

Chapter 6

Conclusions

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Aside from the early work done by Schadlick, this is the first serious attempt at unraveling the tangle created by the various types of seals used by different states in reaction to the uneven distribution of glass that created inconsistent capacities in milk bottles. With the help of Massachusetts collectors and Pete Schulz (as noted in Chapter 2), I have been able to form a creditable history and chronology of the Mass Seals. Even with as much as we have put together, many gaps remain in individual seals.

The Maine seal study is much less complete. Thanks to Laura Brown, we have at least some historical information, but the sample of Maine bottles and seals remains incomplete. All of the other studies are in their infancies. We have good taste of Rhode Island but only light sips of nectar from the other seal states.

It is my sincere hope that this study will inspire local collectors, archaeologists, historians, and just plain interested folks to become involved. We need information from public laws, newspapers, and numerous bottles to increase our knowledge. I will be happy to work with anyone interested in further research. Future research especially needs a much larger sample of milk bottles than I have had available.

Quite frankly, I am not reliable on the telephone (including texting), and I do not belong to Facebook. However, I do answer e-mails, usually quickly. Feel free to contact me at:

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