

# SEALED BOTTLES AND THE MT VERNON GLASS COMPANY

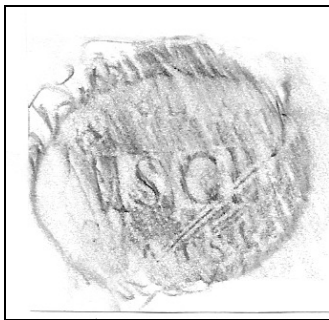
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Sealed bottles are bottles that have a person's initials embossed on them; usually in a round circle on the shoulder of the bottle. The Mount Vernon Glass Company, (Vernon, NY – 1810 – 1844) made sealed bottles in the early years of their operation probably from about 1810 – 1820 when these types of bottles were still popular. Most antique sealed bottles that exist in America were made in Europe, mostly in England. Because very few sealed bottles were made in America, the ones from the Mt. Vernon Glass Company are very important pieces from the early history of American Glass.

Bottles of this type were individual items made for prominent people of their day to store their spirits, either at home or at the local tavern.

The photo copy below was made from a glass shard with the initials "S.G. Mt. Vernon Glass Co." The sketch depicts more clearly what the shard looks like. The other drawing is a rough sketch of a picture of a sealed Mt. Vernon bottle. The examples known are emerald green. Mt Vernon sealed bottles are the only known items made by the company that had their name embossed on them.

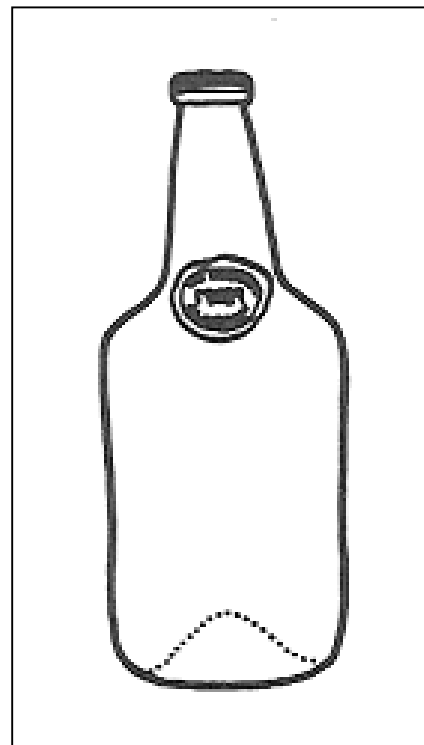
This shard was dug by Don Law of Vernon, N.Y. in his backyard. His beautiful home was once a tavern and a stagecoach stop in the early 1800's. The proprietor at one time was a Samuel Gay and the seal was most likely from one of his sealed bottles.



Rubbing of shard from an  
Mt Vernon sealed bottle



Drawing of shard of Mt Vernon  
S.G. seal, shown larger than  
actual size.



Drawing of an Mt Vernon sealed bottle,  
c1810 – 1820. These bottles are very  
rare, known examples are emerald green.

