

# WATERMAN/-AND-/SCHMITZ / BAKER CITY/-ORE- (BEEHIVE POTTERY JUG)

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It is always nice to find out some new information on a pre-pro bottle, jug, or go-with.

I spotted this item about 200 feet away and knew it was one of the beehive jugs but wasn't aware until I turned it around that it was a Baker City jug. It is a half-gallon size that is 8 1/2" tall and 7" wide. There are other Beehive jugs, but this one is different from almost all the other Oregon ones except the Chas Stubling Beehive from The Dalles, Oregon. On both jugs the writing is incised by just not being glazed in brown. It turns out that Waterman and Schmitz also had a couple of Hutchinson soda bottles.

The photo and below quoted article came from the Baker City Library:



"KENTUCKY LIQUOR STORE. The enterprise of John Waterman and John Schmitz dates its formation back to 1889. The premises occupied are on the corner of Front and Center streets, and are of ample dimensions for the storage of the large stock carried. Carrying a large stock of imported wines and liquors and cigars, their trade has steadily grown from a small beginning until today it is the largest in this section of the state. They cater extensively to the family trade, having such high grade goods in stock as Bond & Lilliard's, McBrayer's, Spring Hill, Old Hermitage, Old Crow, Jesse Moore, Crescent Rye and Bourbon, controlling the sole agency of the three latter brands of whiskies. In cigars they carry all the leading brands, including Powell, Smith & Co.'s goods, La Flor de Madrid, Estrellas, Chancellors and others. They also own the Bottling Works, and manufacture all kinds of soft drinks, such as soda, cider, sarsaparilla, and so forth. In this department they employ five men continuously. Their success has been altogether due to their carrying pure liquors, and their reliable and honest treatment of all patrons. Few men can point to a more successful and dignified business career in Baker City, than John Waterman and John Schmitz, and no man has a higher standing either commercially or socially."

They sold their business to Julius Muller in 1900, apparently no connection to the KENTUCKY LIQUOR CO in Portland from 1906 until prohibition closed it in 1915.

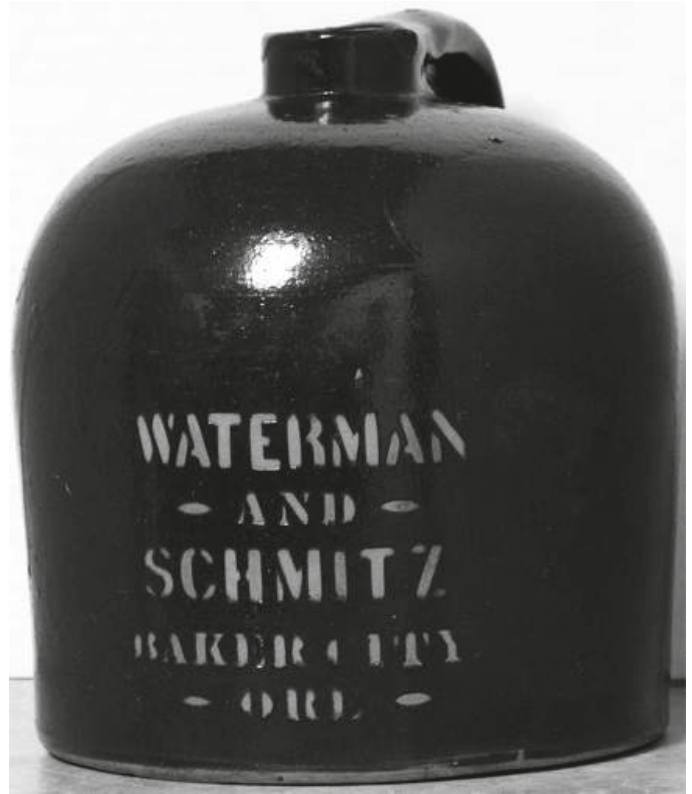
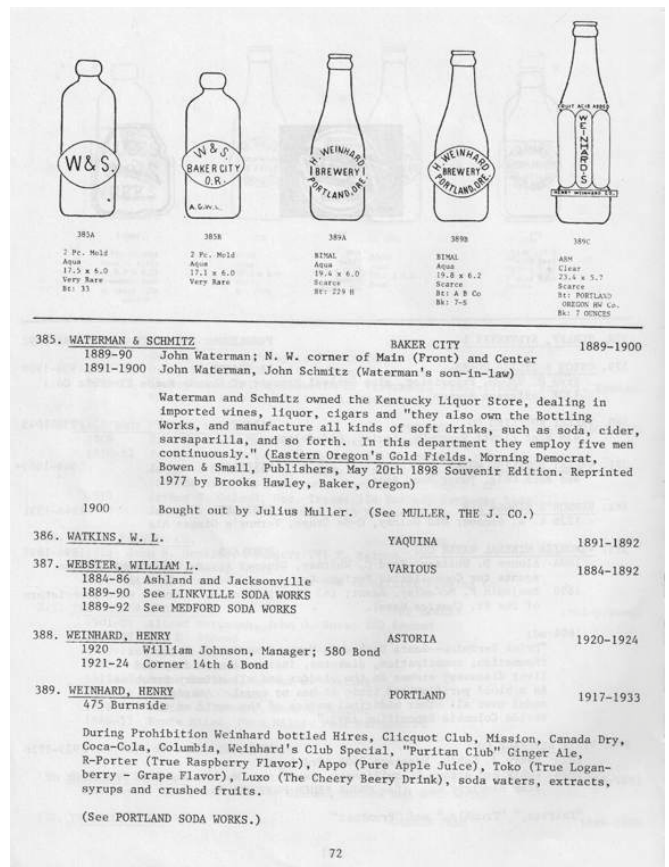


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