Old Beers

Perhaps not surprisingly, beer is one of the earliest man-made beverages, going back at least 7,000 years to ancient Iran. There’s a Sumerian cuneiform tablet c. 2050 BC that records the purchase of ‘best’ beer from a brewer. When I was stationed in West Germany, I remember being very impressed visiting breweries that were over 1,000 years old and still going.

Well, those Europeans eventually came to the New World and brought their beer with them. And, while we here in America can’t boast about the age of our beers, we can certainly boast the variety...a variety mirrored in our Beer covers.

Beer is one of those ‘old-time’ categories, and those covers are still highly sought after today (beer collectors tend to be fanatical in their collecting).

There’s no current Beer listing, but Jerry Glenn, OH, had 7,615 such covers in his collection as of January 2016.