

## BUBBLING POTIONS: APOTHECARY EDITION

Georgetown / Scott County Museum



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## **Apothecary Bottle Display**

At the museum, we have a number of apothecary bottles out on display. Featured in the picture above are bottles that were from C. H. Arnold Druggist, Thompson & Son, and Henderson's Drug Store. All of those were located in Georgetown, Kentucky. The picture on page 2 features apothecary bottles from Francis M. Cannon M. D., and they were located in Oxford Scott County, Kentucky.





## All About Apothecary

Apothecary bottles were used to store and preserve crude and compounded drugs, in both dry and liquid forms. They were made from a variety of materials including wood, glass, ceramic, and metal.

An apothecary, or a pharmacist, is a person who prepares and sells drugs and other medicines. This person also performs procedures that are supposed to help cure people who have diseases and illnesses. They would make medicines that were mostly made from herbs and plants.

Apothecary, as a profession, can be dated back to 2600 B. C. to ancient Babylon, which provides one of the earliest records of the practice. Clay tablets were found with medical texts recording symptoms, the prescriptions, and the directions for compounding it.

On another note, rumor has it on Halloween night, witches and mad scientists use apothecary bottles in order to make bubbling potions and evil creations. So, be careful when you go out trick or treating this Halloween.



