

From a bottle collection website:

<https://www.worthpoint.com/worthopedia/clanton-bottling-works-straight-sided-1761681282>

Clanton, Alabama Clanton Bottling Works Straight Sided Soda Bottle Extremely Rare Bottle!! Heavy Bottle (weighs 15 ounces) Pink Tint Glass Color Up for auction is a "one of a kind" soda bottle produced by Clanton Bottling Works. The Clanton Bottling Works company in Alabama burned down in the winter of 1914, according to the January 1915 issue of "The American Bottler" volume 35 publication. I don't know if they bottled Coca Cola products. Do to the fire and the closing of the bottling company, the surviving bottles are very rare. I don't know of any other example in existence from this Clanton Alabama bottling company. The bottle also is very heavy, weighing in at 15 ounces. I think this bottle was produced between 1911-1914. The bottle almost appears to be double poured. See all 12 pictures for complete details. No chips or cracks present. Please contact for questions and I will do my best to find the answers. I have included a picture of 4 bottles, showing the different colors of each bottle. You are bidding on just the one bottle (others are in the picture just for comparative purposes).





FB "U know u lived in CLANTON as a kid" post, Derric Scott:  
Did some looking... there are at least two post threads here that you may want to review... mostly about the Lime Cola Bottling Co - a different one... but interesting. NOTE: In the first thread, Tommy posted a later (1928) photo of the Nehi bottling company, probably in the same spot, and he mentions it was also the site of the earlier Chero-Cola bottling co (started in 1916).

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From newspaper articles, the Clanton Bottling Works was in the "Fox Building" which was reported over the years as:

- \* across from the Union Banner Office
- \* south of the Courthouse on 6th St.
- \* location of the Lawrence Motor Co
- \* Chilton Motor Co
- \* Calloway automobile repair
- \* WW Fox (furniture store)
- \* there was also a small restaurant in part of the building sometimes - Matt Ware's and others.

The Union Banner at that time was where part of the Clanton City Hall now is, facing 6th Street beside what was then the alley going to the jail.

Clanton Bottling Works/Company seems to have been in business from at least 1908 - when it may have been new... I'll post that article... and that year they also advertised as selling lump coal (odd?)... the next year they advertised wanting to buy empty bags to put ice into. Then it was bought by J P Morrow in 1913. It seems to have ended in 1915 after two fires/explosions, the first on Sat night 12/26/1914 and an explosion on Sat night 11/6/1915 - there is then a bankruptcy ad in Dec 1915.

In 1916 the Clanton Chero Cola Bottling Co. started in the "new brick W W Fox building" and part owner was J P Morrow (former owner of Clanton Bottling Works).

I did not find any advertisements or other descriptions of what they were bottling in 1908-1915 except what's in the article below.



From 5/25/2017 email from Thomas Bates [tbates205@gmail.com](mailto:tbates205@gmail.com)

After the fire, Pursuant to an order made by the United States District Court, Northern Division, Middle District of Alabama, in Bankruptcy, I, as Trustee of James P. Morrow, Jr., Bankrupt, will offer to the highest bidder, for cash, during the legal hours of sale, subject to approval of said Court, on the 24th day of February, 1916, stored at the storehouse formerly occupied by the bankrupt at Clanton, County of Chilton, State of Alabama, all the right, title and interest Bankrupt had in and to 99 soda water cases and bottles, \$99.00; 30 empty soda water cases, \$6.00; 1 carbonater, \$250.00; shafting and arms, ~\$5.00 ; 1 gauge, \$10.00; book accounts, estimated, about \$200.00. Right reserved to sell separate or as whole. Inventory now on file. Montgomery, Ala., the 3rd day of February, 1916.

Here comes the delivery wagon of the Clanton Bottling Works, laden with fresh sparkling drinks that "cheer but not inebriate." That's the advantage of a home manufactory; you get the straight stuff while it's fresh and effervescing. They tell me that whiskey mellows with age, but you don't want age with soft drinks, take 'em while the bloom is on 'em. Hurrah and good luck to the Clanton Bottling works.

1908 Union Banner article

2nd Ave North

6th Street

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CHILTON COUNTY JAIL

1917 Map showing Chero-Cola Bottling likely same site as Clanton Bottling