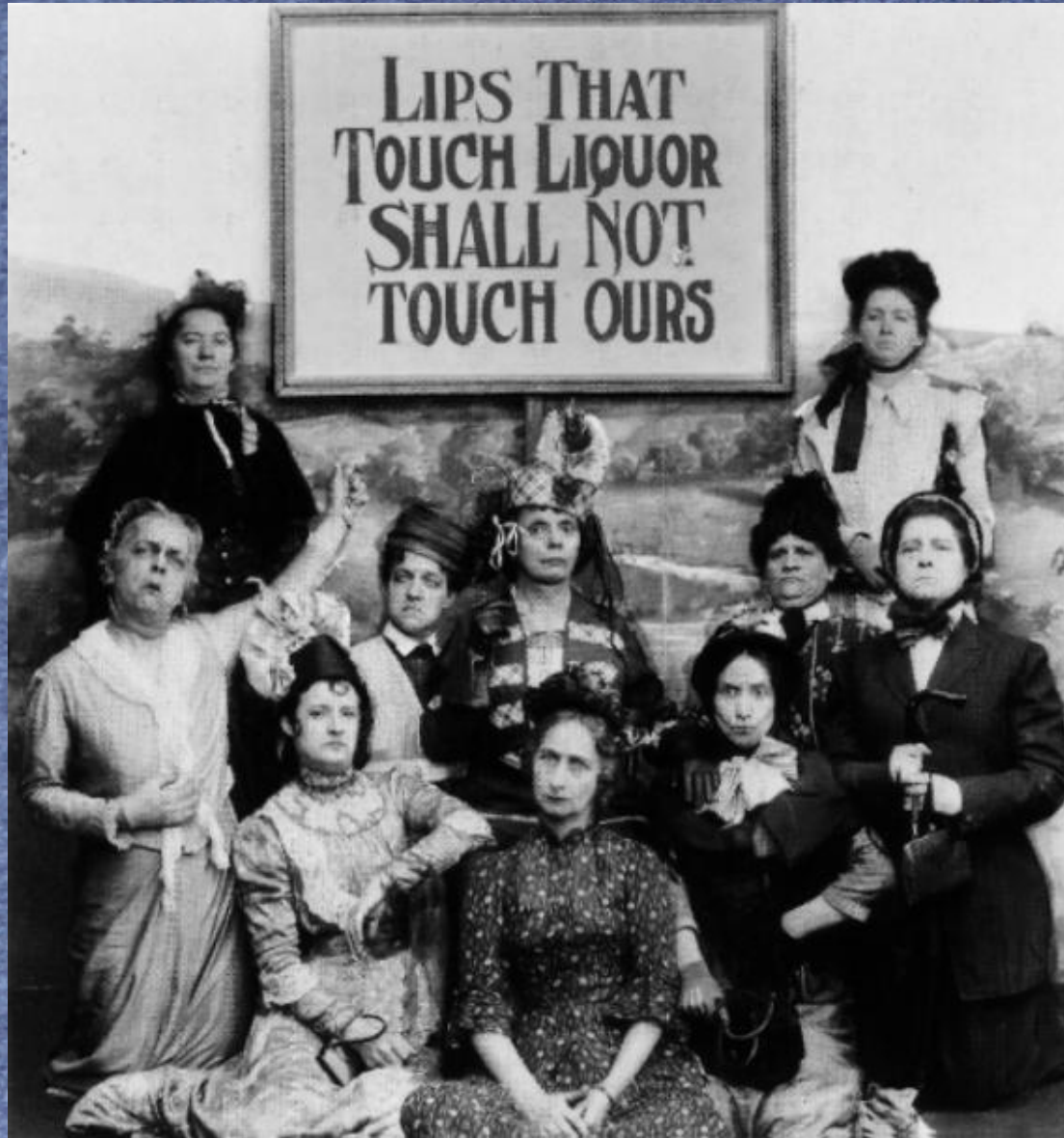


# Doc I Need a Drink: Legal Alcohol During Prohibition





# Limiting alcohol

- Malt beverages limited to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1%





# Malt Extracts



- Malt extracts could contain up to 3.76% alcohol
- But 18% solids
- Care to have a drink (chew?)



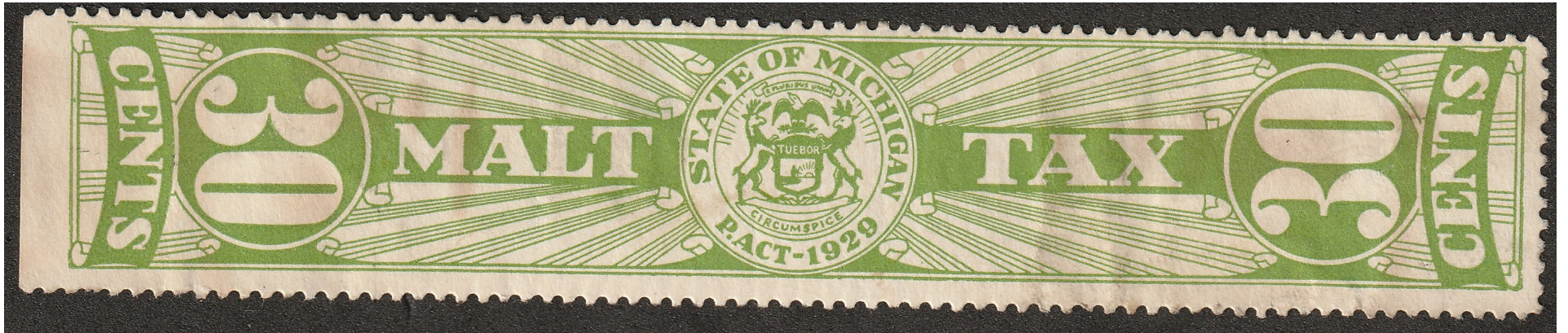
# New York Resists



- New York thought that if they taxed it, they could still sell alcohol
- In May 1921 the courts ruled otherwise



# Tax the home brewers





# Tax the home (?) brewers





# Prescription for *Spiritus Frumenti*

- Spiritus Frumenti, otherwise known as whiskey
- Note “His Street and No.”

Book No. 198941 JUN 7 1922 Blank No. 51  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE  
Form No. 1403  
PRESCRIPTION BLANK—NATIONAL PROHIBITION ACT

For Gro Kublin June 8, 1922  
(Give full name of patient) (Date)

Permit No. 8579  
4280 Daley  
(His street and No.)

Rx Spts Frumenti 3 x 1 St Louis Mo  
(City) (State)

FOR USE OF PHARMACIST ONLY

Cancelled JUN 7 1922  
Date delivered: June 8 1922  
Name as on permit: Wm. C. Stallman  
Street and No.: Carter & 1st St  
City: St Louis State: MO

Signature: Arthur Brooks, M. D.  
(Sign full name)  
Street and No.: 466 1/2 Market  
City: St Louis State: MO

Permit No. 701-1148 THIS PRESCRIPTION MUST NOT BE REFILLED See Regulations for penalties imposed



# Always First

**Old Rosebud**  
BOTTLED IN BOND



"Fragrant with Age and Purity"

**ALWAYS FIRST**  
The American Medicinal Spirits Company  
MADE THE FIRST BARRELS EAST AND WEST UNDER PRESENT LAWS



FIRST BARREL OF KENTUCKY BOURBON  
MADE NOV. 22, 1929



FIRST BARREL OF EASTERN RYE  
MADE FEB. 3, 1930

**Bourbon de Luxe**  
BOTTLED IN BOND



"As Constant and Sure as an Old-Time Friend"

**Louisville - Baltimore - San Francisco**

**\$ 27.50 PER 12 PINTS DELIVERED**

**16 YEARS OLD \$ 30.00 PER 12 PINTS DELIVERED**

- Old Rosebud and Bourbon Deluxe
- The American Medicinal Spirits Co.



**VENDOR'S COPY**

SERIAL NUMBER  
OF PERMIT TO PURCHASE

**PERMIT TO PURCHASE**

**E1132790**

**PART 1**

*Within 90 days from 12-27-29 under Basic Permit No. PA H-18257 E1132790 and subject to conditions printed on the reverse side of this form, you are hereby authorized and permitted to purchase or procure from the vendor named herein, the kind and quantity of liquor stated below, to be delivered and stored on the premises covered by permit duly issued to you on Form 1405, for disposition or use solely as provided in such permit.*

NAME AND ADDRESS OF VENDEE  
**J WARREN HOLLENBACH INC  
211-13-15 S 3RD ST  
READING PA**

COUNTERSIGNED

*E. S. Ross*  
Prohibition Administrator  
District No. 3

NAME OF GOODS AS KNOWN TO TRADE	NUMBER AND KINDS OF PACKAGES	WINE GALLONS	NAME OF GOODS AS KNOWN TO TRADE	NUMBER AND KINDS OF PACKAGES	WINE GALLONS
SHERRY WINE	-15-GAL	QTS	EXP OR FRT		

NAME AND ADDRESS OF VENDOR  
**WIDMER'S WINE CELLARS  
NAPLES NY**  
VK

Office of the Prohibition Administrator  
at: PHILA PA District: 5

**AMEROSE HUNSBERGER**  
ACTG Prohibition Administrator  
By: *[Signature]* Clerk

**PART 2 TO BE FILLED IN BY VENDOR.**

The following described liquors were delivered to Railway Express Agency, Inc.  
(NAME OF VENDEE OR CARRIER.)

C-1095 to me personally known, or properly identified, on January 7, 1930, 192  
(CARRIER'S PERMIT NO.)

DESCRIPTION OF GOODS AS KNOWN TO THE TRADE	NUMBER AND KINDS OF PACKAGES	SERIAL NUMBER OF EACH PACKAGE	WINE GALLONS	PROOF GALLONS
Sherry wine	1 bbl. bot.	13898	15	
<i>Totals</i>			15	

NY-A-263 Widmer's Wine Cellars  
(VENDOR'S PERMIT NUMBER.) (NAME OF VENDOR.)

**PART 3 FOR USE OF VENDEE IN OBTAINING CONSIGNMENT FROM CARRIER.**

*Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 192\_\_\_\_*  
*I hereby swear or affirm that part 1 hereof is a true copy of the permit to purchase issued to me by the Prohibition Administrator and that it has not been changed in any manner since its receipt by me.*

(NAME OF OFFICER OR AGENT.) (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (VENDEE.)  
(TITLE.)

\_\_\_\_\_, who signat the above affidavit, is personally known to, and is hereby identified by me.  
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(TITLE)

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(SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS OF PERSON IDENTIFYING VENDEE.)



# Prescription for Sherry

- Whiskey was not the only alcohol that could be prescribed for what ails you!
- Sherry

Book No. 157447      TREASURY DEPARTMENT      Blank No. 43  
U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE      Form No. 1403      123

PRESCRIPTION BLANK—NATIONAL PROHIBITION ACT

For *J. H. Hall*      *5-25*, 192*2*  
(Give full name of patient)      (Date)

Permit No. *12952*      *2012 Bath*  
(His street and No.)

Rx *Sherry wine - 1 qt.*      *Santa Barbara Cal*  
(City)      (State)

FOR USE OF PHARMACIST ONLY

Canceled *215452-5-30-22*  
(Date delivered)

*Hugh Freidell*      *1421 State St*      M. D.  
(Name as on permit)      (Sign full name)      (Street and No.)

*635 State St*      *Santa Barbara Cal*  
(Street and No.)      (City)      (State)

Permit No. *12931*      02-9422      THIS PRESCRIPTION MUST NOT BE REFILLED      See Regulations for penalties imposed



# Texas Added Their Own Prescriptions

- Is there ever an end to government paper work?

TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
 INTERNAL REVENUE  
 PROHIBITION ON BANKING  
 BOOK NO. **C192669** BLANK NO. **20**  
 FORM NO. 1403 - REVISED FEB. 1922  
 PERMIT NO. **1376**  
 1925

Issued by Dr. **W. H. July** at his office at **203 1/2 Emma**  
 City of **San Antonio**, Texas, this **17** day of **Sept** 1925  
 To **J. G. Griffitt Jr.**, a pharmacist duly licensed by the State  
 Board of Pharmacy and engaged in the business of a Retail Druggist at  
 City of **San Antonio**, Texas. This advises you that I have this day made a  
 careful personal physical examination of **Andrew Maloney**, who resides at  
**Route 3** City of **Furney**, Texas, and find him suffering with  
 the following complaint: **Cold Cough**. I prescribe as necessary for such  
 complaint when taken as directed the following alcoholic liquors and medicine:  
 Alcoholic Fluid prescribed: **Whiskey** Quantity: **4**  
 Amount and frequency of dose: **1 table spoon 3 times**  
 Signature of Physician: **W. H. July**

The above prescription was presented by me to the druggist named above and was filled  
 by **Jacob Schmitt**, Pharmacist, on the **17** day of **Sept** 1925.  
 I reside at above named address. Signed: **A. D. Maloney** Patient's Name.  
 I certify that the foregoing facts are true:  
**J. G. Griffitt Jr.**  
 Druggist or Pharmacist  
**per Jacob Schmitt**

Form 959b--S654-525-300M



# A Counterfeit Prescription Blank

- From Brooklyn

BOOK NO. **C 22674** BLANK NO. **48**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
GENERAL ORDER NO. 10  
NATIONAL PROHIBITION ACT  
FORM NO. 1403 - REVISED FEB. 1922

PERMIT NO. *21114*  
192*4*

R *1/2 fragments of*  
*Aspirin*

FOR *William Mahan*  
(GIVE FULL NAME OF PATIENT)  
*106 Lafayette Ave*  
(STREET AND NO.)  
*Brooklyn*  
(CITY) *NY* (STATE)

FOR USE OF DRUGGIST OR PHARMACIST ONLY

PERMIT NO. *21141*  
CANCELED *9-11-24*  
(DATE CANCELED)

*Samuel K. Yipka*  
(SIGN FULL NAME)  
*104 Stuyvesant Ave*  
(STREET AND NO.)  
*Brooklyn* (CITY) *NY* (STATE)

*William Kowitz, M.D.*  
(SIGN FULL NAME)  
*131 8th St*  
(STREET AND NO.)  
*Brooklyn* (CITY) *NY* (STATE)

THIS PRESCRIPTION MUST NOT BE REFILLED. SEE REGULATIONS FOR PENALTIES IMPOSED.



# An Official Specimen

- Possibly produced to enter into evidence in a court trial

BOOK NO. **C 00000** BLANK NO. **100**  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
INTERNAL REVENUE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND PROTECTION  
FORM NO. 1408 - REVISED FEB. 1922

Rx

PERMIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE) 192 \_\_\_\_\_

FOR \_\_\_\_\_  
(GIVE FULL NAME OF PATIENT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET AND NO.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY) \_\_\_\_\_ (STATE)

FOR USE OF DRUGGIST OR PHARMACIST ONLY

PERMIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF DRUGGIST OR PHARMACIST UPON WHOM DRAWN)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET AND NO.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY) \_\_\_\_\_ (STATE)

CANCELLED \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE DELIVERED)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGN FULL NAME AS ON PERMIT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET AND NO.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY) \_\_\_\_\_ (STATE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGN FULL NAME) \_\_\_\_\_ M.D.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET AND NO.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY) \_\_\_\_\_ (STATE)

THIS PRESCRIPTION MUST NOT BE REFILLED  
SEE REGULATIONS FOR PENALTIES IMPOSED



# Gin – A Medicinal Spirit?

- No doubt for adding to quinine water for a patient with malaria!
- In Sacramento, California?
- Bureau of Prohibition

**E179677**

**Rx** *Gin* *3 vi* *3 ttd*  
KIND OF LIQUOR QUANTITY DIRECTIONS

*Mrs. A. McCoy* *8-3-30*  
FULL NAME OF PATIENT DATE PRESCRIBED

*1915 - 04 Sacramento Calif.*  
PATIENTS ADDRESS NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

*W. J. Lee* *14329*  
PRESCRIBERS SIGNATURE PRESCRIBERS PERMIT NUMBER

*510 Physicians Bldg Sac. Calif.*  
PRESCRIBERS ADDRESS NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

*August 10 1915* *2636*  
CANCELED DRUG STORE NAME AS ON PERMIT PERMIT NUMBER

*W. J. Lee* *8-3-30* *none*  
DISPENSERS SIGNATURE DATE FILLED AND CANCELED STRIP STAMP NUMBER

*1005 - 10 Sacramento Calif.*  
STORE ADDRESS NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS  
DO NOT REFILL OR TRANSFER UNDER PENALTY **23**

BUREAU OF PROHIBITION



# Rum – A Medicinal Spirit?

**RECIPE**  
**PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICINAL LIQUOR**

**E177982**

R *Rum 255 Ted. per.*

**KIND OF LIQUOR** *W. J. Affleck* **QUANTITY** *11-30-30* **DIRECTIONS**

**FULL NAME OF PATIENT** *1008 - 10th St. Sacramento Calif* **DATE PRESCRIBED**

**PATIENTS ADDRESS** *1008 - 10th St. Sacramento Calif*

**PRESCRIBERS SIGNATURE** *W. J. Affleck* **PRESCRIBERS PERMIT NUMBER** *1-6313*

**PRESCRIBERS ADDRESS** *227 - Medical Bldg. Sacramento Calif*

**CANCELED** *W. J. Affleck*

**DRUG STORE NAME AS ON PERMIT** *Dr. Price* **PERMIT NUMBER** *1737636-7*

**DISPENSERS SIGNATURE** *Dr. Price* **DATE FILLED AND CANCELED** *10-11-30* **STRIP STAMP NUMBER**

**STORE ADDRESS** *1008 - 10 Sacramento Calif*

**SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS**  
**DO NOT REFILL OR TRANSFER UNDER PENALTY** **82**

- Rum obtained from the same pharmacy in Sacramento, California



# French Brandy – A Medicinal Spirit?

- French brandy, NOT from the same pharmacy in Sacramento, California
- Bureau of Industrial Alcohol

**PRESCRIPTION FORM FOR MEDICINAL ALCOHOL**

**F98549**

Rx *French Brandy 1pt in by water*  
KIND OF LIQUOR QUANTITY DIRECTIONS

*Mildred Anderson* *November 2-1933*  
FULL NAME OF PATIENT DATE PRESCRIBED

*Rutgers Street NY*  
PATIENTS ADDRESS NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

*B. Armstrong Mill* *971846*  
PRESCRIBERS SIGNATURE PRESCRIBERS PERMIT NUMBER

*Rutgers NY*  
PRESCRIBERS ADDRESS NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

*Smith Pharmacy* *31-197*  
CANCELED DRUG STORE NAME AS ON PERMIT PERMIT NUMBER

*J.B. Smith* *1102-33*  
DISPENSERS SIGNATURE DATE FILLED AND CANCELED STRIP STAMP NUMBER

*121 First* *Rutgers New York*  
STORE ADDRESS NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

**SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS  
DO NOT REFILL OR TRANSFER UNDER PENALTY**

**14**

**ISSUED UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE  
NATIONAL PROHIBITION ACT**



PRESCRIPTION FORM FOR MEDICINAL LIQUOR

F99748

Rx

Whiskey One Quart four times a day  
KIND OF LIQUOR QUANTITY DIRECTIONS

Tablespoon

Miss Teresa Horan, Nov. 22, 1933

FULL NAME OF PATIENT

DATE PRESCRIBED

Menands Road, Albany, New York

PATIENTS ADDRESS

NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

C. F. Kivlin, M.D. J-452

PRESCRIBERS SIGNATURE

PRESCRIBERS PERMIT NUMBER

1826 Fifth Av., Troy New York

PRESCRIBERS ADDRESS

NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

CANCELED

*William M. Hume* 216058

DRUG STORE NAME AS ON PERMIT

PERMIT NUMBER

*William M. Hume* Nov 22, 33

DISPENSERS SIGNATURE

DATE FILLED AND CANCELED

STRIP STAMP NUMBER

STORE ADDRESS

384 River Troy NY

NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

DO NOT REFILL OR TRANSFER UNDER PENALTY

55

ISSUED UNDER A VALID DRUGS LICENSE  
NATIONAL BUREAU OF FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



### APPLICATION TO PROCURE WINE FOR SACRAMENTAL PURPOSES AND LIKE RELIGIOUS RITES

Quantity of wine procured since January 1, 1930.....	0	gallons.
Quantity applied for herein.....	15	"
TOTAL.....	15	"
Quantity on hand date of application.....	2	bottles

14793

March 24, 1930

Rev. Benedict Masselli, Pastor  
(Name in full.) (Official designation.)  
of St. Lucy's Church, located at 253 Troup St.  
(Name of church or congregation.) (Street address.)  
Rochester, New York, hereby makes application to procure  
(City.) (State.)  
from Widmer's Wine Cellars, West Avenue,  
(Name of dealer.) (Street address.)  
Naples, New York, to be delivered to him at 253 Troup St.,  
(City.) (State.) (Street address.)  
in Bottles  
Rochester, New York, 15 gallons of Muscatel  
(City.) (State.) (Kind and brand.)

domestic wine to be safely stored for use solely for sacramental purposes or like religious rites, as provided by the National Prohibition Act and Regulations thereunder; and hereby certifies that the quantity applied for herein, together with that previously withdrawn and now on hand, is necessary for the purposes stated ~~to meet the requirements of worshipers whose names are on the list furnished by him to the administrator~~ and that he is duly authorized to make this application on behalf of the aforesaid church or congregation.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 192

*Rev. Benedict Masselli*  
(Signature of applicant.)

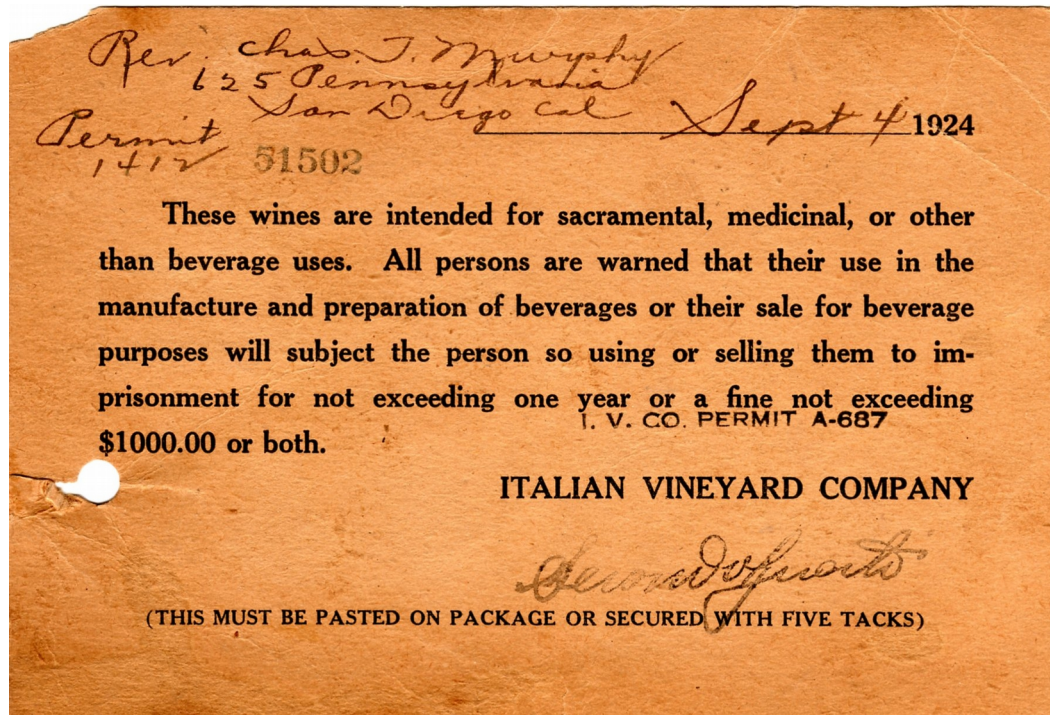
March 28th, 1930 192  
15 gallons of wine were shipped to above-  
253 Troup Street  
named applicant at Rochester, N.Y.  
(Address to which shipped.)  
Widmer's Wine Cellars  
(Vendor.)  
Naples, N.Y.  
(Address.)

AUTHENTICATED MAR 24 1930, 192  
This application shall expire ninety (90) days from date of this authentication unless canceled or recalled.  
*Charles R. Reynolds*  
ASSISTANT SHERIFF  
(Signature of administrator, or, where the church or congregation has a hierarchal form of organization, signature of head of ecclesiastical jurisdiction or official designated by him.)

NOTE.—In all cases where the church or congregation has a hierarchal form of organization, and this application is to be approved by the head of the ecclesiastical jurisdiction or some one designated by him for the purpose, the oath may be omitted; in all other cases this application must be sworn to.  
\*The words "to meet the requirements of worshipers whose names are on the list furnished by him to the administrator" may be stricken out except in cases where the wine is to be used by worshipers in their homes.



# Wine for Sacramental Purposes



- Back of the tag has 40¢ in tax stamps, enough for a gallon of sweet wine.
- Both the church or synagogue needed to have a government permit to purchase
- Supplier also needed a permit



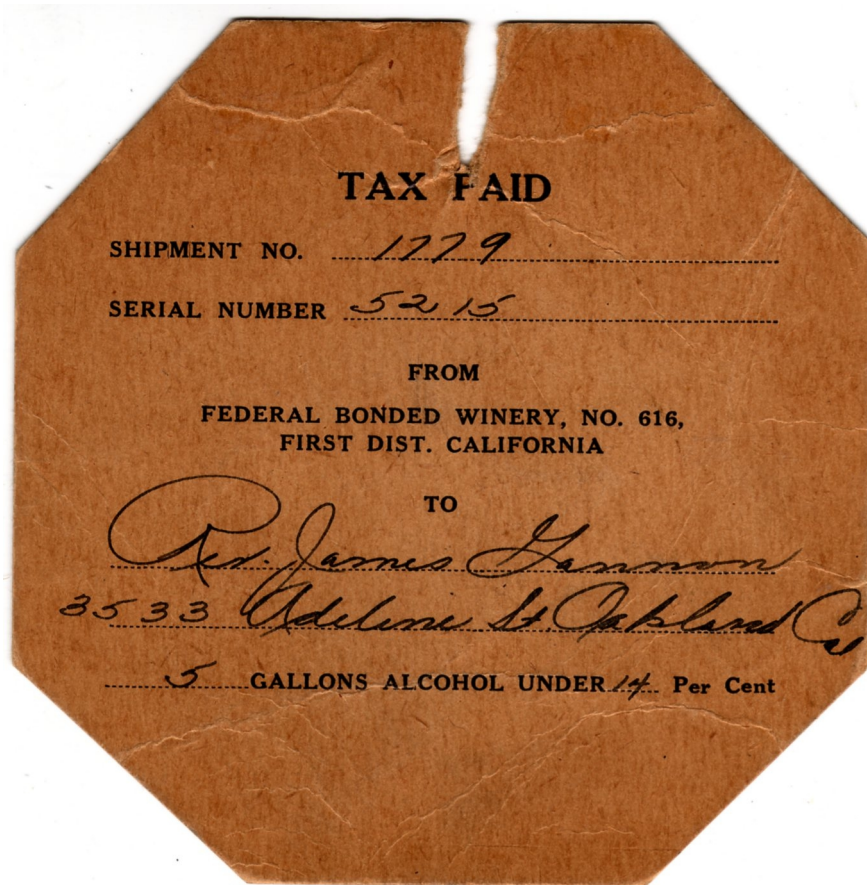
# Wine for Sacramental Purposes



- From the Novitiate of Los Gatos, a supplier of altar wines by the barrel, 50 ½ gallons.



# Wine for Sacramental Purposes



- By 1932, the tax rates had declined. The 20¢ stamp on the reverse paid the tax on 5 gallons of light wine.



# Retail Liquor Dealer

- In order to fill prescriptions for medicinal liquor, the pharmacy had to pay the annual tax of \$25 to be designated a Retail Liquor Dealer

RETAIL LIQUOR DEALER, JAN., 1926	RETAIL LIQUOR DEALER, FEB., 1926
RETAIL LIQUOR DEALER, MAR., 1926	RETAIL LIQUOR DEALER, APR., 1926
RETAIL LIQUOR DEALER, MAY, 1926	RETAIL LIQUOR DEALER, JUNE, 1926

ISSUED FOR THE PERIOD REPRESENTED BY THE COUPONS.

**\$25** SPECIAL TAX **\$25**  
UNITED STATES • STAMP • INTERNAL REVENUE

AMOUNT OF TAX \$ *12<sup>50</sup>* 4637

KEEP THIS STAMP POSTED  
**RETAIL LIQUOR DEALER**

Issued by the Collector for the *2nd* District of *New York*

*Samuel M. Unger*  
*173 Ave B, N.Y.C.*

THIS STAMP IS NOT TRANSFERABLE ON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OF THE BUSINESS.

FISCAL YEAR  
**1926**



# Bottled in Bond Distilled Spirits



- All medicinal spirits that were available had been made before 1920 and had to be bottled in bond.



# The Moonshiners



- Both the bottle seal and label are forgeries.
- Was it Melvale or Mellvale?

# How can we fool the consumer?



- This is a forged Bottled in Bond for Export seal.
- The message was this is good whiskey smuggled back into the U.S.



# Marketing to the Physicians



- This was a special size authorized at the request of the distillers.
- $\frac{1}{4}$  pint for physicians to give out as samples.

# New and larger bottle seals



- With the Bureau of Prohibition came new bottle seals.



# New case stamps with serial numbers



- The new case stamps had the same number as on the bottle seals

# Nonbeverage Alcohol

- Alcohol for industrial use was designated as Nonbeverage.





# Government Seizure

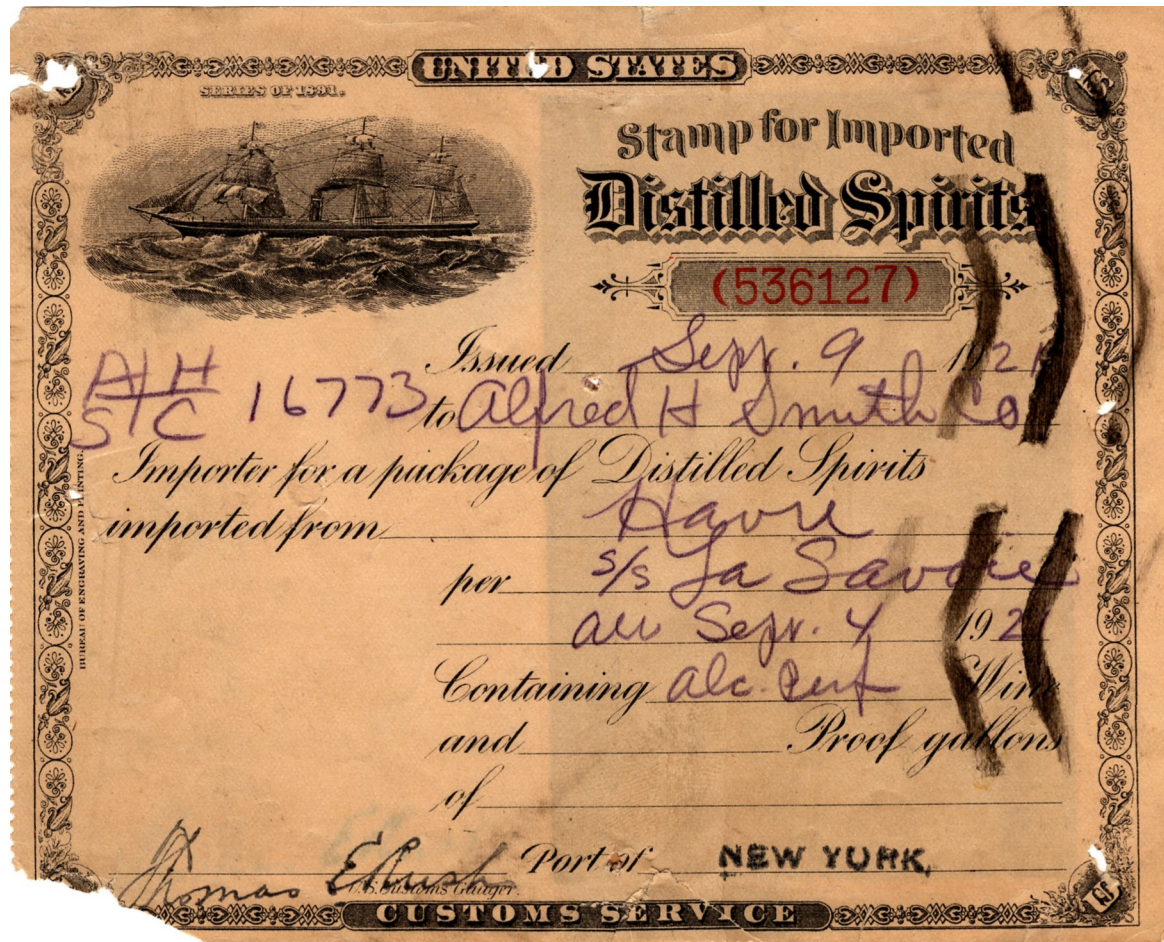
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1 GALLON	1 GALLON	1/10 GAL.	
1 GALLON	1 GALLON	1/10 GAL.	1/10 GAL.
1 GALLON	1 GALLON	1/10 GAL.	1/10 GAL.

<b>1</b>		26182
<b>GALLON DISTILLED SPIRITS NON BEVERAGE</b>		
Received	JUL 11 1932 <small>(Date)</small>	from
	BRUNSWIG DRUG CO.	
tax on	9-5	proof gallons spirits
in package No.		at
Warehouse No.	SEIZED	in
3/4 Proof Gallons, 5 Wine Gallons Alcohol		
affixed under provisions of Act of Mar. 1, 1879		
A. C. Sittel	Coll. SIXTH	Dist.
U. S. Marshal	of CALIF.	
<b>1</b>	UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE	<b>1</b>

- A very unusual seizure of alcohol that was not “dumped.”

# Alcohol Based Perfumes



- Even alcohol-based perfumes were subject to the tight government regulations.



# Alcohol Kept Under Government Lock and Key



- Paper seal used to cover the keyhole on locks used at bonded warehouses.