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Background

Starting in 2020, the Distilling, Fermenting, and Brewing Collection covers the production and history of distilling, fermenting, and brewing of alcoholic beverages with an emphasis on Tennessee from colonial times through present day. The collection began with materials gleaned from our circulating collection, but quickly expanded as we purchased key monographs, cultural artifacts, and archival materials.

The alcohol beverage industry is one of the most highly regulated sectors within the United States. Therefore, we wanted to ensure that we incorporated government materials into our collection.

The Walker Library has been a Federal Depository Library since 1912. In recent years, we have switched to receive primarily electronic documents, maintaining only a small amount of print. From a Depository perspective, incorporating relevant documents into the Distilling Collection was one way to retain and preserve printed government documents.



Collection Scope

We have a broad collecting scope and a multi-pronged acquisition approach for acquiring government materials. We collect print materials at all levels of government: city, county, state, and federal. In addition to information and statistical documents produced by local, state, and federal agencies, we seek out and collect revenue stamps, liquor licenses, and postage stamps that depict alcohol or its agricultural components.

We utilize several acquisition methods to obtain our government materials. We purchase through philatelic vendors and dealers for our revenue and postage stamps, as well as antiquarian and rare book dealers for historical documents and government papers. As a member (0585) of the Federal Depository Library Program, we opted to utilize national and regional offer lists to help discover and obtain desired items.

Purchased Materials

Our first acquisitions of government materials for our collection were purchased on the open market through second-hand and rare book vendors, as well as specialized stamp dealers. Our purchases spanned the timeline of our country's history as well as type of document. We are committed to preserving the printed items but are also interested in having these digitized in order to make them more widely available to researchers and scholars.

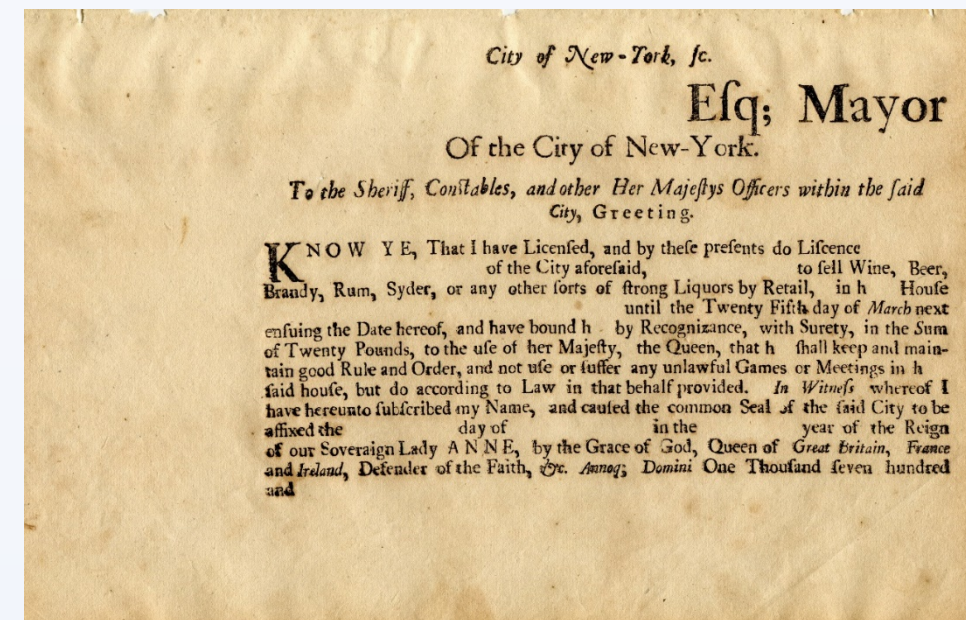


Figure 1. City of New York (c1702-1714) Liquor License

Our earliest government document is a local liquor license issued by the City of New York. It is an early colonial piece, dating between 1702-1714

This document enumerated the revenue realized by the federal government on distilled spirits and stills under the provisions of the 1791 Excise Whiskey Tax. This tax, the focus of the Whiskey Rebellion, was repealed under President Thomas Jefferson in 1802.

Figure 2. Treasury Department (1802). Statement of the Duties Arising on Domestic Distilled Spirits and Stills During the Year Ending on 31st December 1801.

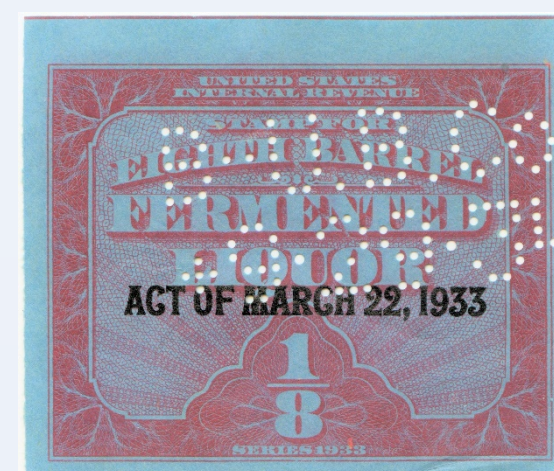
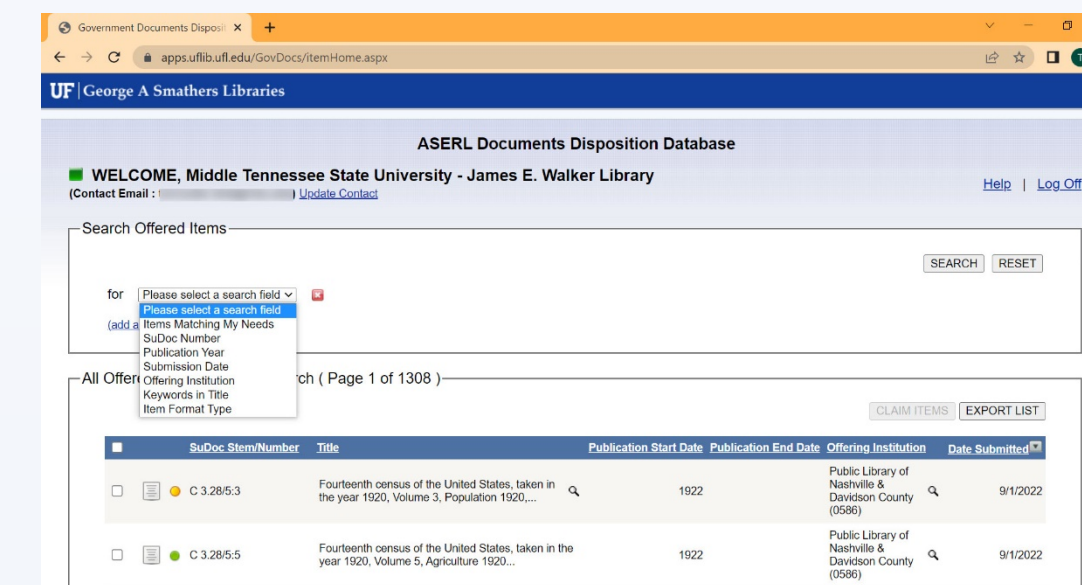


Figure 3. Internal Revenue. 1/8 barrel Fermented Liquor revenue stamp (Scott REA 162)

The "Act of March 22, 1933" refers to the indicates Beer and Wine Revenue Act which once again legalized the sale of beer and wine, a preliminary step of ending Prohibition. This overprint was used when the tax rate was increased from \$5.00 to \$6.00 per barrel.

FDLP Offer Lists

As a Depository Library we are required to offer up our withdrawals to our state regional library at the University of Memphis and then list the items in an online database as part of the ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program (CFDP). Our government documents assistant suggested that the ASERL CFDP might be a fruitful place to obtain materials for the Distilling Collection, as well as create a specialty within our own Depository Collection.



The ASERL Documents Disposition Database is easy to use to locate offered items. We utilize the "Keywords in Title" menu option. Relying on keywords in the title is not perfect, but document titles are often descriptive and lengthy which compensates for a lack of subject headings. We are

We search once a month using our list of keywords. Since the does not have any wildcard searching, we truncate certain words in order to include as many variants as possible.

- distill (picks up distillation, distillery, distilling, etc.)
- hops
- barley
- rye
- corn
- brew (picks up brew, brewing, brewery, breweries, etc)
- wine
- ferment (picks up ferments, fermentation, etc)
- grapes

When we find a desired item, we let the government document assistant know, and they request it from the offering library.

All Offered Items Matching Search (Page 1 of 1)

SubDoc Stem/Number	Title	Publication Start Date	Publication End Date	Offering Institution	Date Submitted
Y 3.F3110-9/4REV	Code of Fair Competition for the Distilled Spirits Rectifying Industry as Amended to Aug. 1, 1934	1934		New Orleans Public Library (0224)	8/15/2022
Y 3.F3110-9/1REV.1	Code of Fair Competition for the Distilled Spirits Industry As Amended to August 1, 1934 ...	1934		New Orleans Public Library (0224)	8/15/2022
EP 1-2C-19	Caribbean Rum Study Effects of Distillery Wastes on the Marine Environment	1979		Western Kentucky University (0213)	8/8/2022

FDLP Offer Lists

Government material not part of the Depository Collection does not receive any special government document notes. They are processed as any other Special Collections item. FDL items receive additional treatment. However, we process Special Collections bound DLP items a bit differently than we would normally.

We do not add any additional stamps, markings, or barcodes to the items. Instead, we utilize Special Collections' acid free book inserts for the barcode, call number and depository stamp.



In order to gather our depository items together for maintenance purposes and to ensure that if withdrawal is desired, the correct procedures are followed, we add GPO FDLP into a 910 in the MARC record and in an Instance note in FOLIO our Library Services Platform. In addition to the GPO FDLP notes, we add in the Special Collection name into a 930. The 930 is searchable in our catalog.

Instance notes	Staff only	Bibliography note
245.1 0 \$a Muscadine grapes / \$c by George C. Rasmann and Char	No	Includes bibliographical referer
260 \$a Washington, D.C. : \$b U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, \$c	Staff only	General note
300 \$a 28 pages : \$b illustrations, 1 map ; \$c 23 cm.	No	Caption title
336 \$a Text \$b text \$2 edcontent	Staff only	"Contribution from the Bureau
337 \$a unmediated \$b n \$2 edmedia	No	
338 \$a volume \$b no \$2 edcarrier	Staff only	Government Documents Note
490.1 \$a Farmers' bulletin / United States Department of Agr	Yes	GPO FDLP
500 \$a "Contribution from the Bureau of Plant Industry."		
504 \$a Includes bibliographical references.		
650 0 \$a Muscadine grape.	No	
650 7 \$a Muscadine grape, \$2 fast \$0 (OOLC)fat01029901	No	
700.1 \$a Deering, Charles.	No	
710.1 \$a United States. \$b Bureau of Plant Industry.	No	
716.0 \$ \$2 Online version \$a Rasmann, George C. (George Charl		
Agiculture, 1916 \$w (OOLC)77727111		
830 0 \$a Farmers' bulletin (United States, Department of Agr		
830.1 \$a Muscadine grape.		
850 \$a AUB \$b 000027970966		
850 \$a Distilling, fermenting, and brewing collection		
954 \$a 20 \$b TOM		
948 \$b HELD BY TM - 37 OTHER HOLDINGS		

As we acquire more items, we will be able to look for gaps and identify specific desiderata. When we arrive at that point, we will be able to create an FDLP want-list. We also have plans on curating an exhibit to showcase our government information to the MTSU and Tennessee community.

More Information about Our Distilling Collection

Distilling a Collection: Creating a Distilling, Fermenting, and Brewing Special Collection at the James E. Walker Library
<https://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/seln/vol69/iss3/5/>

Frances Willard, the W.C.T.U., and the Prelude to Prohibition
<https://www.ataexhibits.com/exhibits/us-history/frances-willard-the-w-c-t-u-and-the-prelude-to-prohibition/>

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