

Brief Bourbon History Lesson from Bethany Blues

Distilling and rye grain both came to America from the “old country” and Rye was the first whisky to be produced by the Scots-Irish immigrants as they trekked west to escape taxes. Pennsylvania and Maryland were the initial great Rye Whiskey states but today the two classic American whiskeys, Bourbon and Tennessee are both made in the South, far from the original colonies, in areas rich in supplies of soft, iron-free limestone waters and Indian maize.

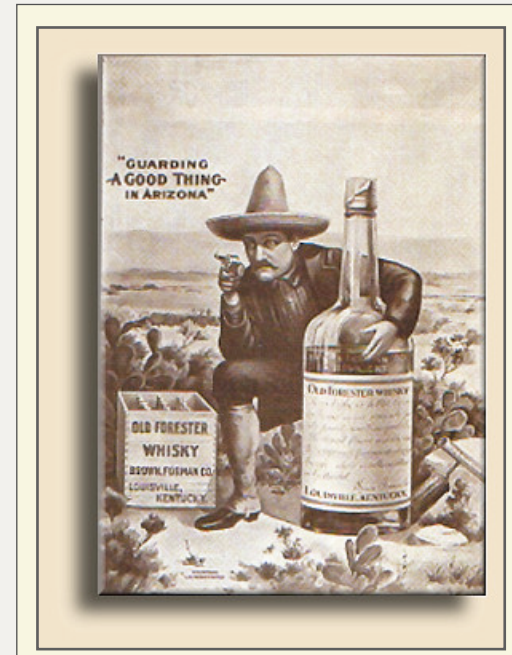
In 1776, the State of Virginia offered free land to any settler moving to the western part of Virginia and agreeing to build a house and a farm there and to raising corn, the native grain. By 1792, when this area was known as Kentucky the Scots-Irish settlers were routinely adding corn to their rye formulae and barrels were being charred to release the woody flavors and deep red color, now recognized to be the distinctive hallmark of American Whiskeys.

Among these early pioneers were some of the famous whiskey names of today: Elijah Pepper (Old Crow); Samuel Roberts (Makers Mark); Basil Haydn (Old Grand-Dad); Jacob Bohm (Jim Beam, his grandson, was born in 1864); Jack Daniel himself was born in 1846).

Bourbon whiskey takes its name from Bourbon County in Kentucky, from where the original barrels of whiskey were shipped down-river for sale in New Orleans. The county was named in 1785 in honour of France’s ruling family the Bourbons and, in particular Louis XVI, who had supported the colonists during their War of Independence (Freedom Whiskey anyone!). The term Bourbon denotes how the whiskey is made and not where it comes from. Bourbon can be made anywhere in America but always it must be made according to the rules. Bourbon is America’s native spirit and cannot be produced by any other country.



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