

Other Names Empire Pottery; Empire Pottery Company
Present Day Municipality City of Trenton
Historic Municipality City of Trenton
Historic Location Clinton Avenue on Belvidere and Delaware Railroad; Clinton Avenue on Perry Street; North Clinton Avenue corner of Ott Street
Years in Operation 1883-1892
Owners/Operators Alpaugh and McGowan (1883-1892); Wood & Barlow

PRODUCTS

Tableware **Garden Ceramics** **Rockingham** **Other**
Hardware **Art Ceramics** **Toilet Sets**
Sanitary ware **Hotel China** **Electrical porcelain**

ADDITIONAL PRODUCT INFORMATION

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Sanborn 1874 (1886), plate 12: shown as "Empire Pottery Alpaugh & Magowan"

Sanborn 1890, plate 14: shown as "Empire Pottery Alpaugh & Magowan"

Scarlett & Scarlett 1890, plate 57: shown as "Alpaugh & McGowan Empire Pottery"

IMAGE REFERENCES

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NOTES

"Messrs. Alpaugh, Magowan & Co. are to be complimented on the happy fortune of being able to produce so many pretty shapes in dinner and tea ware" (Trenton Evening Times, Sunday, November 15, 1885).

"Wares included granite ware, sanitary items, and (supposedly) a very fine grade of porcelain" (Robinson and Feeny 1980:64).

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"... the business was sold in 1883 to Messrs. Alpaugh and McGowan ... Alpaugh and McGowan operated the pottery under their own name as well as the Empire Pottery. In 1892, the Empire Pottery joined with four other potteries to create the Trenton Potteries Company ... The British coat of arms was also used by Alpaugh & McGowan with Empire Pottery above and the initials A & M below. Another mark consisted of a wreath enclosing E.P. Co. and the name Empire above" (Goldberg 1998:37).