

"Three drinks of rye whiskey would double the pleasure to be got out of Il Trovatore.

Try it yourself."

-H.L. Mencken

The Maryland State Archives, in collaboration with Case[werks], LLC. of Baltimore developed an exhibit about Maryland's once thriving rye whiskey industry and its current resurgence. The exhibit, ***Maryland Rye: Straight from the Bottle***, features items from the once leading distilleries in Maryland, including bottle labels, glass and paper advertisements, wooden crates, and to be sure, bottles!

The artifacts on display are from the James H. Bready Collection. Mr. Bready was a well-known journalist, who wrote for Baltimore's *Evening Sun*; he also published two books on Baltimore baseball. Also an avid collector of Maryland rye whiskey bottles, in 2005 he donated over 700 bottles and other ephemera to the Maryland State Archives.

Maryland Rye: Straight from the Bottle will be on display in Baltimore at the local gallery Case[werks], located in the Station North Arts District at 1501 St Paul St #116. The exhibit will be on display through Friday, March 4, 2016. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Stay tuned in Spring 2016 for an online component to the exhibit!

