

Whiskey Maker Opening Tenn. Facility

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Officials say whiskey maker Popcorn Sutton Distilling is opening a new facility in Newport, Tenn.

In a Wednesday news release, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bill Hagerty and company officials said Popcorn Sutton is completing construction on a new craft distillery in Cocke County.

The news release says the late Marvin "Popcorn" Sutton was a third-generation moonshiner who lived and distilled his white whiskey in Cocke County. Officials said the new facility represents a homecoming for Popcorn Sutton's Tennessee White Whiskey and Sutton's family.

The distilling company was founded by Sutton's friend and apprentice Jamey Grosser.

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