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ALABAMA'S PRE-CROWN TOP DRINK BOTTLES 1840-1915 An Illustrated Guide To Known Variations by Thomas C. Lines

<u>Note</u>

Tom Lines has kindly given me permission to post/share this scanned version of his book *Alabama's Pre-Crown Top Drink Bottles 1840-1915 / An Illustrated Guide To Known Variations* on the Alabama Soda Bottles Facebook page.

This scanned version is an original clean copy of the book as published back in 1986. Since that time, Tom has made multiple changes/edits to this original scanned version. The scanned version is a start. Tom and I will work together to incorporate the changes that Tom has noted over the past 30 years since the book was originally published.

Hopefully, this will become a good reference for all Alabama hutch collectors and beyond. Any new additions you have or know of can be shared with me for incorporation into this e-copy.

Again I would like to extend a big thank you to Tom Lines for allowing me to post his book and share it with fellow Alabama Hutch Collectors.

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Forward

This guide is intended to present information on all known variations of drink bottles used by early Alabama bottlers prior to the crown top bottle. For clarification, I'll define a variation as any change in the embossed name, the use and/or type of slug plate, the size and color of the bottle and the style of the bottle. I do not consider any given bottle a variation simply because a different glass manufacturer may have produced it keeping in mind all embossed features are the same together with no height or color changes. On color, I'll distinguish between the following colors: Clear, Aqua, Green, Flue-Green, Flue and Teal. There are many shades of aqua which I lump together for convenience. The heights will be rounded to the nearest 1/8" but may vary on individual bottles up to 1/4" due to manufacturing methods.

I have not included any historical background in this book as I feel that Dennis Smith has covered that subject extensively in his book, "Alabama Fottlers"; repeating it here would be redundant.

As no reference work of this kind is ever complete, you are invited to contact the author with any new information on bottle variations not depicted herein.

Acknowledgements

Thanks to my father's interests, I grew up with an appreciation of antiques and a desire to collect. It was not until the summer of 1975 that I was exposed to the bottle hobby in ' the home of May and Lavon Moore; I will cherish that day forever. By September, my good friend and co-worker, Steve Holland and I took off from work to go digging---we certainly shared many good times together.

I also want to express my sincere thanks to the following people who generously supported my efforts; without their help, I would have never accomplished as much as I did.

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Jerry Amburn	Marietta, GA
Desmond Toler	Mobile, AL

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<u>Pottle Styles and Closures</u>

There were only two basic types of closures used on these early bottles: the external type and the internal type. The external closure was basically a cork secrued by a wire over the top; this was the most common stopper for the blob top bottles. Another type is the Baltimore Loop Seal but it was used by only one soda water bottler; it featured a metal and rubber stopper seated in the bottles mouth. The internal closures, on the other hand, were more varied and can be broken down into two groups: the gravitating stoppers and the spring stoppers.

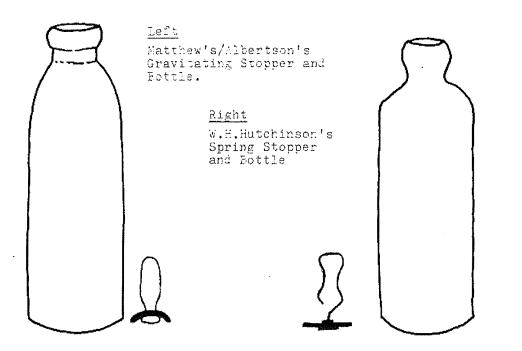
The gravitating stopper and its distinctive bottle design never gained widespread popularity as there were many problems associated with its use. Two of the more successful bottles and stoppers were patented by John Matthews in 1864 ther improved and repotented in 1873 by Albertson. This bottle style was used in Selma, Montgomery, Eufaula and Nobile. Another type of gravitating stopper was patented by Arthur Christain in 1875 but was used by only Diego Palliser in Mobile. A third type of gravitating stopper, seveloped by Roorbach in 1883, was used in Eufaula and is occassionally referred to as the "marble seal hutchinson" because its appearance resembles the hutchinson bottle.

The Eatthews and the Albertson bottles are essentially identical bottle designs and feature a glass stopper with a gasket fixed to the stopper. Poth the Christain and the Roorbach bottles featured gaskets fixed in the mouth of the bottle with the glass stoppers seating against them. The principle on all styles was when filled and inverted, the stopper would gravitate to the mouth forming a seal with the bottle and when returned to the upright position, the stopper would stay in place from the pressure exerted by the carbonated contents.

The spring stopper design was first patented in 1879 by a Chicago bottler, W.H.Hutchinson, and its design revolutionized the industry. The bottle featured more squared interior



All three of the above styles are blob top bottles and were sealed with a cork and wired down and attached under the lip.



shoulders to facilitate a better seal. Hutchinson's stopper was a double spring wire with a gasket attached to one end; it was inserted through the mouth and neck but could not be removed unless the gasket was first cut away from the stopper. This was really the first resealable bottle as after openning it by pushing the wire down into the neck of the bottle, it could be resealed by pulling the stopper up again. Adaptations to Hutchinson's stopper were many but they were similar in design. This style of stopper lasted for years but was eventually phased out by two forces. First, the development of the orown closure made the Hutchinson stopper less popular and second, the passage of the Food and Drug Act of 1906 was interpreted as declaring the spring stopper unsanitary as the contents had to flow over the stopper to be consumed.

Some creative bottlers were able to use the Hutchinson scoppers in other earlier bottle styles. Specifically, I have seen more than one Natthews or Albertson bottle with a Hutchinson stopper inside. In this case, the sealing gasket needed only to be alittle bigger. I've even seen one of the latest production blob top bottles with an adapted internal spring stopper inside. But for obvious purposes, "Hutchinson Fottles" will be classified as these designed to take the internal spring stopper.

Alabama's Pre-Crown Top Drink Bottles

To-date, a total of 38 cities and towns throughout the state have known examples of pre-crown top bottles from bottlers operating in those locations. The following chart provides an alphabetic listing by town of bottlers names plus the number of known bottle variations. As of this writing, 278 bottles and variations have been catalogued.

<u>City/Town</u>	Pottler's Name	Number of Variations
Andalusia	Andalusia F. C.	1
Anniston	Ledtetter Produce Co.	4
	Coca-Cola F. C.	1
	Anniston F. W.	2
	C.G.Hille & Cc.	1
Eessemer	Alatama E. W.	5
·	Eagle F. C.	1
	Bidge Eros.	1
	Ala.Cola F. C.	1
	H.G. Meumann	2
	Ccca-Cola B. C.	1
	Pessemer P. W.	5
Firmingham	Fountain & Wells	1
	D & H (Davis & Herbert)	2
	Al. F. Hochstadter	2
	Davis & Worcester	3
	Iron City E.W./F.C.	5
	Elephant (Steam) B.W./E.C.	7
	Houppert & Worcester	3
	Houppert & Smyly	3
	National Dope Co.	2
	Birmingham P.C.	2
	Dixie (Steam) Bottling Wks.	Co.6
	Celery-Cola	1
	Coca-Cola B.C.	1
	I. Lewis	3
	Alabama P.W./P.C.	9
	Lipps & Johnson	١

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Birmingham (cont	.) Golston E.C.	1
	Frisco E.W.	1
	Camel P.W.	3
	Star F.C.	2
	Wiseola E.C.	3
	Eagle B.W.	1
Blocton	Standard E.W.	3
Bridgeport	Pridgeport F.W.	2
Brookside	Pioneer F.W.	4
Carton Hill	Carbon Hill F.W.	1
Cordova	Cordova B.W.	1
Cullman	Cullman B.W.	2
Decatur	Buchheit B.W.	5
Demopolis	Demopolis P.W.	1
Dora	Dora B.W.	3
Dothan	Dothan B.W.	3
Ensley	Crown P.W.	1
	Jefferson County F.W.	4
J.	Minor Prothers	2
Eufaula	Wells Erothers	1
	Z.A.Farnes	3
	Eufaula F.W.	1
Svergreen	D.W.Powell	2
Flomaton	Crown B.W.	1
Gadsden	Coca-Cola B.C.	1
	Gadsden E.W.	2
Geneva	Geneva B.W.	2
Greenville	W.M.Dunn & Co.	2
Huntsville	Huntsville Steam B.W.	1
	Star P.W.	1
	Huntsville B.W.	1
Jasper	Jasper B.W.	1
	Coca-Cola P.C.	1
Mobile	Marquez & Moll	1
	A.Bartunes & Co.	1
	S. Twelves	1
	Miguel Pons & Co.	1
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Mobile (cont.)	M.Monju & Co.	4
	Clark & Wells	+ 1
	Clark & Munn	1
	E.S. Clark	1
	Clark & Carre	1
	E. Carre	13
	D. (Diego) Palliser	16
	D. Palliser's Sons	5
	Louis F. Gelkbe	2
	Holberg E.C.	ے 1
	Mobile Soda Water Co.	1
	Phoenix E.W.	5
	Choctaw E.W.	1
•	Horne & Tonsmiere	1
Montgomery	Wells Pros. (& Co.)	3
	T & W (Tatum & Wells)	1
	The Star E.W.	1
	D.P.West's Fottling Vaults	1
	William Tatum	7
	James Nelson	1
	Johnson E.W.	1
	Puryear & Dufeu	1
	Imperial E.W.	1
	Artesian B.C.	1
	John C. Cheney	3
Northport	Kennedy B.W.	1
Cakman	Sides Eros.	
Cpelika	E.P.Wright	1
	C. (Columbus) Roberts (F.W.)	
	Cpelika E.W.	3
Ozark	G.P.Dowling	4
Pratt City	H.P.D.&P. Co.	1 1
	Pratt City B.W.	
Selma	T.C.Iwerson	11
	F.B.Partlett	2
	Artesian B.W.	1
	J.W.Wells & Co.	1
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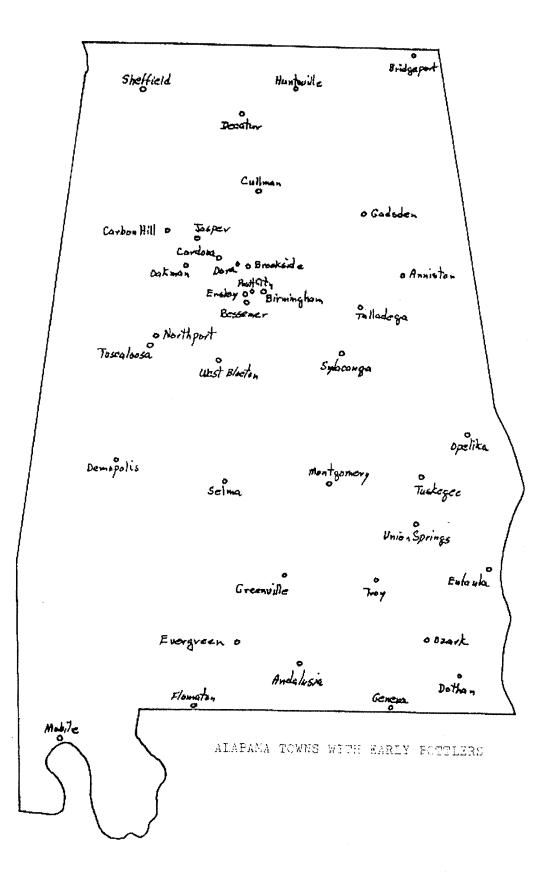
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Selma (cont.)	Excelsior B.W.	2
	R.Richard	ے î
	Richard & Thalheimer	4
	Central City B.W./B.C.	- 3
	E.P.Watson	1
	Selma Produce Co.	4
Sheffield	Union B.W.	1
Sylacauga	Sylacauga P.W.	1
Talladega	Talladega B.W.	1
	Coca-Cola E.C.	1
Troy	Proy B.W.	2
Tuscaloosa	M.A.Wells E.W.	1
	Gaudin E.C.	1
	Brantley's B.W.	1
•	Tuskaloosa R.W.	3
Tuskegee	Coca-Cola E.W./E.C.	2
	Curtwright & Iaslie	1
Union Springs	Stroud E.W.	1

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Note: Bottling Works abbreviated B.W. Bottling Co. abbreviated B.C.



NAMES ON SUSPECTED BOTTLES

The following is a list of historically documented bottlers that operated during the "hutchinson era" or before. I suspect any or all could have used an embossed bottle, however none have yet come to my attention.

Alexander City	Cotton & Wilson
Aliceville	Star B.W. Almond, Seymour & McGillis
Anniston	Rund & Leyden N.T. Reid
Attalla	J.R. Brown Hoope & Butler
Bessemer	Bessemer Steam B.W.
Blossburg	Pioneer B.W.
Brewton	Brewton B.W./ H.E. Douglas
Calera	Calera B.W,
Citronelle	E.A. Bradley
Clayton	Crown B.W.
Collinsville	J.B. Marsh
Columbia	Crown B.W. A. Williams
Columbiana	M.R. Wexton
Dadeville	Coca-Cola B.W. / J.L. Fuller
Decatur	Twin City B.W.
Dothan	Brooks & Morgan Alabama B.W. ~
Enterprise	Enterprise B.W. Crown B.W.
Evergreen	C.L. Nichael

Florala	Florala B.W.
Florence	Florence B.W. Florence Ice & Coal Co.
Foley	Foley Ice & Bottling Co.
Gadsden	Ledbetter Produce Co. Crescent B.W. Turrentine B.W. Gadsden Light, Coal & Ice Co.
Gordon	Gordon B.W.
Greenboro	Greensboro B.W.
Greenville	Butler County B.W.
Hartford	Nantz & Jones
Headland	Headland B.W.
Heflin	Heflin B.W.
Kuntsville	Bowling & Sugg Buchheit B.W. The Pratt B.W. Cicero Hall & Son
Hurtsboro	Hurtsboro B.W.
Jackson	A.E. Chunn
Jacksonville	Model City B.W.
Jasper	J.T. McGraw
Lafayette	Lafayette B.W. Barton & Boyd
Lineville	Parker Bros. Archer & Daniel
Littlejohn	Pioneer B.W./ G.H. Davis
Louisville	L.M. Danner
Marion	Purity B.W.
Montgomery	Holt & Dufeu Meyer & Dufeu
Oakman	G.W. Kemp & Bros.

Opelika	Germany & Berry Hagan B.W. Purity B.W. Liberty B.W.
Орр	Opp B.W.
Pell City	Pell City B.W.
Prattville	W.M. Smith & Co. Purity Bottling Co./ Isiah Miller Prattville B.W.
Quinton	Celery Cola Bottling Co.
Roanoke	J.T. Nelson
Samson	O.J. Angle
Sheffield	Sheffield Bakery & B.W. Millar Bros. E.E. Doud
Troy	Jones B.W.
Union Springs	Union Springs B.W.

This list would add 36 more towns to the total and 74 more bottlers; the potential for more than one variation per bottler is so high that I could safely estimate there could be as many as 100 more bottles that have not yet been discovered.

TOWNS WITH POSSIBLE BOTTLES

This list represents towns that may or may not have had bottlers but based on population and importance at the time very well could have had but is purely speculation on my part.

> Abbeville Ashland Atmore Athens Bay Minette Bladen Springs Butler Brundidge Çamden Carrolton Centre Chatom Coffeeville Elba Eutaw Fort Payne Grove Hill Guntersville

Hamilton Hayneville Lavern Livingston Monoreville Moulton Oneonta Phoenix City Piedmont Reform Rockford Russeville Scottsboro Stevenson Vernon Wedowee Wetumpka York

Section II

- Rarity

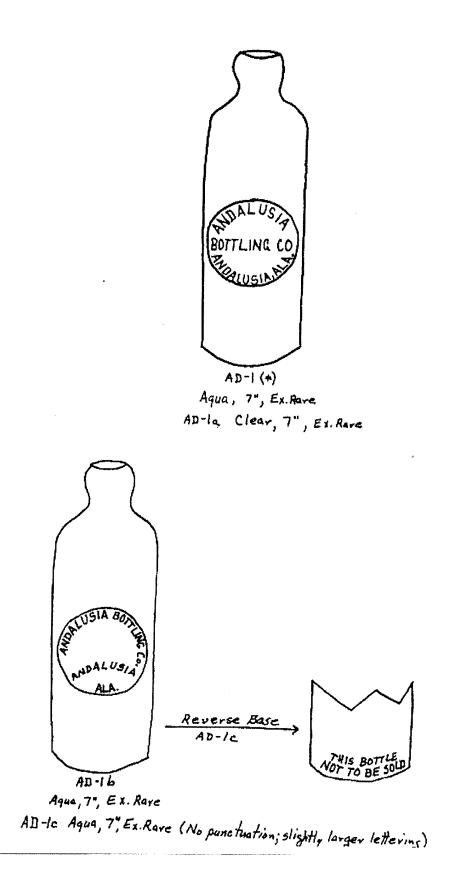
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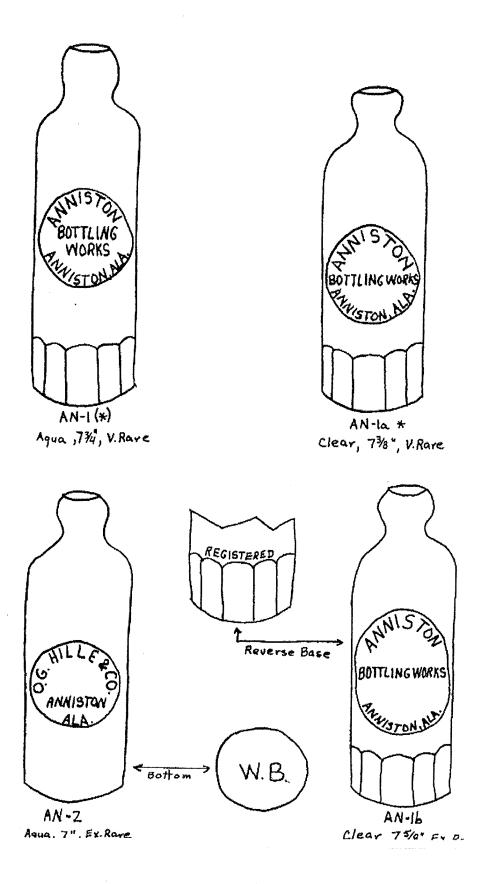
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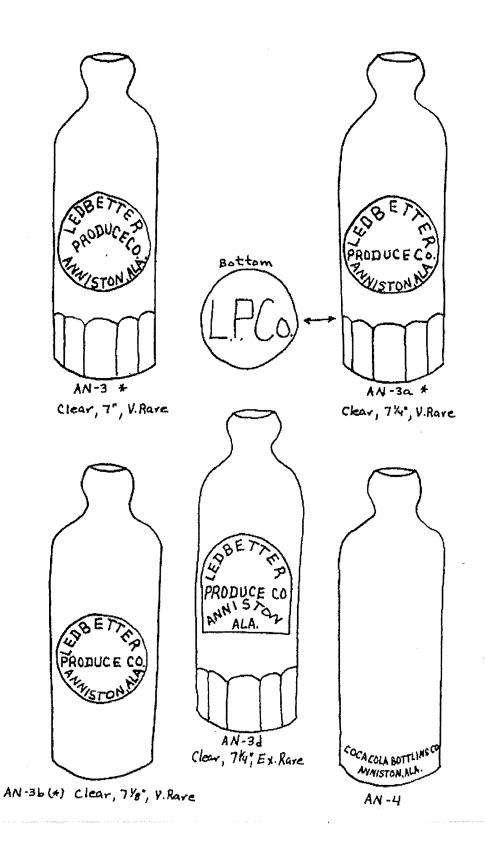
A rarity rating is generally a subjective designation based on the knowledge of the classifier. I have tried to develope an up to date guide from a wide base of information to rate each and every variation. Many times rarity is associated with value---dc so at your own risk! I have not covered vlaues in this book but may do so at a later time. Rarities are subject to change based on new discoveries.

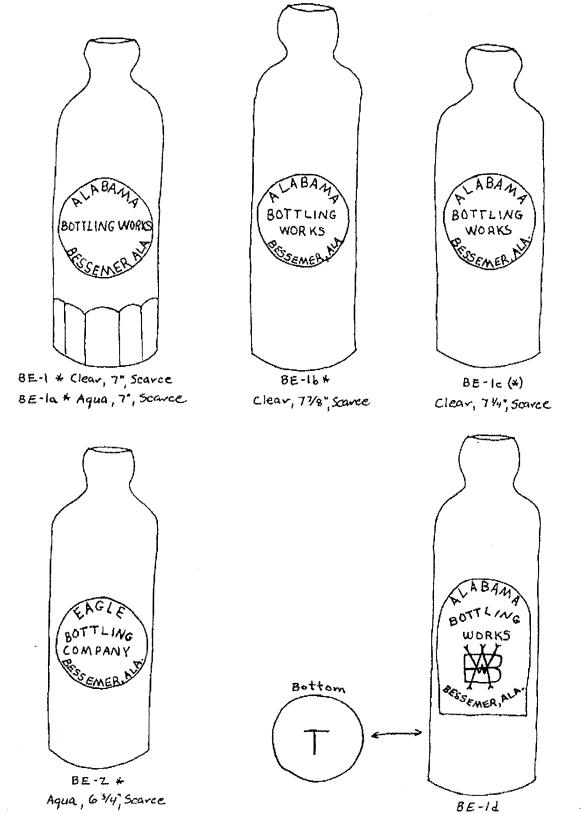
Extremely Rare	1 to 5 examples known
Very Rare	6 to 10 examples known
Rare	11 to 15 examples known
Scarce	16 to 25 examples known
Relatively Scarce	26 to 40 examples known
Common	41 to 65 examples known
Very Common	more than 65 examples known

AEDALUSIA (AD)

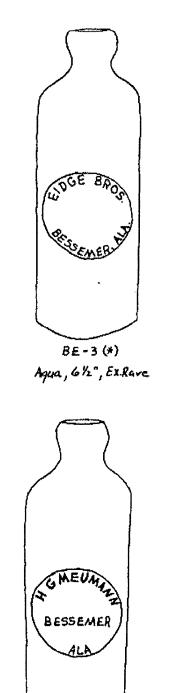








Clear, B", Ex. Rare

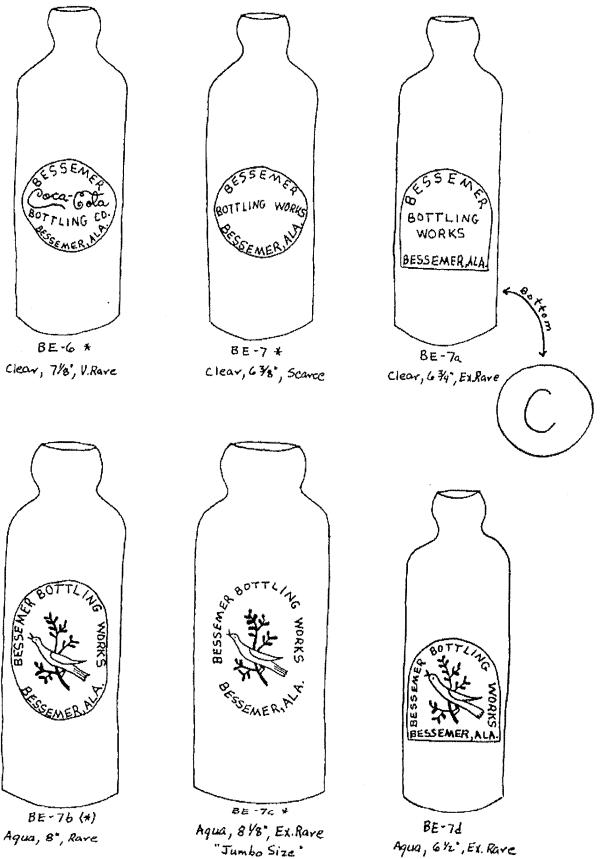


8E-5 * Aqua, 678°, Ex.Rave BE-5a (*) Aqua, 612°, Ex.Rave (Loop Seal Closure)

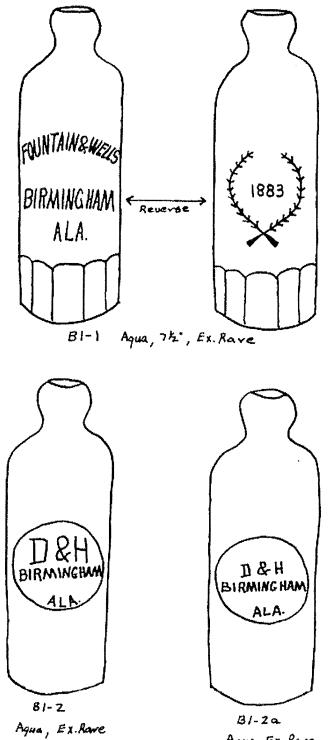


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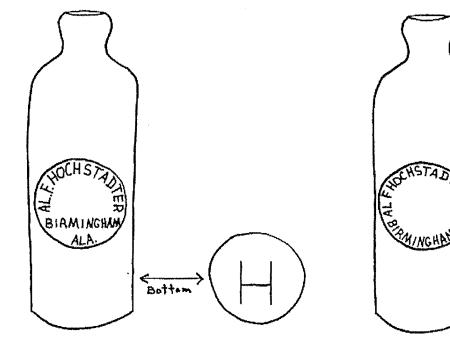
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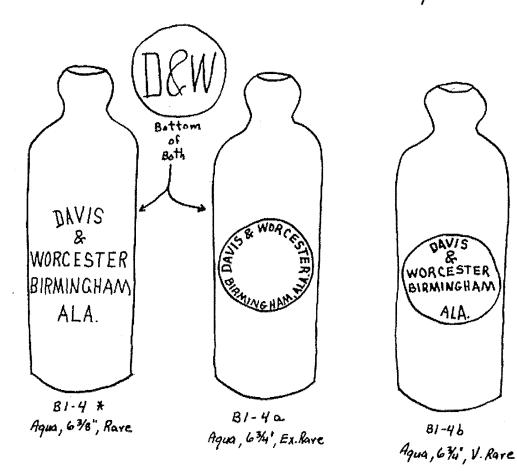
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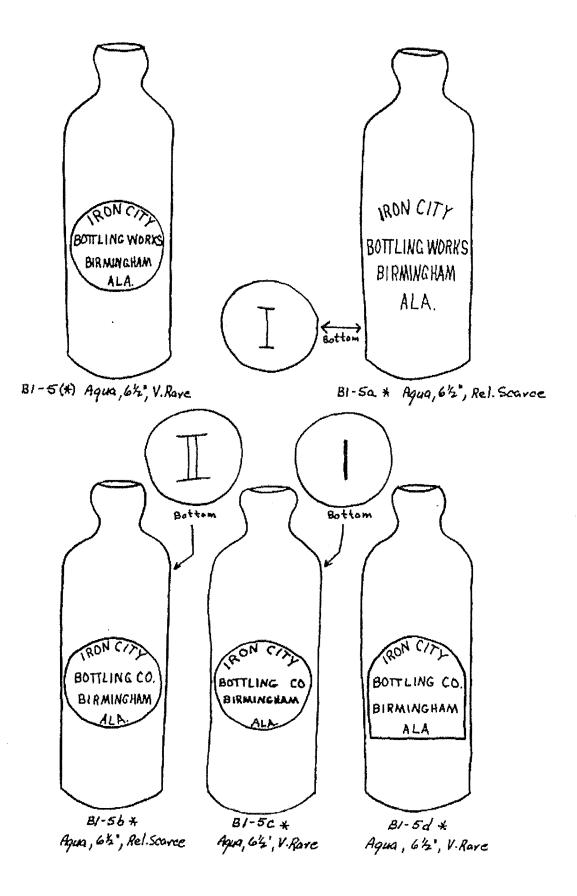


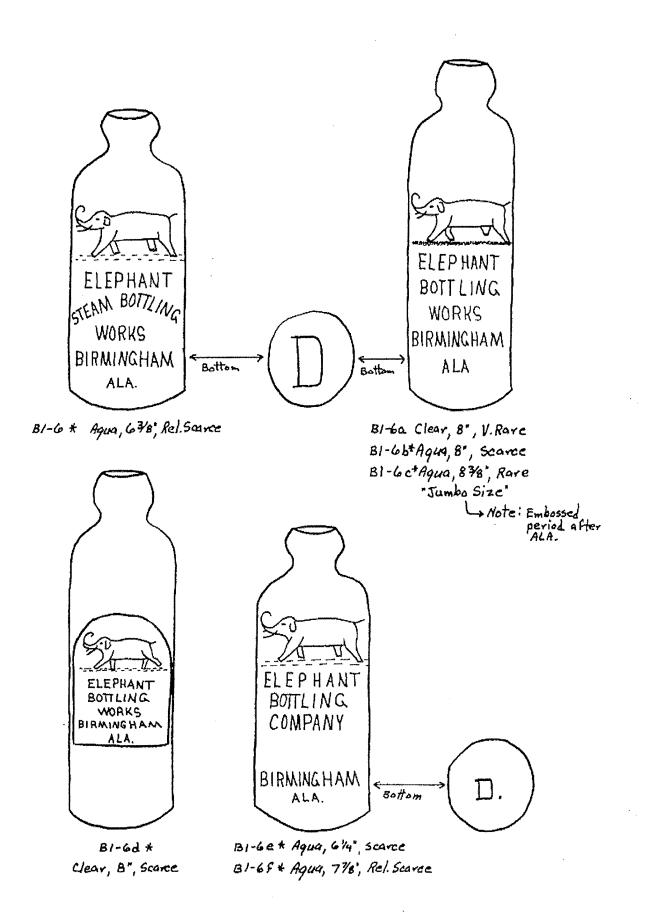
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BI-30 Aque, 61/2", Ex. Rave

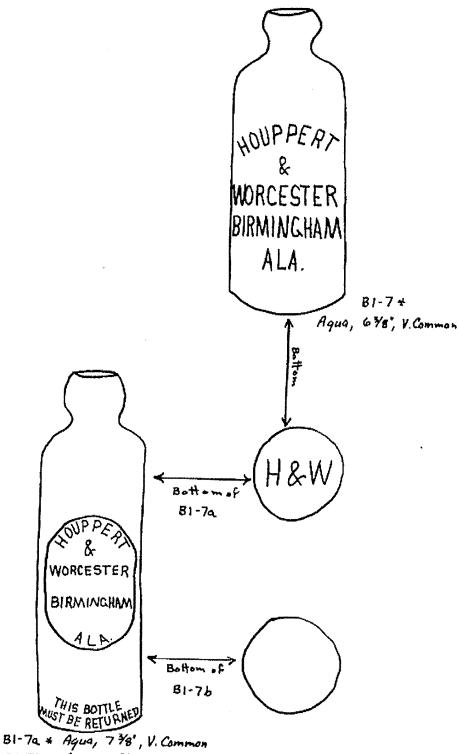
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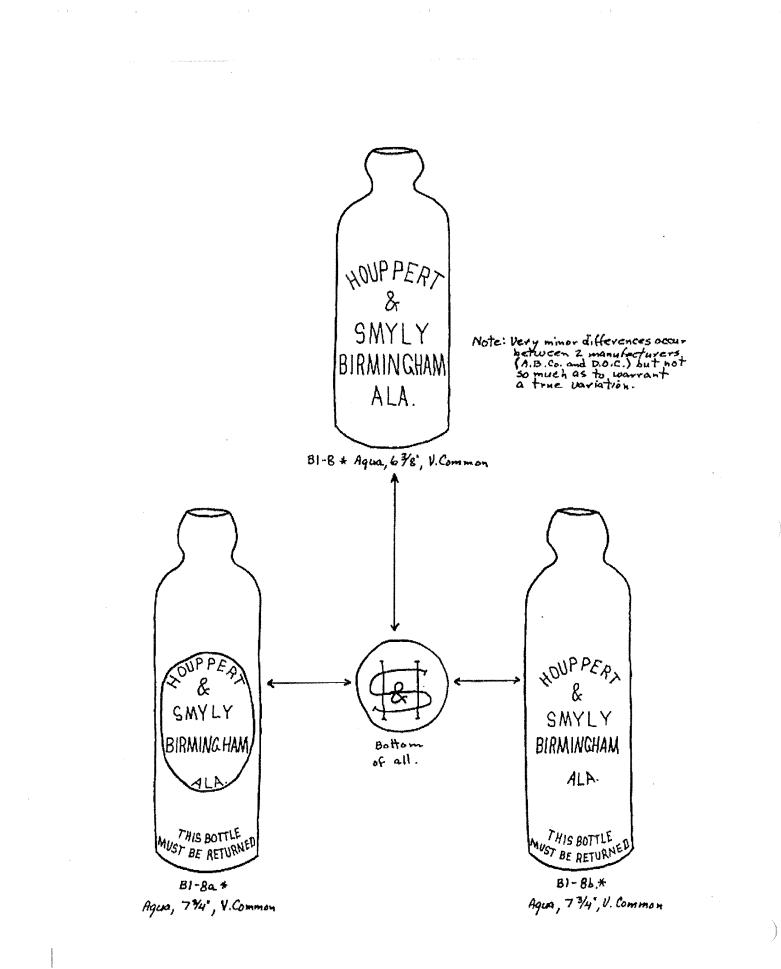




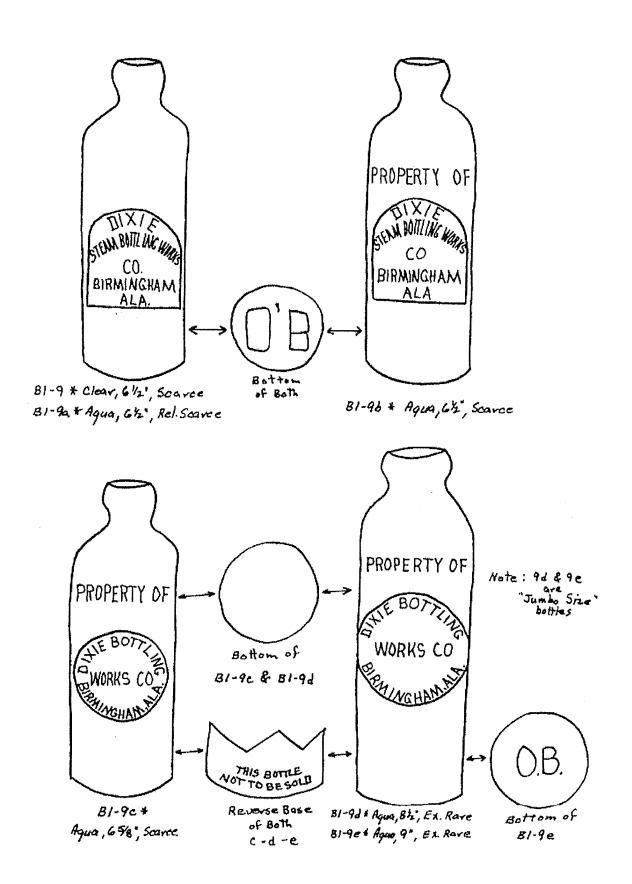
FIRMINGHAM (EI)



B1-76 + Aqua, 748", Common



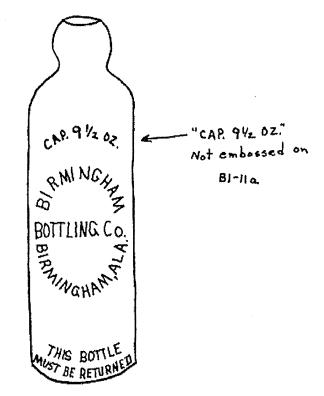
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B1-10 + Aqua, 7 %, Rel. Scarce

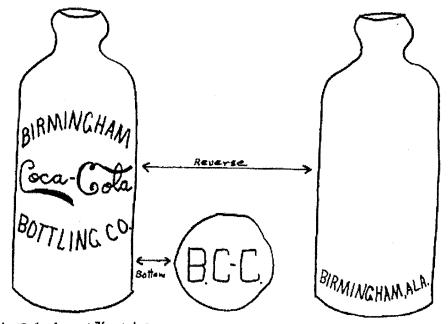
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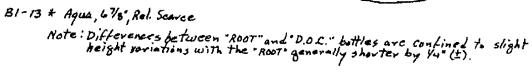


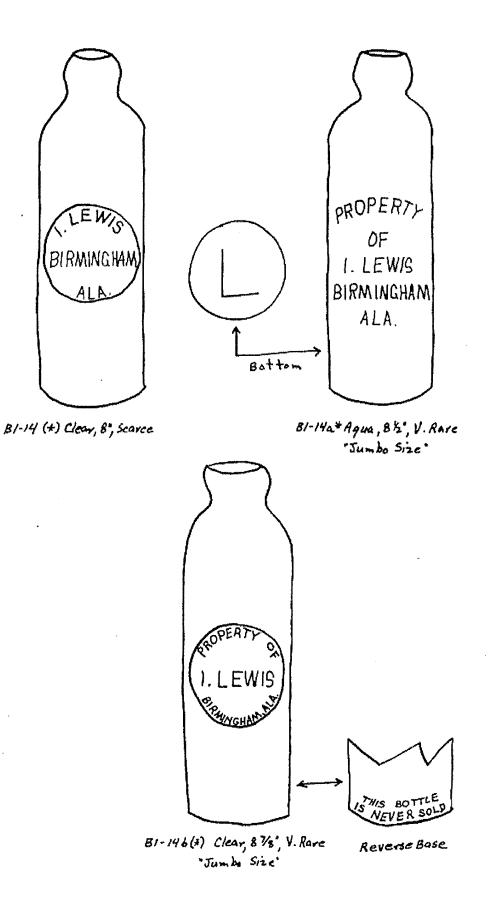
BI-11 Aqua, 8", V. Rare BI-11a + Aqua, 748", Common



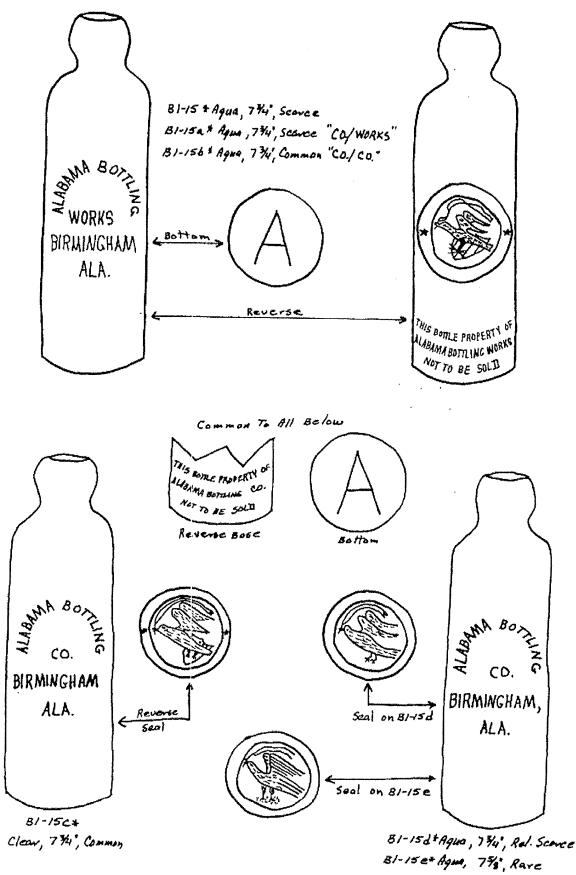
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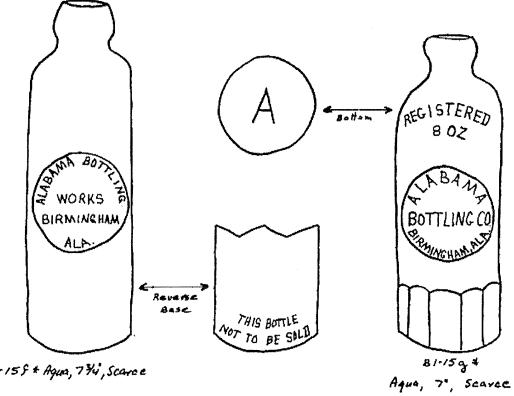




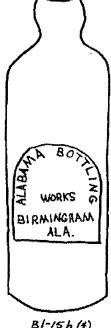


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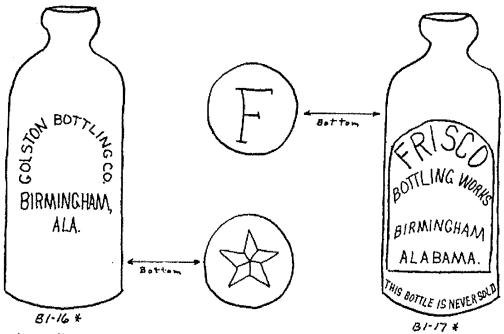


B1-159 * Aqua, 734, Scarce



BI-15h (t) Aqua, 6⁴2°, Ex. Rave

FIRMINGHAM (BI)



clear, 7 44 , Rel. Scarce

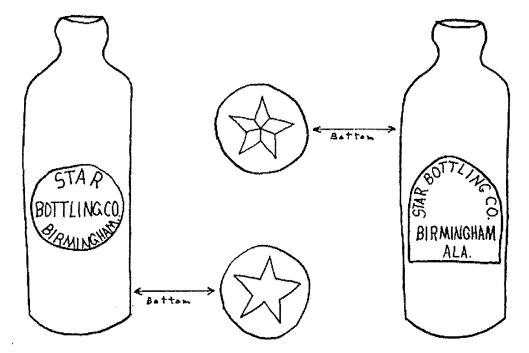


81-18 + Clear, 7°, Common 81-18a (*) Agua, 7°, Ex. Rave



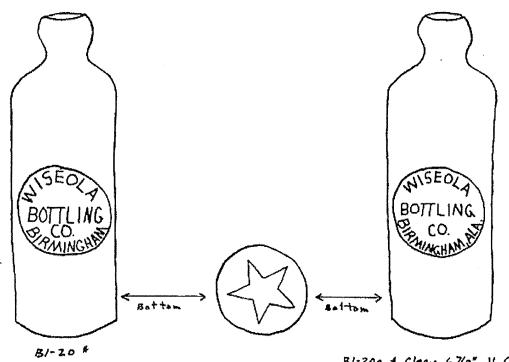
Clear, 648, Rel. Scarce

B1-186 # Clear, 744", Ex Rare



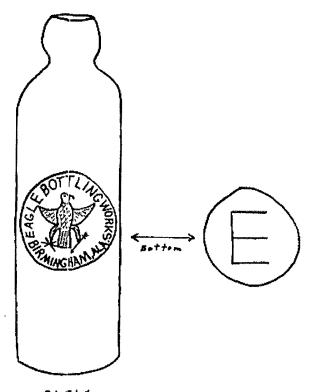
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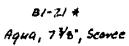
81-19a * Clear, 7°, Rel. Scarce

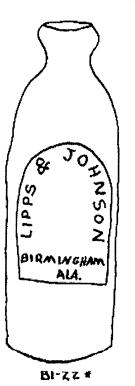


Clear, 678; Common

B1-20a + Clear, 678", V. Common 31-20b Aale Agua, 678", Rare

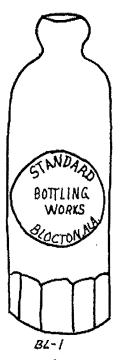






Aqua, GY2" , Ex. Rare

FLOODEN (BL)



Ex. Rare



BL-la # Clear, 744°, V.Rave



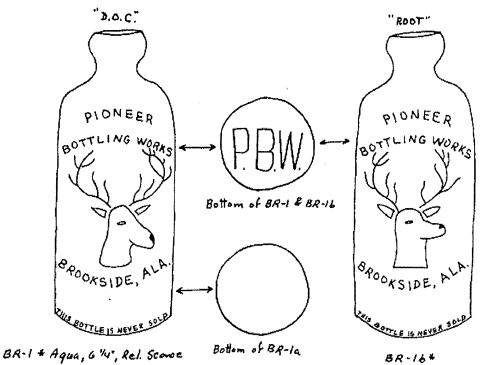


Aqua, 748; ExRave



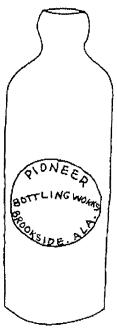
Clear, Ex. Rare

BRCCKSIDE (FR)



BR-la + Aque, 6"4", V. Rave

Aqua, 644', Rel. Scarce



B R-1c * Aque, 6 344°, Rare

CARECN HILL (CH)

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CH-1 # Clear, 674, Ex. Rove

COOKS SPRINGS (CK)

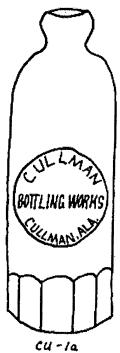


Clear, 874", Es. Rare Note: 3" Diameter



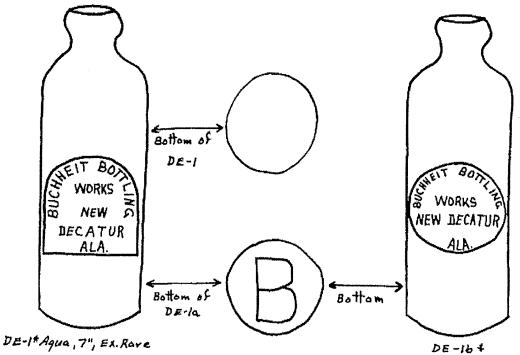


CU-1 * Aqua, 642", Ex.Rore



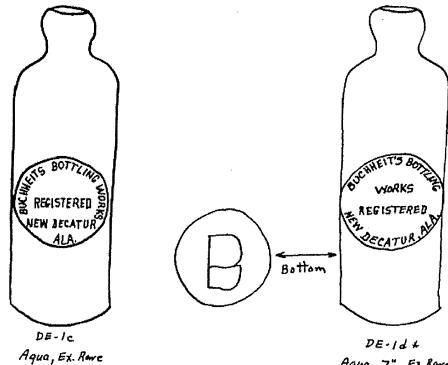
Clear, El. Rave

DECATUR (DE)



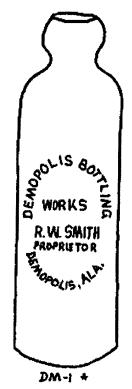
DE-la Aqua, 7º, Es. Rave

Aqua, 748', Ex. Rare



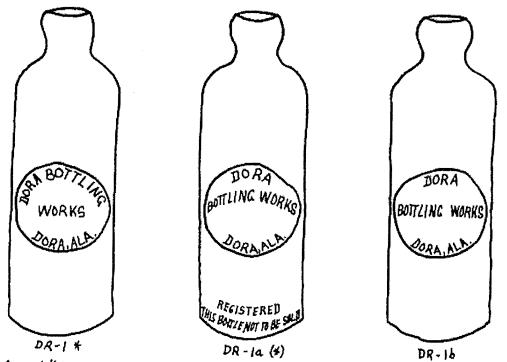
Aqua, 7", Ex. Rove

DEMOFCLIS (DM)



Aqua, 7 4", Ex. Rove

DCRA (DR)



Aqua, 6%, ExRore

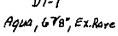
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Clear, 648", Ex Rave

Aqua, 6 42 *, Ex. Rare

DOTHAN (DT)



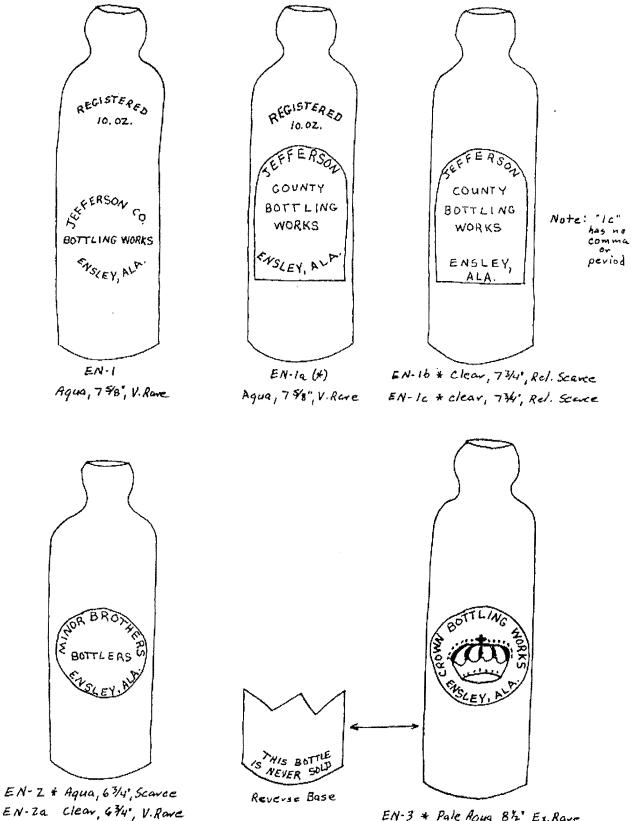


Aqua, 7", V. Rare



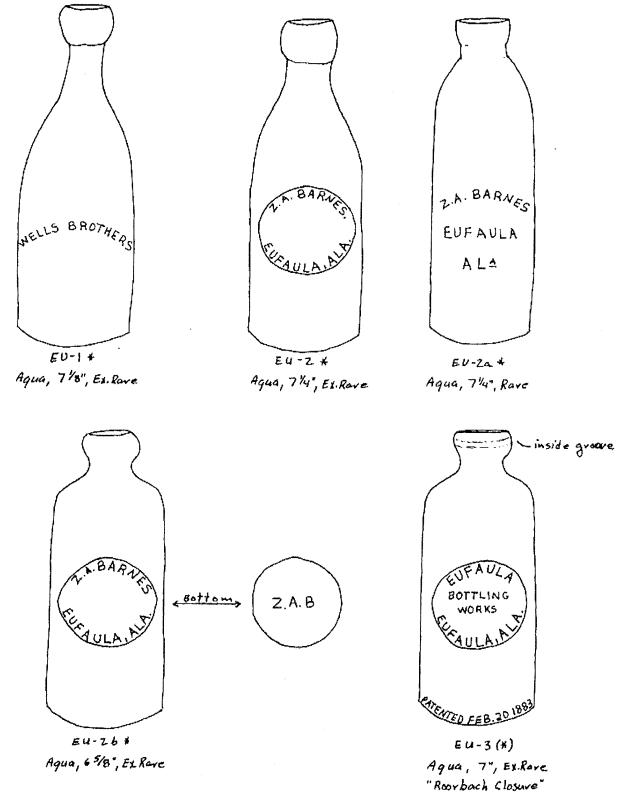
Clear, 6 5/8; Ex. Rore

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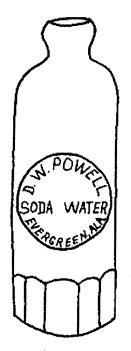


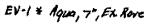
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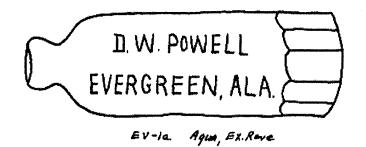
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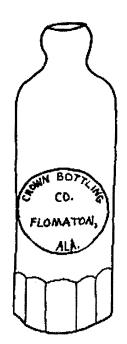
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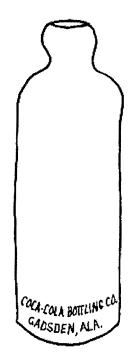


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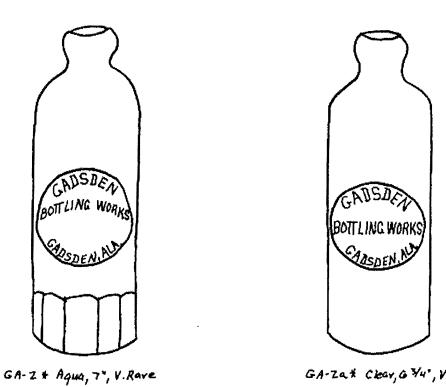


FL-1 (*) Clear, 7 %4*, Ex. Rove

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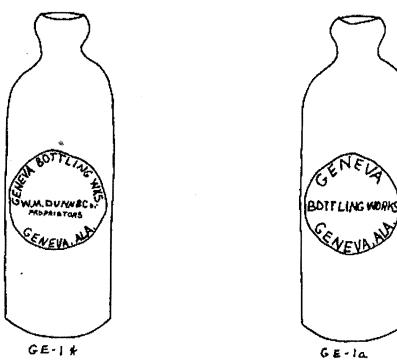


GA-1 Aqua, 678°, Ex. Rave



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GA-Zat Clear, G Y4", V. Rare



Aqua, 678°, Scarce

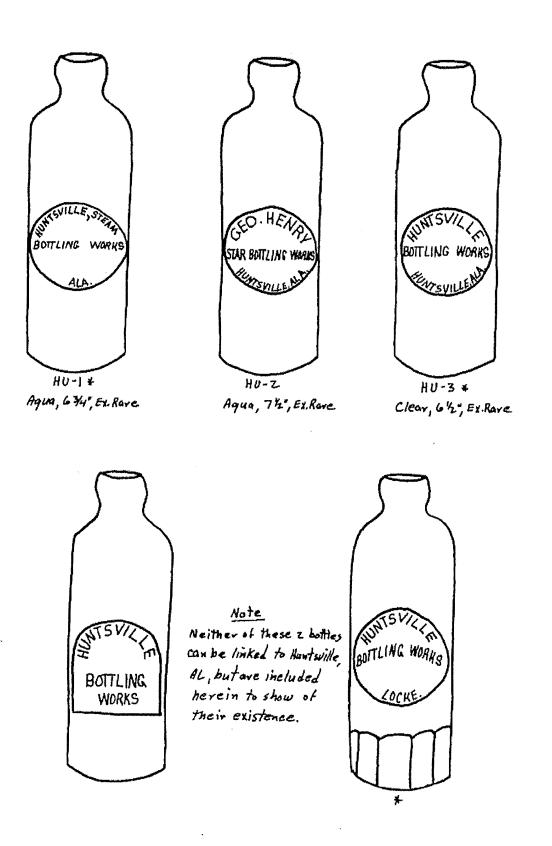
Clear, 7 12", Ex.Rove



GR-1 + Clear, 678°, Rave GR-1a + Aqua, 678°, Rave

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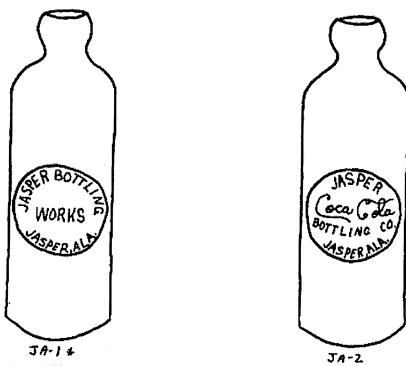
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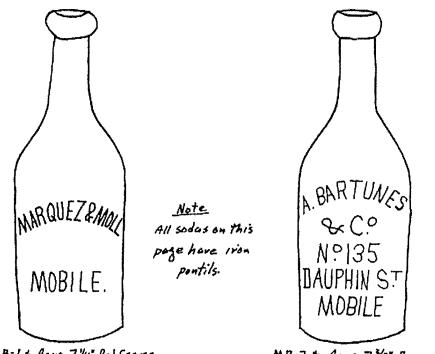
Ex. Rore



Aqua, 6 Ys", Ex. Rove

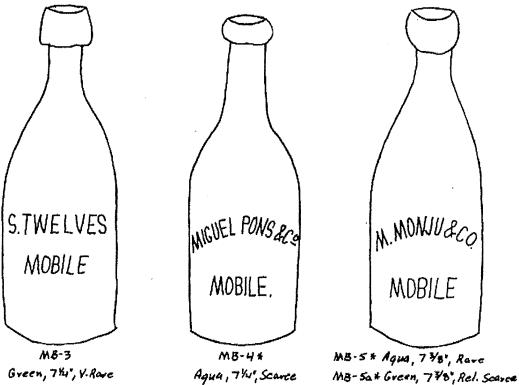
Clear, 7", Ex. Rare

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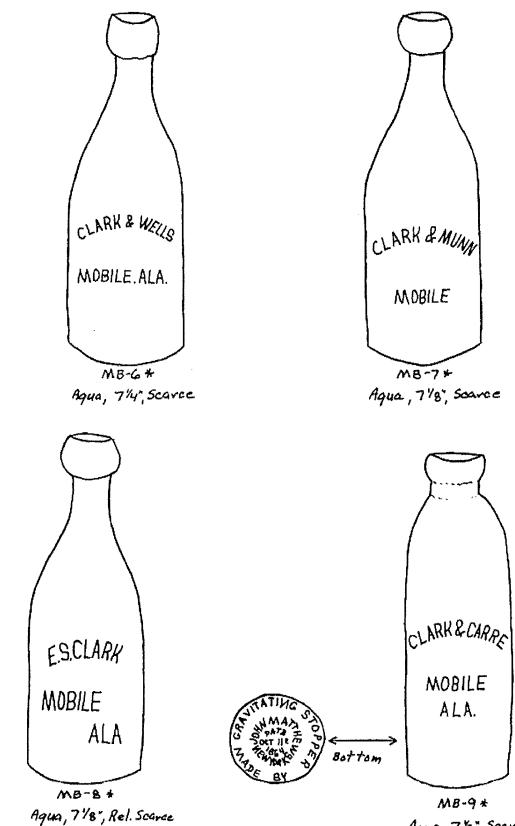
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MB-2 * Aqua, 7 3/8", Rare



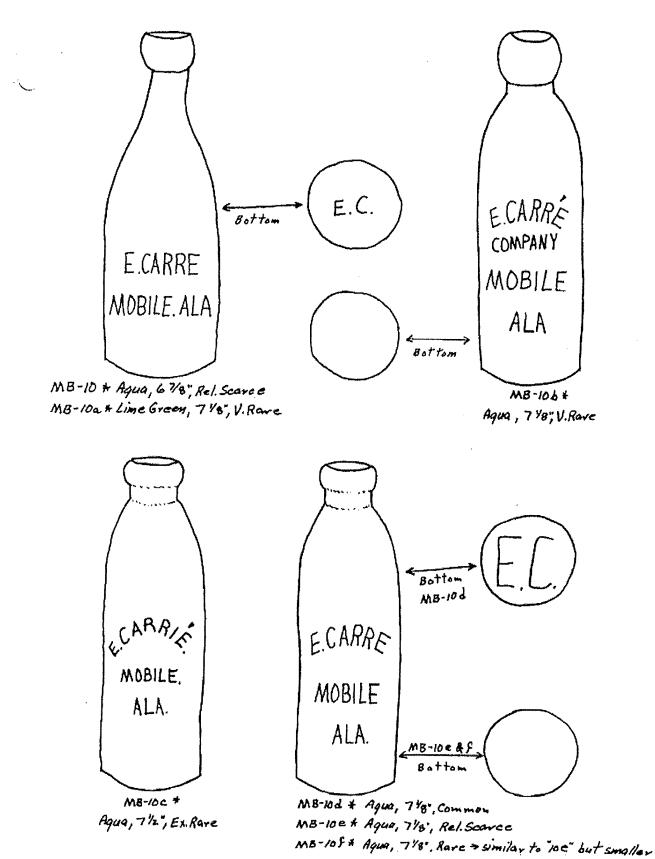
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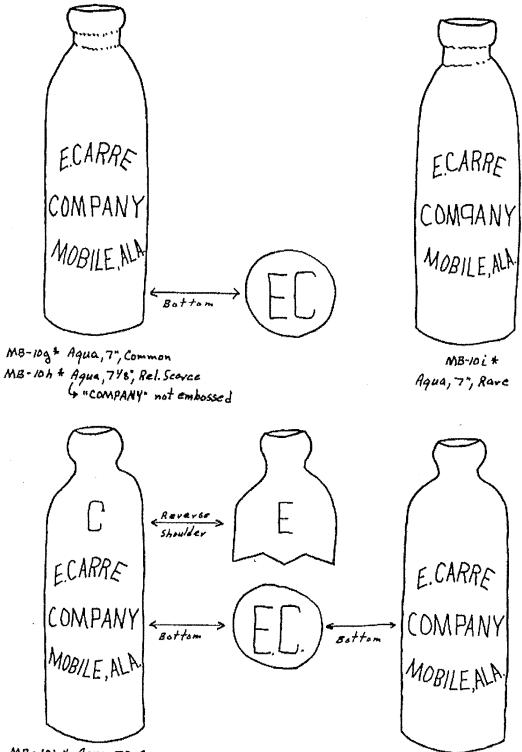
Aqua, 7 12", Scarce

MCBILE (ME)



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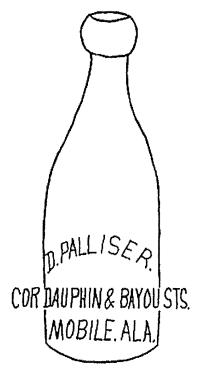
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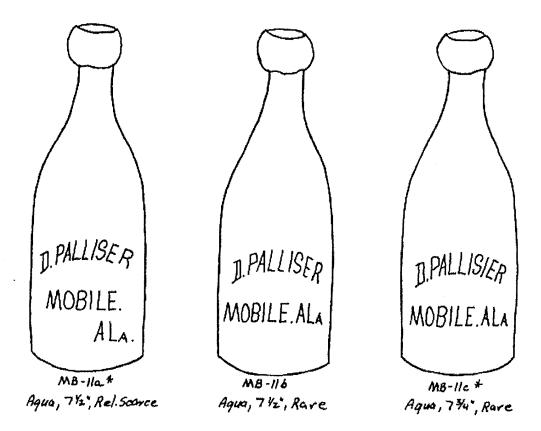
MB-10; * Aqua, 7", Common MB-10K * Clear, 7", Common

MB-101 + Aqua, 7 44", Rel. Scarce

MCEILZ (ME)



MB-11 * Aqua, 7", Rel. Scarce



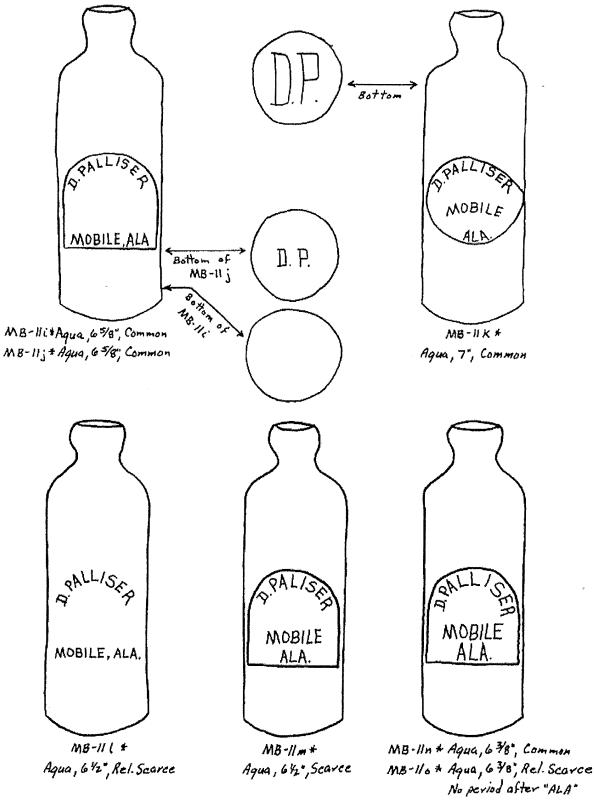
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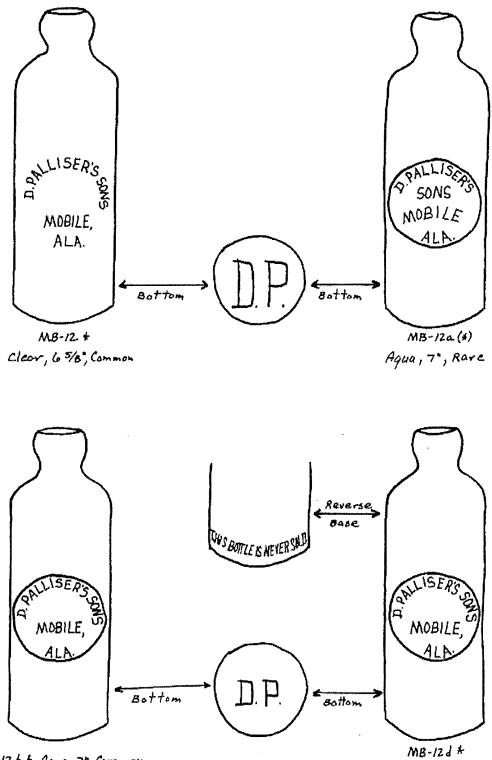
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Aqua, 6"2", Scarce

MCBILE (MB)



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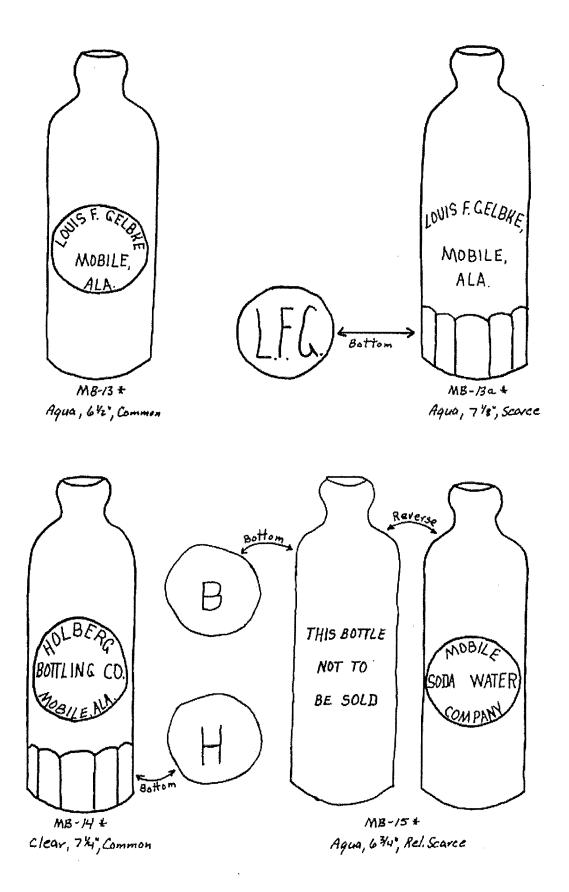


MB-126 + Aqua, 7", Common MB-12c (+) Clear, 7", Scarce

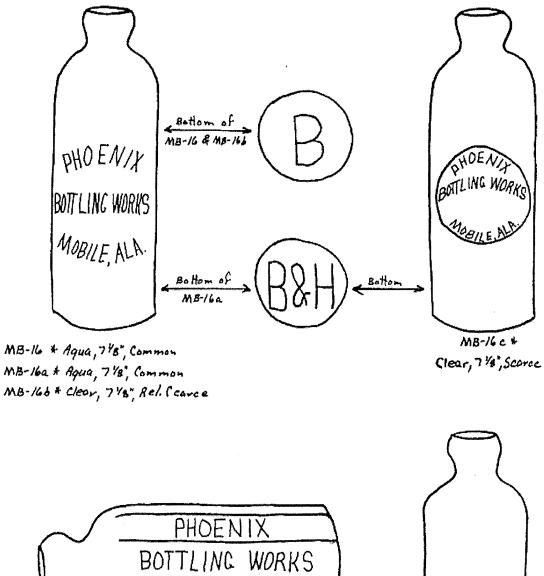
Clear, 6 \$4", Common

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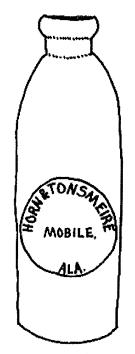
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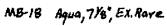


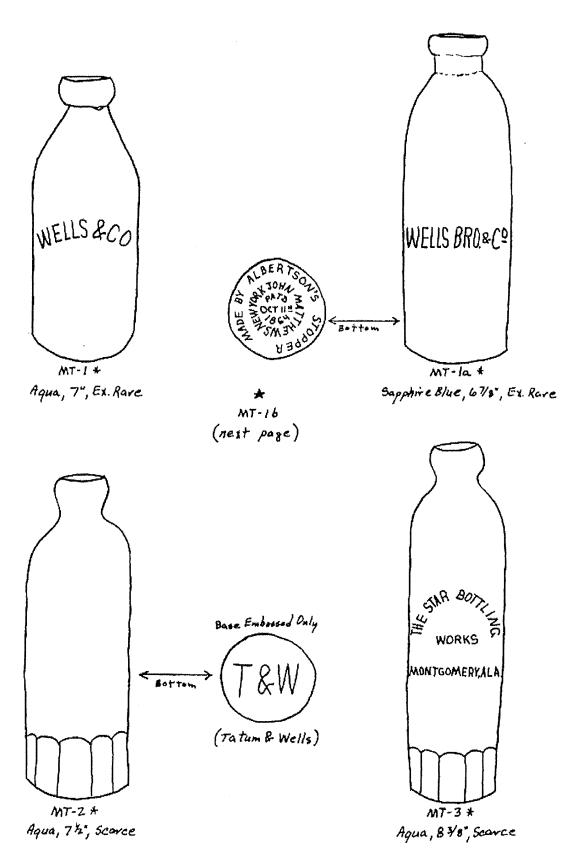
MB-16d + Aqua, 644, Common

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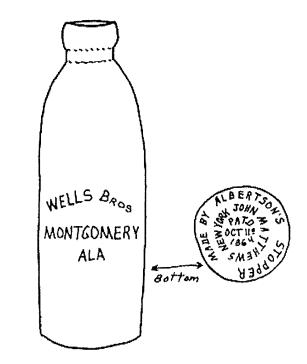




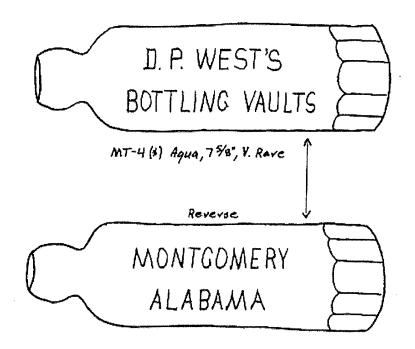


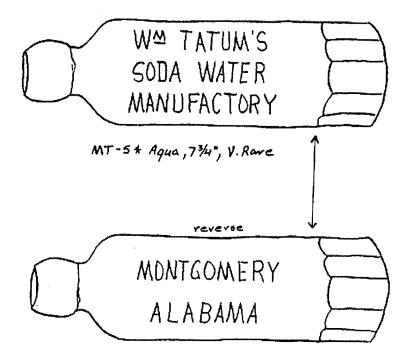


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MT-16 Aqua, 7144", Ex. Rove

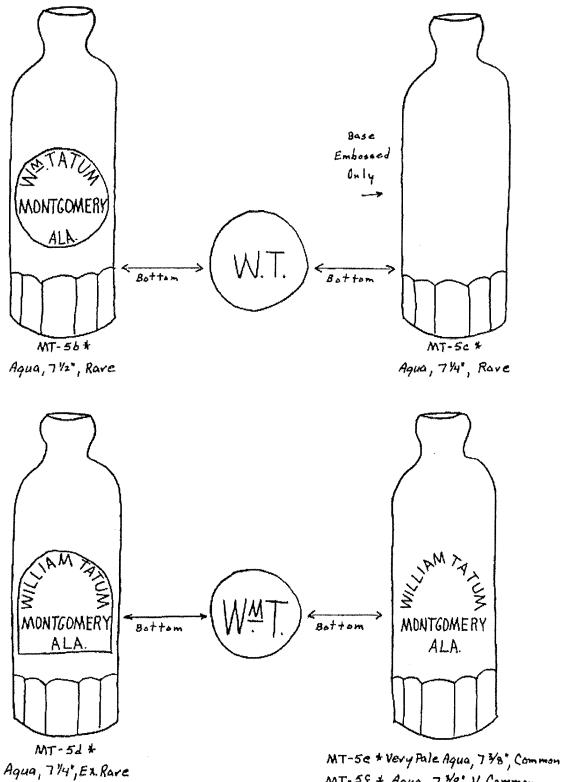




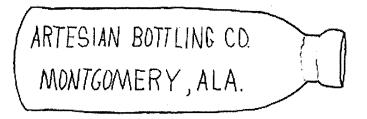


MT-5a * Aqua, 7 44°, Common

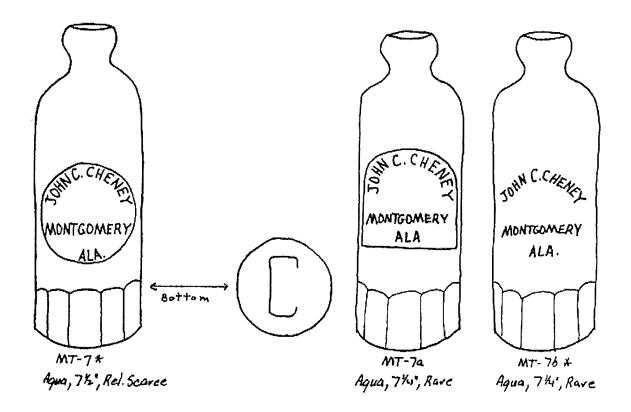
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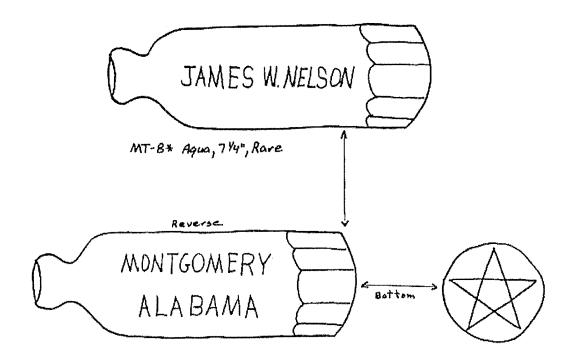


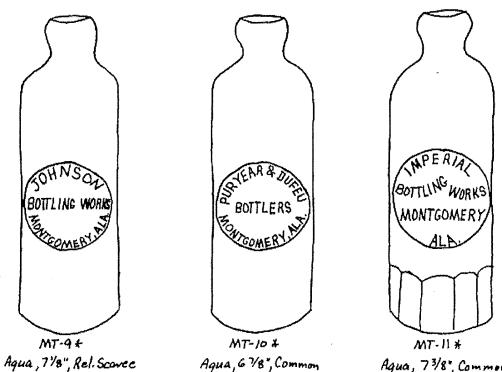
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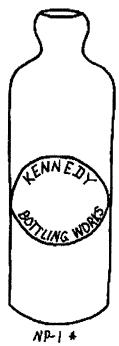
MT-6* Aqua, 7 48", Scoree







Aqua, 73/8°, Common

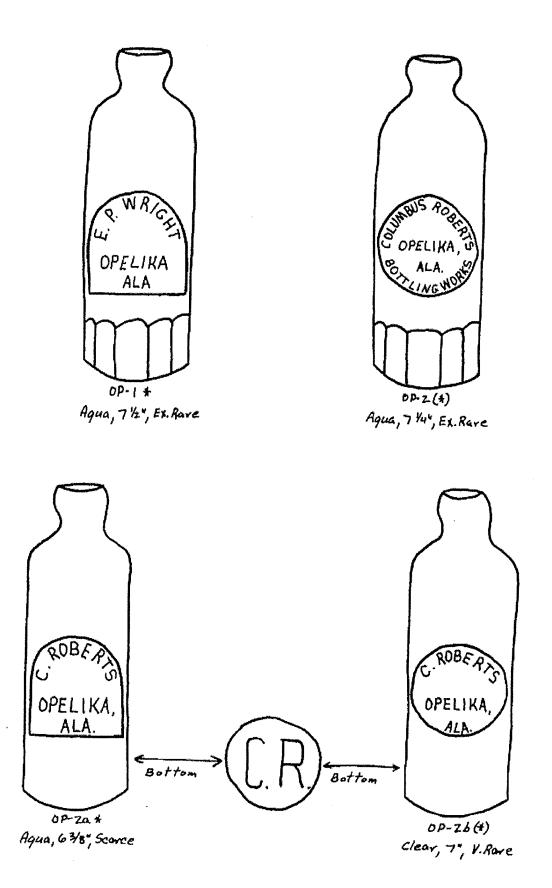


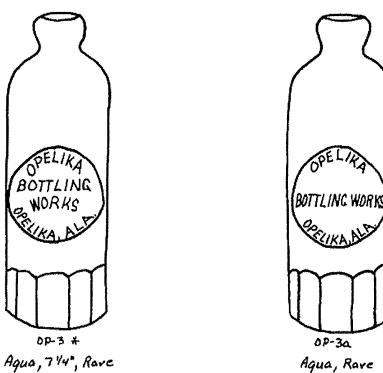
Clear, 6 44 , Ex. Rare

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CPELIKA (CP)





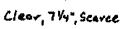
Aqua, Rave

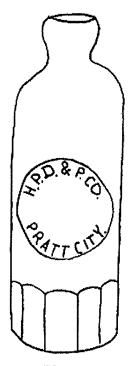


0P-36 Aqua, 744", V. Rare 0P-3c # Aqua, 748", V. Rave (no comma or period)

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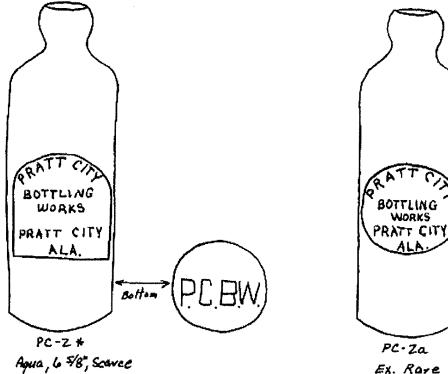




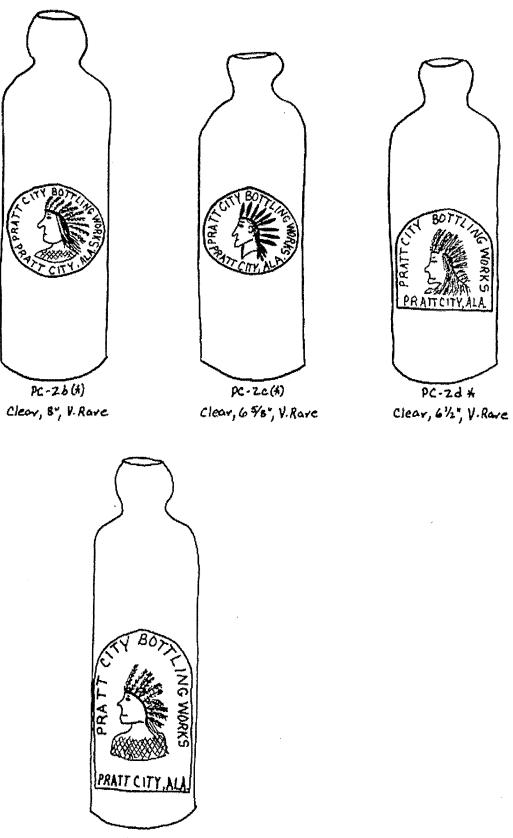
PC-1* Clear, 67/8", Scaree

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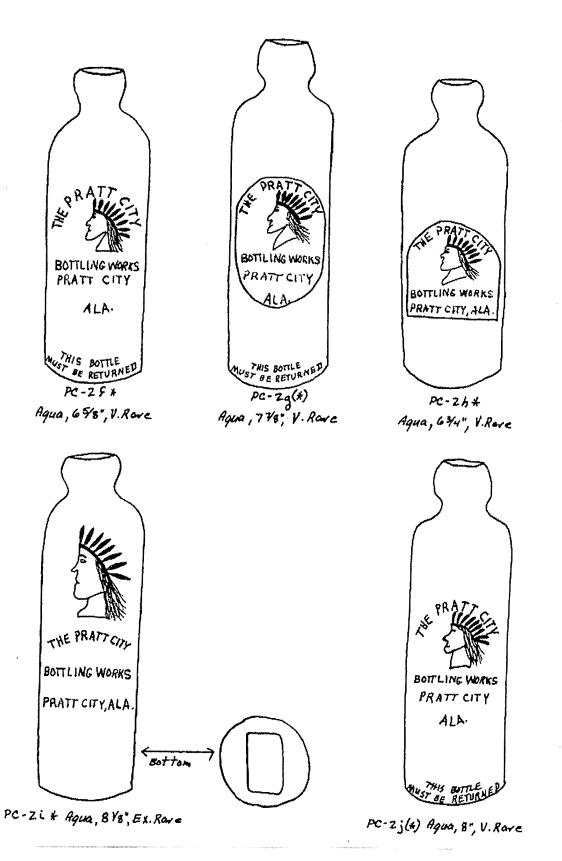


Ex. Rore

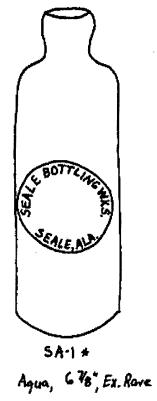


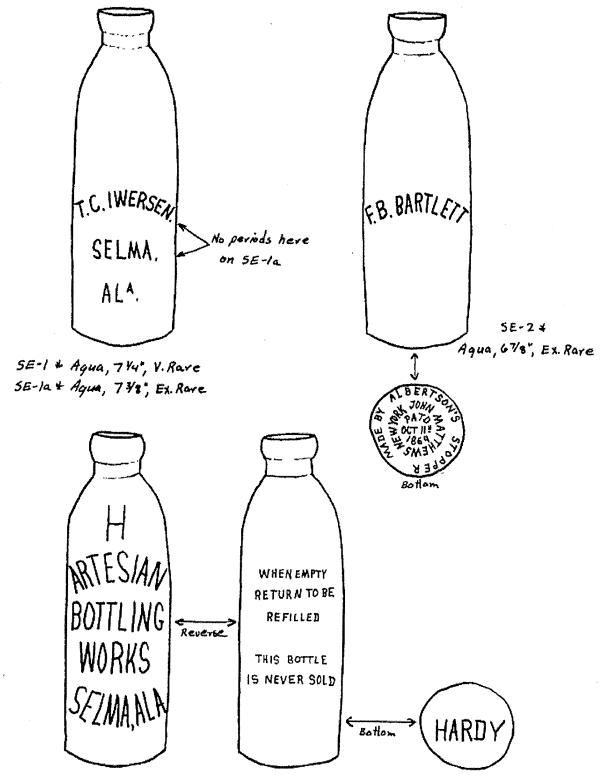
PC-Ze Clear, 8", Ex. Rare

FRATT CITY (PC)



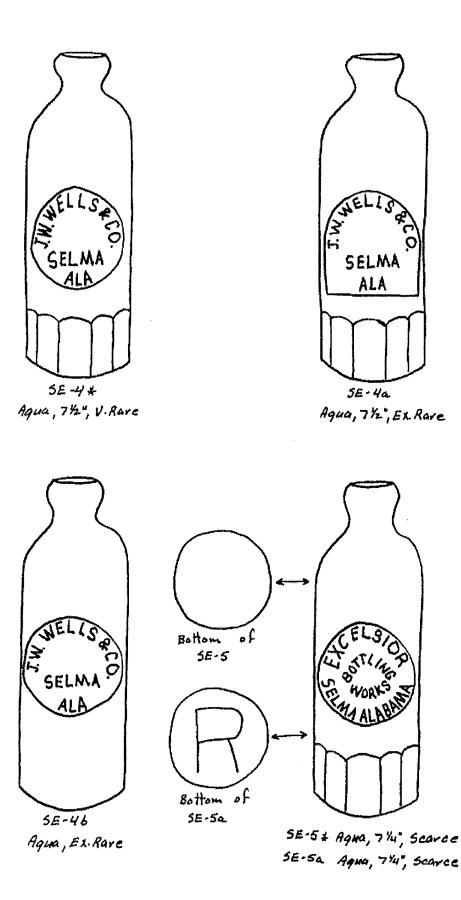
SEALE (SA)





5E-3 + Aqua, 7", Rave

SELMA (SE)



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SELMA (SE)



Aqua, 744, Scarce

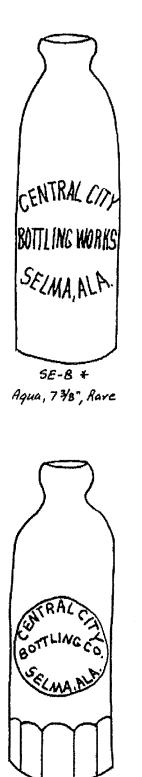


5E-7* *Aqua*, 7¹4*, Common 5E-7a * Clear, 744*, Common



Aqua, 744ª, Common





5E-86 Aqua, Ex. Rare





SE-9 (#) Chear, 67/8°, V. Rare

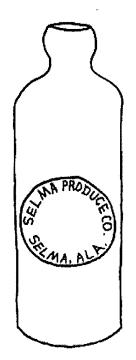
SELMA (SE)



SE-10 * Aqua, 748°, Common SE-10a * Clear, 748°, Common



SE-10b (*) Aque, 678, V. Rove

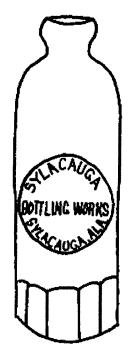


5E-101 * Aqua, 675, V. Rave



SH-1 + Clear, 6 Hu", Ex Rove

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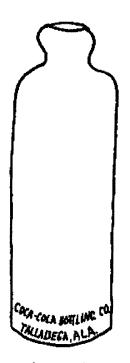


SY-1 + Clear, 6 75", EX. Rare

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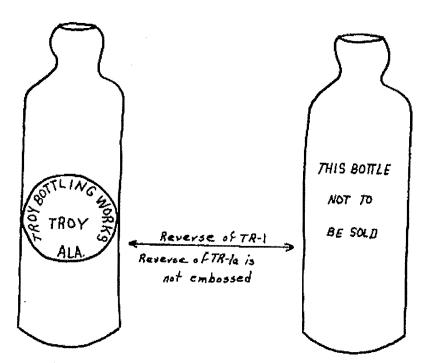




TA-1 Aqua, 712", E1. Rave

TA-2 Aqua , Very Rore

TRCY (TR)

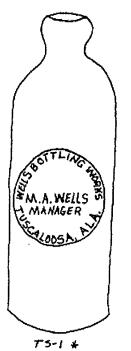


TR-1 * Aqua, 6 5/8", Rare TR-1a Aqua, 6 5/8", V. Rare TR-16 * Clear, 6 3/4", V. Rare (no period after ALA)



Aqua, 612", Rave

TUSCALOOSA (TS)

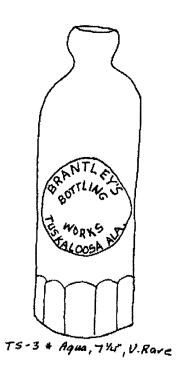


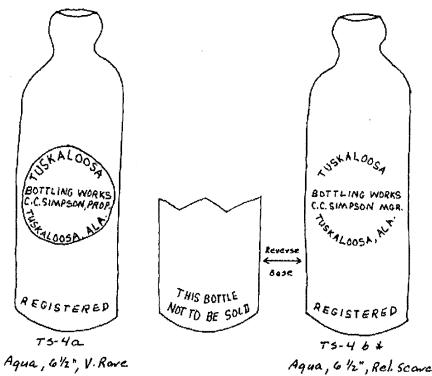
Clear, 642", Ex. Rave

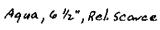
T5-Z (#) Aqua, 7%8", Ex. Rare

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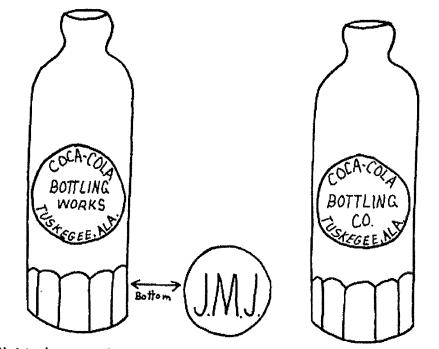








Aqua, Ex. Rare T5-4 * sketched from verbal description.



TU-1* Aqua, 7", Rare

TU-la Clear, 7", V. Rave



TU-2 + Clear, 67/5", Ex. Rave

