s): eBay auction.

Mistletoe Creamery

Method of Manufacture: Machine

Color: Colorless

Size (in cm.): 13.7 (h); 5.9-6.0 (d); 3.4 throat

Primary Labeling Style: Embossed

Finish: Dacro (crown)

Capacity: ½ Pt.

Overall Bottle Design: Cylindrical

Front Description

Shoulder: Bare

Body: Embossed Mistletoe (highly stylized, thick embossing; slightly upward slant)

Heel: Embossed - 3 RIVERS ☆ 28

Back Description

Body: Embossed - LIQUID CONTENTS / 6 FLUID OUNCES

Heel: Embossed - 5

Base: Bare but with ejection mark

Manufacturer: Three Rivers Glass Co. (1922-1937) (Smith 1989:vii)

Dating: [1928] Mistletoe may have used the same style of bottles throughout the nine years of its existence in El Paso. The El Paso plant had opened by 1922, but the New Mexico plants along with the one in El Paso had closed by 1933.

Collection(s): Author's collection.

Osaple Dairy (ca. 1937)

Method of Manufacture: Machine

Color: Colorless

Size (in cm.):

Primary Labeling Style: Embossed

Finish: Cap Seat

Capacity: 1 pt.

Overall Bottle Design: Cylindrical with plate mold

Front Description

Shoulder: Embossed - ONE PINT / LIQUID (both horizontal).

Body: Embossed (plate) - OSAPLE DAIRY (arch) / DAIRY / RED 31R4 (horizontal) / EL PASO, TEX. (inverted arch)

Heel: Embossed - looks like 338 [poss. BB48]

Back Description

Body: Bare

Heel: Embossed - triangle with 7 / MINN inside; SEALED 52

Base: Embossed - 37 and an ejection scar

Manufacturer: Unknown – probably Thatcher Mfg. Co.

Dating: 1937

Collection(s): eBay auction.

Stedham's Dairy (ca. 1932-1943)

Method of Manufacture: Machine

Color: Colorless

Size (in cm.): 18.5 (h); 7.9 (d); 3.6 throat; 4.2 cap seat

Primary Labeling Style: Embossed

Finish: Cap Seat

Capacity: 1 pt.

Overall Bottle Design: Cylindrical

Front Description

Shoulder: ONE PINT / LIQUID (both inverted arch)

Body: Embossed (plate mold) - STEDHAM'S DAIRY (inverted arch) / PHONE RED 72J1 (arch)

Heel: Embossed - L-G REGISTERED

Back Description

Body: Bare with coated section (USGS sample bottle)

Heel: Embossed - SEALED 52 / 030-2

Base: Embossed - 41 with 53 in reverse in ejection mark

Manufacturer: Liberty Glass Co. (1934-1954) (Giarde 1980:67)

Dating: 1941

Collection(s): Author's collection.

Veck's Dairy (1929-1945)

Method of Manufacture: Machine

Color: Colorless

Size: 5 3/8" (h); 2 3/8" (d)

Primary Labeling Style: Embossed

Finish: Cap Seat

Capacity: 1/2 pt.

Overall Bottle Design: Cylindrical

Front Description

Neck/Shoulder: Embossed with 12 forward-slanted ribs encircling the shoulder/neck

Shoulder: Embossed - HALF PINT LIQUID (inverted arch)

Body: Embossed plate - Veck's (upwardly-slanted cursive) / Dairy (same) / El Paso (inverted arch)

Heel: Embossed - L-G REG. CAL.

Back Description

Neck: See front

Shoulder: Bare

Body: Bare

Heel: Embossed - 8423-1

Base: Embossed - 41 C

Manufacturer: Liberty Glass Co. (1934-1954) (Giarde 1980:67)

Dating: [1941] Veck probably used unmarked bottles prior to the El Paso law of 1936 which required that all dairies permanently mark their bottles with the dairy's name. Presumably, Veck also used a pint container, but none have been located to date.

Collection(s): Ruby O'Leary collection.

Method of Manufacture: Machine

Color: Colorless

Size: prob. Typical pint

Primary Labeling Style: Embossed

Finish: Cap Seat

Capacity: 1 pt.

Overall Bottle Design: Cylindrical

Front Description

Neck/Shoulder: Embossed with 12 forward-slanted ribs encircling the shoulder/neck

Shoulder: Embossed - ONE PINT / LIQUID (inverted arch)

Body: Embossed plate - Veck's (upwardly-slanted cursive) / Dairy (same) / El Paso (inverted arch)

Heel: Embossed - L-G REGISTERED

Back Description

Neck: See front

Shoulder: Bare

Body: Bare

Heel: Embossed - unknown

Base: Embossed - 38

Manufacturer: Liberty Glass Co. (1934-1954) (Giarde 1980:67)

Dating: [1938] Veck probably used unmarked bottles prior to the El Paso law of 1936 which required that all dairies permanently mark their bottles with the dairy's name. Presumably, Veck also used a pint container, but none have been located to date.

Collection(s): eBay.

Method of Manufacture: Machine

Color: Colorless

Size: 9 3/8" (h); 3 3/4" (d)

Primary Labeling Style: Embossed

Finish: Cap Seat

Capacity: 1 qt.

Overall Bottle Design: Cylindrical

Front Description

Neck/Shoulder: Embossed with 12 forward-slanted ribs encircling the shoulder/neck [qt - same]

Shoulder: Embossed - ONE QUART / LIQUID

Body: Embossed plate mold - Vecks (upwardly-slanted cursive) / Dairy (same) / El Paso (inverted arch) [note: no apostrophe on quart]

Heel: Embossed - L-G

Back Description

Neck: See front

Shoulder: Bare

Body: Bare

Heel: Embossed - 876

Base: Embossed - reverse 33 in valve mark / 37

Manufacturer: Liberty Glass Co. (1934-1954) (Giarde 1980:67)

Dating: [1937] Veck probably used unmarked bottles prior to the El Paso law of 1936 which required that all dairies permanently mark their bottles with the dairy's name. Presumably, Veck also used a pint container, but none have been located to date.

Collection(s): Ruby O'Leary collection.

Woodhouse Dairy (1931-1942)

Method of Manufacture: Machine

Color: Colorless

Size (in cm.): 24.1 (h); 9.8 (d); 3.7 throat; 4.2 cap seat

Primary Labeling Style: Etched

Finish: Cap Seat

Capacity: 1 qt.

Overall Bottle Design: Cylindrical

Front Description

Body: Etched - Woodhouse / Dairy (cursive - neatly hand etched)

Heel: Embossed - REGISTERED SEALED 1-11-14

Back Description

Body: Bare

Heel: Embossed - MTC ONE QUART LIQUID

Base: Embossed - 39 (in ejection ring) 7 (upside down) / S [note that two etched bottles were both made by Thatcher and dated "39"]

Manufacturer: Thatcher Manufacturing Company (1923-1949) (Giarde 1980:112)

Dating: 1939

Collection(s): Author's collection.

{Note: Woodhouse sometimes etched his company name on top of the embossing of other companies - personal communication, John Gross, May 12, 1996}