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A name restored to the story.



NEAREST GREEN DISTILLERY · SHELBYVILLE, TENNESSEE

Nearest Green Distillery begins with a person whose work helped shape Tennessee whiskey. The modern company turned that legacy into a bottle, then a place to visit. Its story moves between nineteenth-century Lynchburg and present-day Shelbyville, between family memory and the practical work of selecting whiskey. The dates on the labels invite a look backward; the young brand and its changing business circumstances require a separate, carefully dated account. [1-3,14]

Nathan “Nearest” Green taught Jack Daniel and is recognized by Jack Daniel’s as its first master distiller. The modern brand commemorates his work; it is a separate company launched in 2017. Fawn and Keith Weaver are its founders. [1-3,14]

Green’s great-great-granddaughter Victoria Eady Butler became master blender in 2019. Her participation connects family memory with the practical craft of selecting and combining whiskey. [6]

02 / HISTORY & PLACES

From Lynchburg to Shelbyville.

19th century
Green’s teaching and distilling belong to the Lynchburg history. [1,2]

2017-2019
The brand launches; 1884 follows; the first visitor phase opens September 14, 2019. [3-5]

2020-2021
The Nearest & Jack initiative begins; the expanded site reopens on Juneteenth 2021. [7,8]

2022-2023
Butler earns recognition; rye expands the range; Humble Baron records a 518-foot bar. [6,9,10]

2024
777 marks seven years; the 84-proof Nearest Green expression arrives. [12,13]

2025-2026
Receivership begins in 2025. October 14, 2026 reporting describes an unresolved sale process. [14]



Different places, different roles
The modern Shelbyville campus commemorates a whiskey maker associated with Lynchburg. It is not his original workplace. [1,5]

A destination built in phases
The former horse-farm property became a setting for tastings, hospitality and a developing whiskey operation. A visitor-opening date does not establish where every bottle was distilled. [5,15]

A dated footprint
The company reported 432 Shelbyville acres in 2023. Current producer pages describe 458; separate Lynchburg land should not be folded into that figure. [11,16]

03 / WHISKEY & STORIES

The label opens another chapter.

Read each expression
1856 is 100 proof; 1884 is 93. The seven-year 777 Anniversary Blend is listed at 110-120 proof, varying by bottling. Historical label numbers are not ages. [17,18,21]



Origin and finishing are separate
The Uncut/Unfiltered Rye account describes New York whiskey rested in used Uncle Nearest barrels. The Straight Rye page specifies a 100% rye mash bill. These details belong to their named expressions. [19,20]

Teaching reaches beyond the brand
Du Nord became the first graduate of the Nearest & Jack Business Incubation Program in 2022, a practical continuation of the teaching theme. [22]

Linked research · Checked October 17, 2026. Current business facts require rechecking before publication. Full qualifications accompany the profile; watercolors are interpretive.

1. Jack Daniel’s: Green and the founding families
2. Uncle Nearest: the historical inspiration
3. 2017: the brand makes its debut
4. 2019: the first 1884 blend
5. 2019: the first visitor phase
6. Victoria Eady Butler: craft and recognition
7. 2020: Nearest & Jack initiative
8. 2021 reopening: producer retrospective
9. 2022: the first rye release
10. Guinness: Humble Baron’s 2023 record
11. 2023: expansion to 432 acres
12. 2024: 777 anniversary release sheet
13. 2024: Nearest Green Tennessee Whiskey
14. Inc., October 14, 2026: receivership update
15. Nearest Green Distillery: visitor information
16. Nearest Green Distillery: current site
17. 1856 Premium Aged Whiskey
18. 1884 Small Batch Whiskey
19. Straight Rye: grain and barrel treatment
20. Uncut Rye: the New York connection
21. 777: age, selection and variable strength
22. 2022: Du Nord completes the program