

Since there are well over 5,000 different jars and variations, it is impossible to list all of them here in this book.

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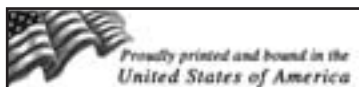
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There are over 1,200 jars listed in this book, taking into consideration size, color, and embossing. We have listed the different sizes and colors with each embossing. I am sure with each passing year different sizes, colors, and embossing will turn up, making our hobby even more interesting.

In all my years of collecting, I have found jars with complete closures bring a good price. All scarce and rare jars with original closures command the higher dollars.

Unavailability of choice jars is causing the price to excel each passing year, with no end in sight. Today if you like what you see, you'd better buy it, if you can pay the price. This goes not only with jars but other antiques as well.

Foreword

(Taken from the 1970 First Edition)

The 1970's will be the years of the fruit jar collector, and rightly so, for there is no other collecting field that could possibly be more interesting than assembling a group of old canning jars.

With thousands of collectors around the country searching every possible crack, crevice, attic, and cellar for these bits of history, the prices on these jars are in their infancy. The appreciation value on the rare jars should skyrocket in the months and years ahead, with the more common issues pretty much holding their own, or advancing very slowly.

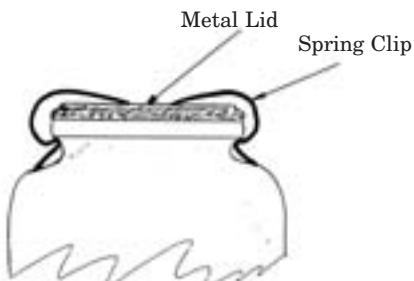
Fruit jars with unusual closures, shapes, colors, and markings are much sought after by the advanced collectors, and therefore command a much higher price.

If you are a beginner or novice collector you have probably asked yourself "why collect fruit jars?" I ask you, Why Not? The progress of our glass industry, manufacturing methods, the progress of our country itself is clearly revealed in the advancing cycles of the fruit jar. Nothing could be more beautiful to the collector than an old whittled wax sealer or corker, with its crude embossings and markings.

The lids, or closures, of the jars are a study within themselves as the jar manufacturers tried to improve upon the seal. These closures fall into several different classifications. The grove ring wax sealer, the tapered neck for a glass stopper or cork, threaded neck for the old zink lid, glass lid with a wire bail, glass lid with a metal screw band. Of course, there are several other unique closures that never did really "catch on," therefore they are quite rare, and command a higher market value.

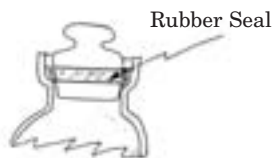
For those of you who have limited space or funds to put together a larger diversified collection of several hundred jars, a collection of, say 1858 jars would be interesting. I'm sure that there are over 50 different types of these jars, with their different sizes, colors, embossings, symbols, and wording. If you didn't want to limit yourself to 1858 jars, a collection of amber jars would be nice. I know of one collection that has nothing but half pints in it. These however, are getting quite hard to find. Pint jars might interest you, and a collection of these could still be put together at a very reasonable cost.

Other collectors are assembling series on the same type jars into sets of three to five sizes. These sets are used in the kitchen as canister sets and, I might add, they give the collector an added incentive to his already fascinating hobby. The Mission, Good Luck, Ball, Mason, and Kerr series are all good examples to assemble into these different size canister sets. Most of these series have three to four sizes in them from half pint to two quart. However, I have seen sets with sizes from midgets to gallon. These

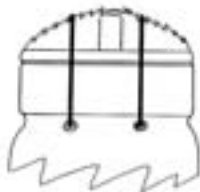


Economy Closure

Lightning Type on Hero Jar



Kline Tapered Stopper



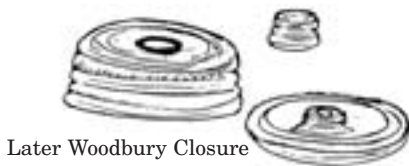
Perfection



Gilberds Full Wire Bail



Early Woodbury Closure



Later Woodbury Closure

Millville Atmospheric



Advance














The Ohio (Early)












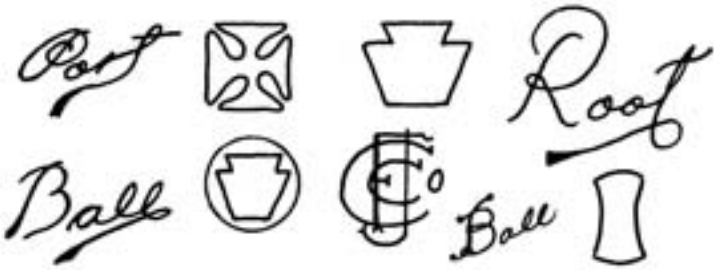
Illinois Glass Co.








<p>ABGA Machine made, aqua, 2 sizes, glass lid, metal band.</p>  <p>MASON PERFECT MADE IN U.S.A.</p> <p>\$30.00 – \$40.00</p>	<p>ABGA Machine made, aqua, 3 sizes, glass lid, metal band.</p> <p>MASON IMPROVED ABGA</p> <p>\$75.00 – \$100.00</p>	<p>A & Co. Handmade, quart, aqua, glass lid, wire clip.</p> <p>A & C</p> <p>\$200.00 – \$250.00</p>
<p>Acme Machine made, 3 sizes, clear, square, glass lid, wire bail.</p>  <p>\$15.00 – \$20.00</p>	<p>Acme Seal Handmade, clear, 3 sizes, glass top, zinc band.</p>  <p>\$50.00 – \$75.00</p>	<p>Advance Handmade, quart, aqua, glass lid, wire bail, or metal clamp</p>  <p>\$450.00 – \$500.00</p>
<p>Agee Queen Machine made, 4 sizes, clear, glass lid, twin toggles.</p> <p>AGEE QUEEN</p> <p>\$20.00 – \$30.00</p>	<p>Agnew Handmade, aqua, quart, wax seal.</p> <p>Bottom reads: “John Agnew & Son” or “Agnew & Co.”</p> <p>\$80.00 – \$100.00</p>	<p>AGWL Handmade, aqua, quart, wax seal.</p>  <p>\$40.00 – \$45.00</p>
<p>Air-Tight Handmade, pint, amber, zinc lid.</p> <p>AIR-TIGHT</p> <p>\$100.00 – \$125.00</p>	<p>All Right Handmade, quart, aqua, metal disc, wire clamp.</p> <p>ALL RIGHT</p> <p>\$300.00 – \$350.00</p>	<p>All Right Handmade, quart, aqua, glass lid, wire clamp.</p> <p>ALL RIGHT PAT^D JAN 28TH 1868</p> <p>\$300.00 – \$350.00</p>

<p>Genuine Mason Machine made, clear, aqua, 3 sizes, zinc lid.</p>  <p>\$6.00 – \$8.00</p>	<p>Genuine Mason Machine made, aqua, clear, zinc lid.</p>  <p>\$6.00 – \$8.00</p>	<p>Gessner's Handmade, clear, pint, quart.</p> <p>CESSNER'S PATENT</p> <p>\$300.00+</p>
<p>Gilberds Jar Handmade, aqua, pint, quart, glass lid with wire circling entire jar.</p>  <p>\$400.00+</p>	<p>Gilberds Improved Jar Handmade, aqua, pint, quart, glass lid with wire circling entire jar.</p>  <p>\$300.00+</p>	<p>GJ Handmade, clear, 4 sizes, zinc lid.</p>  <p>\$12.00 – \$15.00</p>
<p>GJ Co. Handmade, clear, 3 sizes, zinc lid.</p>  <p>\$50.00 – \$60.00</p>	<p>GJ Mason's Patent Handmade, aqua, 2 sizes, zinc lid.</p>  <p>\$25.00 – \$30.00</p>	<p>Glassboro Handmade, olive, aqua, 3 sizes, zinc lid.</p>  <p>Olive \$80.00 – \$100.00 Aqua \$12.00 – \$15.00</p>
<p>Glassboro Handmade, aqua, 3 sizes, glass lid, screw band.</p>  <p>\$25.00 – \$30.00</p>	<p>W H Glenny Son & Co. Aqua, glass stopper, quart, 8 inches tall.</p>  <p>\$350.00 – \$425.00</p>	<p>Glenshaw Machine made, clear, 3 sizes, zinc lid.</p>  <p>\$5.00 – \$7.00</p>

<p>Hero Handmade, green, clear, quart, glass lid, screw band.</p>  <p>\$50.00 – \$60.00</p>	<p>Hero Handmade, green, pint, quart, glass lid, wire bail.</p>  <p>\$60.00 – \$75.00</p>	<p>The Hero Handmade, aqua, quart, glass lid, screw band.</p>  <p>\$60.00 – \$80.00</p>
<p>The Hero Handmade, aqua, quart, glass lid, screw band.</p>  <p>\$60.00 – \$80.00</p>	<p>Hero Improved Handmade, aqua, pint, quart, glass lid, screw band.</p>  <p>\$50.00 – \$60.00</p>	<p>The Hero Improved Handmade, aqua, quart, glass lid, screw band.</p>  <p>\$75.00 – \$100.00</p>
<p>The Heroine Handmade, aqua, quart, glass lid, screw band.</p>  <p>\$75.00 – \$100.00</p>	<p>Chas M. Higgins & Co. Gray-pink tint, screw lid.</p>  <p>\$20.00 – \$25.00</p>	<p>Hollieanna Machine made, clear, 3 sizes, zinc lid.</p>  <p>\$20.00 – \$25.00</p>
<p>Hom-Pak Machine made, clear, 3 sizes, zinc lid.</p>  <p>\$4.00 – \$6.00</p>	<p>Honest Mason Handmade, aqua, clear, pint, quart, zinc lid.</p>  <p>\$20.00 – \$30.00</p>	<p>Hoosier Handmade, aqua, quart, threaded glass lid.</p>  <p>\$800.00 – \$950.00</p>

<p>Knowlton Jar Handmade, aqua, clear, quart, glass lid, zinc cap.</p>  <p>\$35.00 – \$45.00</p>	<p>Knox Mason Machine made, clear, 3 sizes, zinc lid.</p>  <p>\$75.00 – \$100.00</p>	<p>Knox Mason Machine made, clear, 3 sizes, metal lid.</p>  <p>\$15.00 – \$18.00</p>
<p>Kohrs Machine made, clear, 4 sizes, glass lid, wire bail.</p>  <p>\$15.00 – \$18.00</p>	<p>K Y G W Handmade, aqua, quart, wax seal, crude.</p> <p>KYCW</p> <p>Aqua \$30.00 – \$45.00 Amber \$250.00+ Olive Green \$300.00+</p>	<p>L G Co Handmade, aqua, quart, wax seal.</p> <p>Base Reads: "L G Co"</p> <p>Aqua \$30.00 – \$40.00 Amber \$200.00+ Citron \$250.00+ Yellow Amber \$250.00+</p>
<p>L & S Machine made, clear, quart, glass lid, wire bail.</p> <p>L&S (on base)</p> <p>\$1.00 – \$2.00</p>	<p>L & W Handmade, aqua, amber, quart, wax seal.</p> <p>L&W</p> <p>Aqua \$50.00 – \$75.00</p>	<p>Lafayette Handmade, aqua, 3 sizes, 3 different closures.</p>  <p>\$2,000.00+</p>
<p>Lafayette Handmade, aqua, 3 sizes, 3 type closures.</p>  <p>\$250.00 – \$300.00</p>	<p>Lam Mason Machine made, clear, quart, zinc lid.</p> <p>LAM MASON</p> <p>\$3.00 – \$6.00</p>	<p>Lamb Machine made, aqua, clear, 3 sizes, zinc lid.</p> <p>LAMB MASON</p> <p>\$3.00 – \$6.00</p>

<p>The Magic Fruit Jar Handmade, amber, aqua, 3 sizes, glass lid, toggle clamp.</p>  <p>Amber \$900.00+ Aqua \$300.00+</p>	<p>Mallinger Machine made, clear, quart, zinc lid.</p>  <p>\$3.00 – \$5.00</p>	<p>Mansfield Mason Clear, quart.</p>  <p>\$50.00 – \$75.00</p>
<p>Mansfield Machine made, light green, 2 sizes, glass lid, screw band.</p>  <p>\$25.00 – \$35.00</p>	<p>The Marion Jar Handmade, aqua, 3 sizes, zinc lid.</p>  <p>\$20.00 – \$30.00</p>	<p>Mason Machine made, green, zinc lid.</p>  <p>\$8.00 – \$10.00</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">The Mason Jar</p> <p>Since these jars were made in so many different sizes, styles, shapes, and colors, we are going to deviate from the pattern of this text, omitting the size. The Mason jar was made in up to 6 different sizes from the ¼ pint to the 1 gallon. The color range is from black (a molted jar with a sooty look) to clear. They have all sorts of monograms from the cross to the moon and stars. A collection of the different Masons would be an interesting and rewarding endeavor. The price of most of these Masons is still within the grasp of all collectors. Some of these jars with dominant subtitles are found elsewhere in this book.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Some embossings found on “Mason’s 1858” jars</p> 		

<p>Mason Handmade, clear, zinc lid.</p> <p>MASON JAR</p> <p>\$12.00 – \$15.00</p>	<p>Mason Machine made, clear, metal lid (modern).</p> <p>MASON ★ JAR</p> <p>\$1.00 – \$2.00</p>	<p>Mason Machine made, aqua, zinc lid.</p> <p>THE Mason</p> <p>\$10.00 – \$15.00</p>
<p>Mason Machine made, clear, 3 sizes, zinc lid.</p> <p>  MASON </p> <p>\$1.00 – \$2.00</p>	<p>Mason Handmade, green, glass lid, screw band.</p> <p>MASON IMPROVED</p> <p>\$5.00 – \$7.00</p>	<p>Mason's Handmade, green, glass lid, screw band.</p> <p>MASON'S IMPROVED</p> <p>\$15.00 – \$20.00</p>
<p>Masons Handmade, aqua, glass lid, screw band.</p> <p> TRADE MARK MASON'S IMPROVED  </p> <p>\$150.00 – \$200.00</p>	<p>Mason's Handmade, aqua, glass lid, screw band.</p> <p> TRADE MARK MASON'S  IMPROVED </p> <p>\$8.00 – \$10.00</p>	<p>C F J Co Mason's Improved Handmade, green, pint, quart, glass lid, metal band.</p> <p> MASON'S  IMPROVED </p> <p>\$6.00 – \$8.00</p>
<p>C F J Co Mason's Improved Handmade, aqua, quart, glass lid, metal band.</p> <p> MASON'S IMPROVED  </p> <p>\$7.00 – \$9.00</p>	<p>Mason's Handmade, aqua, glass lid, screw band.</p> <p> MASON'S IMPROVED  </p> <p>\$8.00 – \$10.00</p>	<p>Mason's Handmade, aqua, glass lid, screw band.</p> <p>  MASON'S IMPROVED </p> <p>\$8.00 – \$10.00</p>