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Next Meeting: SATURDAY June 7th

Where: Round Table Pizza
1938 Oak Park Blvd.
Pleasant Hill

Time: 12:00

Agenda:

- Previous Minutes
- Treasurers Report
- Show Report
- New Business
- Show and Tell
- Bottle Drawing

Upcoming Club Meetings: *Normally* 1st SATURDAY of every other month @ 12 noon at Round Table Pizza at 1938 Oak Park Blvd in Pleasant Hill

- June 7th 2025
- July/August – club BBQ at Antone's house- date TBD
- October 4th 2025

Presidents Message:

Another show come and gone, like clockwork. I am pleased with the outcome of our show, and now enjoying some "time off" to relax and reflect before I start on next years show. The fairgrounds will be changing leadership next month, so hopefully that doesn't mean too much change for our event. Will deal with that at a later day. For now, just enjoying the hobby, picking up a few "goodies" and looking forward to upcoming shows.

GGHBS Club News:

Our show in April was a success based on feedback that I received, as well as the end financial results of a profit of ~\$1300. Not bad, considering some cost increases this year to put on the show. I appreciate all of the club members that helped with show set up, clean up and everything in between. The food was another success, with "Chef Jackie" leading the way with her now famous Chili. (One person mentioned they came to the show specifically for the Chili!) Everyone's efforts made it another great year. We will set the date for our upcoming club BBQ shortly. It will most likely be toward end of July instead of the usual late August. Stay tuned. I would like to welcome new club members Mike and Kathie Craig (from the San Jose Club). I look forward to seeing you all soon

For Sale:

Antique Bottles and Glass

Free List Published Quarterly

Contact: John Ronald (707) 762-8515

Email: jlraniques1@att.net

Wanted:

Vallejo and Mare Island items. Collectibles include: Bottles, Advertising, Postcards and Photographs. Especially interested in Vallejo Dairy Bottles and go-withs.

Contact: Rudy Peretto (707) 980-3417

111 Los Santos Ct. Vallejo, CA 94590

Email: jperetto@comcast.net

Owl Drug Co bottles, tins, boxes, paper, anything & everything from the Owl Drug Company. Also, old bottles from Montana including liquor bottles, flasks, sodas, beers, patent medicines, even common drug store bottles and milks. Also crocks, jugs, calendar plates, match safes, & related items.

Contact: Marc Lutsko (406) 291-0861

2300 Harris Street / Unit 6922 Helena, MT 59634

Email: letsqo@montanasky.net

Looking for historic items from Rio Vista, California – milk bottles, large Spivey bottles, advertising items, trade tokens, post cards & etc. **Contact:** Nick Oestreich (707) 205-5312

Email: norcalbottlehunter@gmail.com

Martinez items. Collectibles include: bottles, documents, advertising, tokens, postcards and photographs. Also interested in purchasing **elusive** Coca Cola bottle from Martinez.

\$50 finders fee for Martinez Coca Cola Bottle

Contact: Manuel & Linda Cunha (925) 228-0559

5830 Alhambra Valley Rd. Martinez, CA 94553

Email: mandlcunha@gmail.com

Livermore items. Vintage prior to 1970 Bottles (Sodas / Milks / Drug Store / Etc.) Photographs and Images, Postcards, Calendars and other advertising items. Especially (Good For) Tokens, Businesses Saloons and etc. All other advertising items.

Contact: Gary Antone (925) 373-6758

Email: packrat49er@netscape.net

SERVICES PROVIDED:

The Glass Doctor – Sick and injured glass restored to good health. Professional quality care since 1985..Also visit our **eBay store at leisalu** Nice inventory of antique bottles

Contact: Lou/Leisa Lambert (707) 823-8845

Email: lou@oldwestbottles.com

**** CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SHOWS ****

June 7 – San Diego, CA

Antique Bottle Club of San Diego Antiques, Collectibles & Bottles Show & Sale

Al Bahr Shrine Temple

5440 Kearny Mesa Rd. San Diego, CA

Dealer Set up 6:30 AM

Saturday 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM -early bird (\$15)

Saturday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM- free

Contact Info: Jim Walker (858) 490-9019

July 31 through August 3- Reno, NV

FOHBC Reno 2025 National Antique Bottle and Glass Convention-Western Region

Silver Legacy Resort at the Row, Reno, NV

Friday afternoon – early bird (\$100)

Saturday and Sunday (\$5)

Contact Info: Craig Casseta

craig.casseta@gmail.com

Or Richard Siri rtsiri@sbcglobal.net

August 30 – Santa Ana, CA

Los Angeles Historical Bottle Club's Annual Antique Bottles, Fruit Jars, Insulators, Antiques & Collectibles Show & Sale

Santa Ana California Elks Lodge

1751 South Lyon St. Santa Ana, CA

Saturday 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM early bird (\$15)

Saturday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Free

Contact Info: Don Wippert

donwippert1@gmail.com (818) 610-9332

Or Dave Hall (310) 710-8118

September 20 – Santa Rosa, CA

Northwestern Bottle Collectors Associations 58th Annual Antique Bottle & Collectible Show

Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building

1351 Maple Ave Santa Rosa, CA

Saturday 10:00 AM – noon early bird (\$10)

Saturday Noon - 4:00 PM - Free

Contact Info: Rick Siri (707) 481-5423

rtsiri@wbcglobal.net

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REQUEST FROM EDITOR -

reminder if you have not already submitted

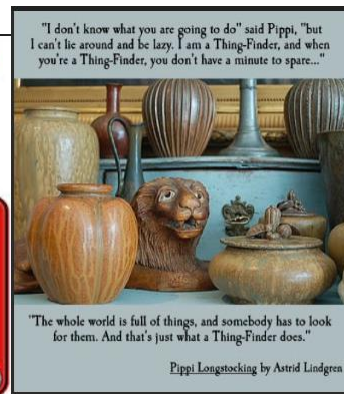
I think it would be fun to have each of the Club Members submit a short “bio” on how long you have been a club member, how you got started, what you collect, your greatest “find” and anything else you want to share with other club members about you, the hobby, or your treasures.

Please send via email to packrat49er@netscape.net and I will gather them up and publish in an upcoming Corker

FUNNIES FOR THE DAY



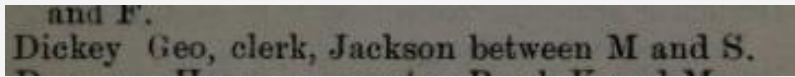
You know you're getting older when your childhood toys are now



Geo. S. Dickey Jr. Pioneer Chemist

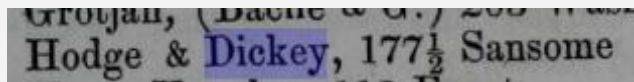
San Francisco Gold Rush Merchant

George Dickey first appears in the 1850 San Francisco directory listed as a clerk. In the 1852 SF directory Dickey is listed with Charles Hodge as Hodge & Dickey doing business at 177 1/2 Sansome Street.



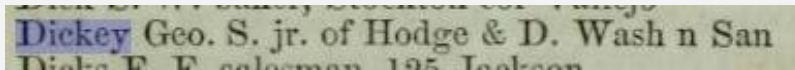
and F.
Dickey Geo, clerk, Jackson between M and S.

1850 clipping listing Dickey as a clerk.



Grojan, (Dacie & G.) 200 Wash
Hodge & Dickey, 177 1/2 Sansome

1852 clipping Hodge & Dickey



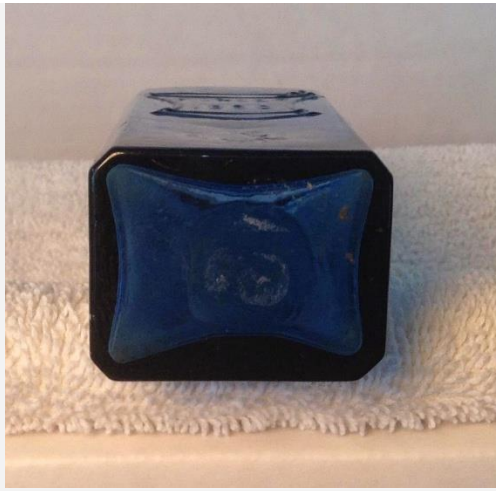
Dickey Geo. S. jr. of Hodge & D. Wash n San
Dicke F. F. salesman, 185 Jackson

The last listing for Hodge & Dickey in the 1856 S.F. directory



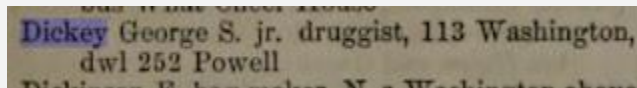
According to what information I could gather the first bottle produced by Dickey was the example pictured above.

This medium blue colored bottle is embossed with a mortar and pestle and the words "PIONEER 1850". The base on this early bottle is flat, the top is tooled and western collectors have named it The Stovepipe. It is also reported that the stovepipe style Dickey bottles come in aqua coloration.



Flat base of the first embossed Dickey bottle.

"I dug two blue stove pipes and an aqua one in a hole in Santa Rosa. In the hole were several broken pontiled pickles including an amber Baker and Cutting. Multi sided pontiled meds and three large Hostetter's in amber were also in the same hole"..... R.T. Siri



The first listing for George Dickey as a druggist



The above pictured bottles are believed to be the second variant of the Dickey bottle. They come in shades of blue, have a tooled top and a square indented base. I have no idea about the timeline of when this bottle was blown but shared knowledge points to this variant as being the second of the Dickey bottles. This variant has larger and (kind of) flat embossing and the S.F. is higher on the base of the bottle then the last variant.



The above picture shows the square intended bases of the second variant of the Dickey bottle

"I believe the oldest of the blue Dickey's (not including the mold with only the Pioneer 1850....we call these the Dickey without the Dickey) to be the mold that has the deep recessed rectangle on the base. the tops on these are a flared tool-top, similar to early Eastern meds. The examples I've dug, have come from late 60's - early 70's holes"

A.P. Hotaling



Aqua examples of the Dickey bottle. The bottle on the left has an applied top and the example on the right a tooled top. I have not been able to date the manufacture of this variant of the Dickey



Flat bases on the aqua variants of the Dickey bottle



Amber Dickey bottles with applied tops. Pestle is on the right side of mortar



The bases of the amber Dickey bottle with applied tops. Note the circle base with the dot in the center. This is the same variant as the blue applied top bottle with the circle and dot on base. This amber variant is much rarer than the blue examples shown below.



Blue colored Dickey's with applied tops. These are the most common of the Dickey bottle and have a base with a circle with a dot in the center. The embossing is larger than the latter examples. (Fourth bottle from left has a full label)



The bases of the blue Dickey with a applied top. Circle and dot on base.



Two examples of the last variant of the Dickey bottle in a chocolate coloration. This variant has the "thin" embossing and the S.F. is embossed lower on the bottle than the earlier variant. These bottles can be very crude and easily mistaken for the earlier blown Dickey variant



The flat bases of the last variant of the Dickey bottle

That's about all I have on the different variants of the Dickey bottle. - rs -

Ops! almost forgot about the variant of the Dickey with the pestle on the left side of the mortar. The variant with the pestle on the left has only been observed on the last variant of the Dickey to my knowledge



Four examples of the last variant of the Dickey bottle with the pestle on the left.

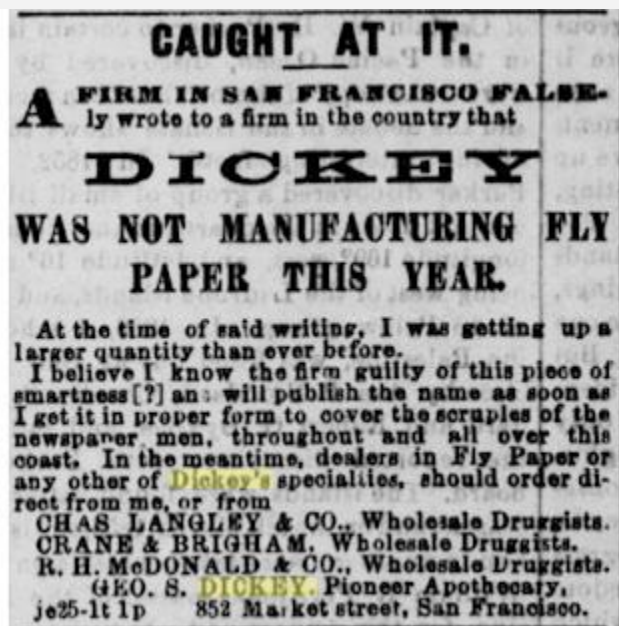


Pestle on the left side of the mortar



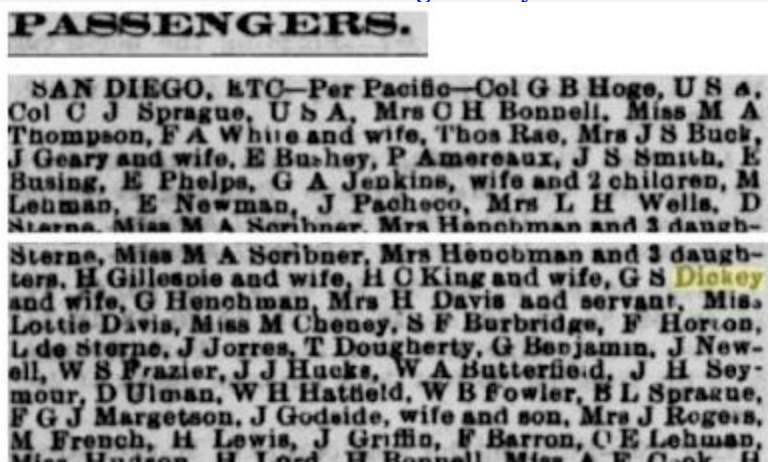
George Dickey goes into the fly paper business in 1870

George Dickey advertised often and donated prizes to horse races, pistol shoots and other competitions. I would never have imagined him going into the flypaper business - rs -



In this 1870 ad Dickey's flypaper is available at several well known SF druggists and he is still manufacturing "flypaper".

Remember, in the old days, those sticky pieces of paper hanging over counters etc. with flies stuck to them.....You can thank George Dickey!



This 1871 passenger list has Dickey and his wife sailing for San Diego.

I believe this is the date Dickey moves to Southern California and starts selling his products from Los Angeles as there are several examples of the Dickey bottles with labels from a Los Angeles address. - rs -

Happy Dickey collecting! - rs -

References:

San Francisco Directory's

Daily Alta California - various issues

Western Bottle News

Email - oral interviews

Richard Siri

A.P. Hotaling

From Eric McGuire:

Great piece of research. The Creme de Lis story is somewhat complicated, especially when attempting to fit the evolution of the bottle variants into the picture. Just a little clarity on the early years. Actually it was W. T. Wenzell who held ownership of the brand for most of the early years. Dickey supposedly created the product in 1865 even though the earliest ads were in 1867. Dickey's father died in 1869 which began a protracted process of the settlement of his estate in Baltimore, MD. With the final dispersion of the assets, Dickey left San Francisco for his home town of Baltimore, presumably to take possession of some of the property. He left in 1871, and in the process of finalizing his affairs in San Francisco, Dickey transferred his Creme de Lis to Wenzell, who became the proprietor. Dickey died in Baltimore on 29 August 1877. When in Baltimore he became owner of the Excelsior Steam Forge.

Wenzell continued with the use of Dickey's name on the Creme de Lis, which was probably a stipulation of the transfer of the product. Wenzell trade marked the name of Dickey's Creme de Lis with the California Secretary of State on 24 June 1873, two years after he took ownership. He maintained ownership into the 1880's.

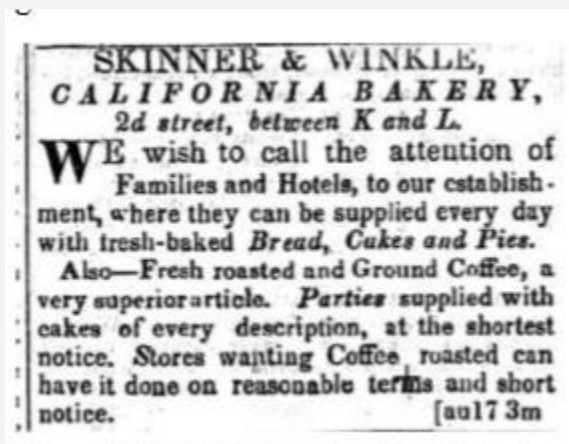
Henry Winkle.... Soda Man

A Brief History

Johann Heinrich Winkel arrived in the United States in 1840. He spent 3 years in New York City before moving to Florida and engaged in the baking business.



Winkle ran a bakery and hotel in Florida prior to leaving for California in 1849. Arriving in California in 1850 he went into a partnership with a fellow named Skinner starting the California Bakery on 2nd street in Sacramento



1850 Sacramento Daily Union advertisement

The partnership only lasted until November of 1850 and sometime after the November date Winkle went into business at the Auction Saloon. In the following clipping from the Sacramento Daily Union Winkle removes himself from any connection with the Auction Saloon.

NOTICE.—Having withdrawn from all connection with the AUCTION SALOON. I hereby give notice that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by the present owners, on and after the 31st of August. All persons having claims against the saloon up to above time, will please present them for payment.
HENRY WINKLE
sep3-3 Office K street, between Front and 2d sts.

September 3, 1852 Sacramento Daily Union newspaper



Henry Winkle Sac City soda bottle

Image courtesy Mike Rouse

After divesting himself from the Auction Saloon Winkle starts a soda water business in Sacramento and places an order for soda bottles with his name embossed in the glass.

In November of the same year the great fire of Sacramento destroys 55 blocks of Sacramento including 1,776 buildings and displaces over 7000 people. Henry Winkle's soda water business was one of the casualties.

As soon as the ashes were cold, from the great fire, Winkle starts construction on two brick buildings on K street in Sacramento while running his soda business near the Sacramento levy on J street. On December 31, 1852 a rain storm hit the Sacramento area that lasted several days and flooded the city and Winkle's business. At this point Winkle might have continued his soda business but must have been low on cash and his failure to pay off a loan for \$1200 resulted in the Sheriff seizing his property to settle the unpaid loan.

FOR SALE—A Soda Water apparatus and bottling machine, new and complete in every respect; also, 1000 doz soda bottles, A No. 1 quality, which will be sold at a very reasonable figure. Apply to
HENRY WINKLE,
s15-1w Winkle's Soda Factory, Levee, near Slough.

Clipping from Sacramento Daily Union September 1853
(1000 dozen soda bottles for sale...where are they? - rs -)

On October 14, 1853 the Sheriff sold the Winkle soda water business and machinery consisting of:

One table with bottle machinery attached

Three soda fountains with pipes attached

One rotary pump and pipe

Three large tin cans

5,000 soda bottles, more or less

In January of 1854 Henry Winkle left Sacramento and traveled to San Francisco to open a bakery business.



The reverse of the Henry Winkle soda bottle with the XX embossed in the glass

Image courtesy Mike Rouse

The Winkle soda bottles were manufactured prior to any glass houses in San Francisco and could have been manufactured by the Lancaster Glass Works.

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Sacramento Daily Union -various

Mike Rouse - Western Bottle collectors postings