

## Glass Works Auctions' October 27th Online Auction featured Antique Bottles, Historical Flasks, more

News-Press Release

Pennsburg, Pennsylvania (Newsbox) 07-Nov-2025

<https://prsafe.com/release/17056/>

### Summary

A circa 1862-1875 â€œS.T. Drakeâ€™s 1860 Plantation X Bittersâ€™ bottle sold for \$19,890; while a circa 1865-1875 â€œOld Dr. Townsendâ€™s Celebrated Stomach Bittersâ€™ bottle realized \$16,380.

### Message

Pennsburg, PA, USA, November 7, 2025 -- A circa 1862-1875 â€œS.T. Drakeâ€™s 1860 Plantation X Bittersâ€™ bottle sold for \$19,890; a circa 1865-1875 â€œOld Dr. Townsendâ€™s Celebrated Stomach Bittersâ€™ bottle realized \$16,380; and a circa 1840-1860 â€œGreenâ€™s Aqua Mixture Jackson Mississippiâ€™ bottle garnered \$8,775 in Glass Works Auctionsâ€™ online-only Premier Auction #187 held Monday, October 27th. The auction featured 272 lots of various antique bottles, historical flasks and early American blown glass. There were 147 winning bidders, with all online traffic driven through the Glass Works Auctions website (glassworksauctions.com). Overall, the sale grossed \$372,000. Phone and absentee bids were accepted. All prices in this report include a 17 percent buyerâ€™s premium. The â€œS.T. Drakeâ€™s 1860 Plantation X Bittersâ€™ (Ring/Ham, D-108, â€œPatented 1862â€™) was the first bottle up for bid and the top achiever of the auction. It was a visually clean, near perfect example with a very bold impression. Even the typically weak â€œS.T. Drakeâ€™ stood out. It was the color, though, that captivated bidders. All Drakeâ€™s collectors know that the green coloration is the rarest and most sought after of all Drakeâ€™s bottles,â€™ said James Hagenbuch, the owner of Glass Works Auctions. It has that highly desirable lighter density of color, so light you can read a paper through it. This was a truly exceptional example in a real dazzling green color. The circa 1865-1875 â€œOld Dr. Townsendâ€™s Celebrated Stomach Bittersâ€™ bottle (Ring/Ham, T-51) was of yellow amber chestnut form, 8 3/4 inches tall, with an open pontil and an applied ring mouth and handle. It was in perfect condition. Applied handled bottles like this one were a popular form of packaging used by many whiskey companies in the 1870s. The circa 1840-1860 â€œGreenâ€™s Aqua Mixture Jackson Mississippiâ€™ bottle was a bluish aqua color. The bottle is very rare. This very one was sold at auction in 1992 through the Harmer Rooke Gallery in New York for \$990. Their auction sticker is still on the base of the bottle. A circa 1865-1875 â€œOld Sachem Bitters and Wigwam Tonicâ€™ bottle (N.Y., Ring/Ham, O-46), 9 1/2 inches tall, with a smoky moss green barrel, smooth base and applied mouth, was nearly perfect and commanded \$15,210. Old Sachem Bitters barrels are known for their wide array of colors. Of those, ones in shades of deep green are the rarest and most desirable. A circa 1866-1875 â€œThe Fish Bitters â€œ W.W. Ware / Patented 1866â€™ medium lime green bottle in the shape of a fish with an applied aqua glass lip, was reeled in for \$5,850. The bottle was very rare and in a desirable color, as pure green as any weâ€™ve sold,â€™ Mr. Hagenbuch said, and the applied aqua mouth was unique. A circa 1877-1895 target ball â€œFrom / J. Palmer Oneil / & Co. / Pittsburghâ€™ (Penn.), yellow amber in color, 2 1/2 inches in diameter, a rare Pittsburgh ball in perfect condition, hit \$4,095. A New England circa 1840-1860 â€œHowardâ€™s Vegetable â€œ Cancer. and / Canker, Syrupâ€™ bottle (Odell, pg. 118), in an â€œoldâ€™ yellowish amber color, 7 1/4 inches tall, with an open pontil and applied mouth, breezed to \$5,850. It was an exceptional example. Itâ€™s also rarely offered at auction, especially with the more desirable open pontil. A circa 1840-1860 â€œDr. Perkins / Syrup, Albanyâ€™ (N.Y.) medium blue green bottle with an unusual square iron pontil, topped out at \$9,360. This was a big, impressive-looking medicine bottle in pristine condition and one thatâ€™s rarely offered for sale. It featured nice whittle marks and â€œseedyâ€™ glass. A circa 1865-1875 â€œSaratoga Seltzer Spring Co. (motif of bubbling bottle) / Saratoga, N.Y. â€œ SSSâ€™ (in script) olive green pint bottle rang up \$3,802. The bottle was in fine condition save for some dried base contents. It was rated as number 7 in Bernard Puckhaberâ€™s 1973 list of the â€œTen Most Wanted Saratogas.â€™ A circa 1835-1840 American Eagle pale vaseline color pint bottle, depicting an eagle with a serpent in its beak (referred to as the â€œSnake of Corruptionâ€™ and believed to have been made for William Henry Harrisonâ€™s presidential campaign of either 1836 or 1840) soared to \$11,700. The historically important flask was rated #29 in McKearinâ€™s American Glass top 40 historical flasks. A circa 1842-1855 free blown â€œLily Padâ€™ sided bowl from Redford Glass Works (Redford, N.Y.), American Glass (plate 6, #1), bluish aquamarine in color, the rim 7 1/2 inches in diameter and the base 3 1/2 inches in diameter, one of only a handful known, chalked up \$7,020. This example was owned by the late Malcolm Polis, a renowned collector of early American glass. A British circa 1711 black glass onion form wine bottle (reading â€œM / I.S. / 1711â€™ on an applied seal), deep yellowish olive green in color, found a new owner for \$4,095. This exact bottle was pictured in Burtonâ€™s, Vol. 2, page 559, with the caption, â€œThe pyramidal lettering may suggest a tavern seal.â€™ It was sold at Sothebyâ€™s in London in 1987 for Â£1,100. Glass Works Auctionsâ€™ next big

online-only auction event is Premier Catalog Auction #188, slated for Monday, November 17th. It features examples from the Richard and Elma Watson Collection. The sale opens for bidding November 10th at glassworksauction.com. To learn more, please visit [www.glswrk-auction.com](http://www.glswrk-auction.com). About Glass Works Auctions: Glass Works Auctions is a family-owned gallery in Pennsburg, Pennsylvania. The firm is always accepting quality bottles and related items for future auction. To consign a single piece or an entire collection, you may call them at 215-679-5849; or, you can send an email to [info@glswrk-auction.com](mailto:info@glswrk-auction.com). To learn more, you may visit [www.glswrk-auction.com](http://www.glswrk-auction.com). Updates are posted often.



#### Contact Information

Jim Hagenbuch  
Glass Works Auctions  
2156795849  
[info@glswrk-auction.com](mailto:info@glswrk-auction.com)

#### Tag Cloud

[antique bottles](#) [historical flasks](#) [american blown glass](#)

#### Categories

[Arts/Museums](#)

#### Disclaimer

This release was submitted by a Newsbox user.  
Any communication related to the content of this release should be sent to the release submitter.

Newsbox-Connectus LLC | [newsbox.com](http://newsbox.com)  
810 Cromwell Park Drive, Bldg D, Hanover, Maryland 21061; 1-888-233-7974 (International 01-410-230-7976)