

"SECOND PLACE – COUNTY" AND "FIRST PLACE - SCHOOL DISTRICT"

Lord Stirling's Apple Jack Brandy Kings NJ
Lower Kingtown Rd
Tabbatha Schultz
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In Franklin Township, most people do not know that there is a Toxic Chemical Site that once produced Aluminum Chloride which is used in laundry detergent. It is located on Lower Kingtown Rd. My great Uncle the late John Schultz helped build it. It was originally built to produce Apple Jack Brandy by a company named Lord Stirling Distillery.

I spoke with Ellen Tinnes who was employed by Lord Stirlings. Mrs. Tinnes was 18 years old when she started working there. She walked to work from Sydney and Hogback Rd. to Lower Kingtown Rd. or she would hitch a ride with her dad in his model T. Her job was to do the government work in the office and label the bottles. She would also put a state seal over the cork. After a 40 hour week Mrs. Tinnes would bring home a check for \$10. (25 cents an hour). She worked there from 1937-1940. She didn't leave the distillery because of it shutting down, she went to work for ACME in Clinton for 30 years. The old ACME is now the Clinton Fire House.

For her Christmas bonus she Received a weeks pay and a bottle of Apple Jack Brandy, she still has the Bottle.

The apples were delivered by trucks from PA. They couldn't be delivered by train because they wouldn't be able to weigh the apples. Mrs. Tinnes would always get nervous when she had to weigh the trucks because she didn't want to make a mistake because the apple farmer was paid by the pound.

Mrs. Tinnes's husband Matt Tinnes worked at the chemical place and was burnt from a chloride explosion. A few years ago the federal government tried to clean up the mess. They did clean up a great deal, but it is still considered toxic.

When I went to Mrs. Tinnes's house I got to listen to a great story. Some day I will tell this story to my children and I hope they will like it as much as I did.



Neat
label



Test wells
to check
for toxins



Bottle
Christmas
Bonus



Mrs. Tinnes
4/08

Mrs. Tinnes and I 4/22/08



once was Lord Stirling's Distillery
(now Toxic zone)