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 (emptly) 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 ½” (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

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
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  

**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


Dating: 1936

Collection(s): Author’s collection.

Lone Star Dairy (ca. 1942-1943)

Method of Manufacture: Machine

Color: Colorless

Size: 9 ½” (h); 3 3/4” (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 REGESTERED

**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:** ½ 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}