

## MORE MINI-JUGS OF NORTHERN OHIO

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Since I last featured Ohio mini-jugs some months ago, a number of new and interesting items have emerged, some -- but not all of them --advertising whiskey dealers and distributors in locations like Cleveland, Toledo, and Lima.

For example, in gold letters with a gilded border Earl Moore advertised his location at 6915 Lexington Avenue in Cleveland - using the then popular local nickname "Sixth City." (Fig. 1).

This led me to speculate that Moore was the Ohio-born baseball pitcher (Fig. 2) who was traded to the Cleveland Blues from Dayton for \$1,000.



Figure 1

On May 9, 1907, he pitched the American League's first no-hitter for nine innings, only to lose in the 10th. Playing in Cleveland from 1901 to 1907, Moore may well have owned a tavern and used a mini-jug to advertise.

The next two minis appear to advertise whiskey dealers, but further information on each is scant. U.E. Manbeck issued a jug that sited his business at 957 Woodland Avenue in Cleveland, but told us nothing else



Figure 2

(Fig. 3).



Figure 3

The Stiles Patent Mini

The maker almost certainly was not the Cleveland Pottery Company. That outfit, however, was responsible for producing a mini-jug with an unusual shape and handle (Fig. 5). This mini is a (Henry)

There is a similar lack of information about a small ceramic issued by J.F. Schneider who operated from 5703 Lorain Street (Fig. 4). Given the similarity between these two items we can guess that both came from the same pottery.

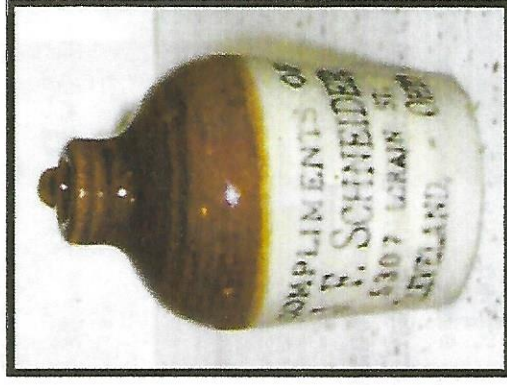


Figure 4

Stiles patent "recherché ware" jug, probably a salesman's sample to demonstrate the glazes and colors available.

I have written extensively for Swirl and other publications on the Stiles jugs but this is the first miniature version I have seen. Cleveland Pottery was located at Corlett Station on Miles Avenue.



Figure 5

Under a series of owners it operated from the 1870's until closing in 1967.

Although the "Old Nectar" mini (Fig. 6) does not provide a dealer name and address, it was a brand registered with the government in 1906 by the Ullman, Einstein & Co. of Cleveland. This whiskey rectifier and distributor company, about which I have written previously, occupied a building three stories tall and a half block long across from Cleveland's New Market House. Its flagship whiskey was "Black Cat." Ullman, Einstein, founded in 1882, ceased business in 1919 with the coming of National Prohibition.

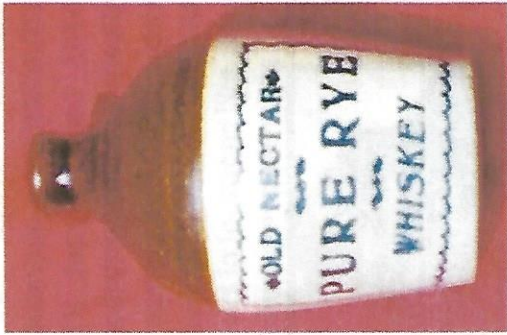


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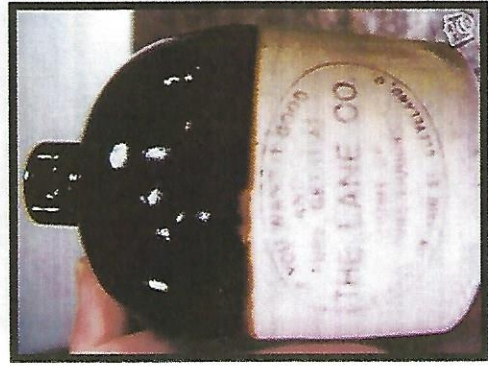


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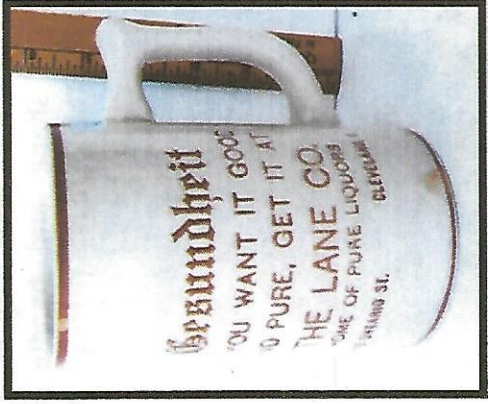


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### Off to Ottoville

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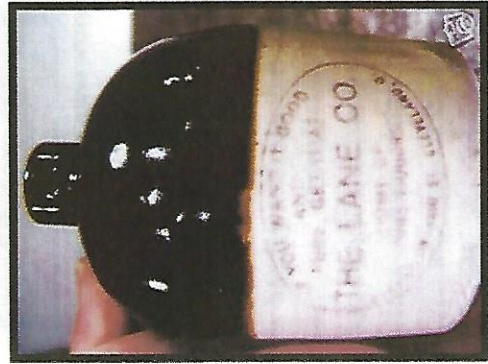


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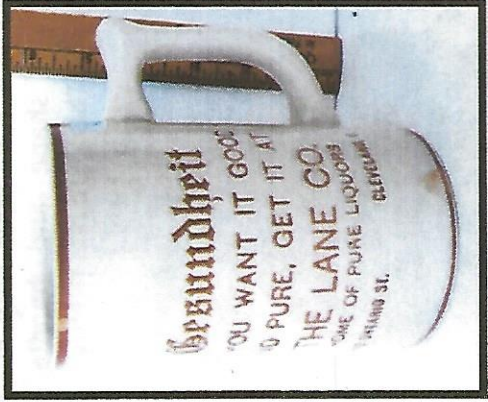


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at 520 Monroe Street, doing business under his own name and issuing a half-pint jug under that name (Fig. 12). About 1905 he joined Ohio's Golden Hill franchise and changed the name of his establishment to Golden Hill Liquor as shown on a mini-jug (Fig. 13). Described in business directories as a distributor of "wines & brandies & fine whiskies," the firm initially occupied a building in downtown Toledo at the corner of Monroe and Adams Streets, then moved next door to 519-520 Adams Street.



Figure 11



Figure 12

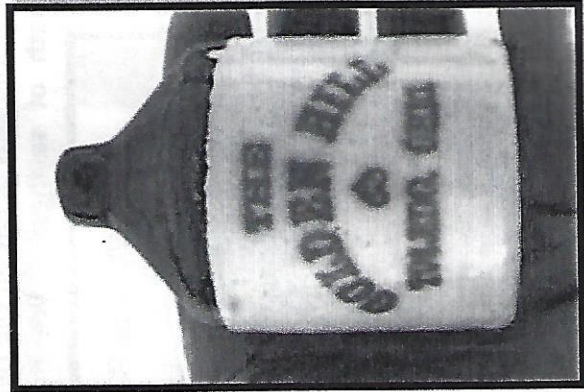


Figure 13

increasingly popular collectable, mini-jugs are attractive, have historical interest and don't take up much room. Those from Ohio are no exception. As a result many of them can fetch prices that run into several hundred dollars.

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Illustrations:

- Fig. 1: Earl Moore jug
- Fig. 2: Picture of Earl Moore
- Fig. 3: U.E. Manbeck jug
- Fig. 4: J.F. Schneider jug
- Fig. 5: Stiles Patent mini
- Fig. 6: Old Nectar jug
- Fig. 7: Lane Co. jug
- Fig. 8: Lane Co. beer stein
- Fig. 9: J.J. Miller & Co. bank
- Fig. 10: J.A. Konst jug
- Fig. 11: National Wine jug
- Fig. 12: Harry H. Klein jug
- Fig. 13: The Golden Hill mini

We can safely assume that each of these small ceramics is of pre-Prohibition vintage and at least 90 or more years old. An