

Hankinson Pottery

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Other Names	Hankinson Pottery Company; Hankinson Pottery; Charles H. Boch
Present Day Municipality	City of Trenton
Historic Municipality	Millham Township
Historic Location	Mead Ave. Millham; Clinton opposite Mead
Years in Operation	1884-1886
Owners/Operators	Thomas Connolly (1884); Mrs. Edith Hankinson (1886)

PRODUCTS

Tableware <input type="checkbox"/>	Garden Ceramics <input type="checkbox"/>	Rockingham <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Hardware <input type="checkbox"/>	Art Ceramics <input type="checkbox"/>	Toilet Sets <input type="checkbox"/>	
Sanitary ware <input type="checkbox"/>	Hotel China <input type="checkbox"/>	Electrical porcelain <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

ADDITIONAL PRODUCT INFORMATION

porcelain knobs and insulators (Trenton Evening Trimes, July 22, 1886)

REFERENCES

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"A Pottery Burned." Trenton Evening Times, July 22, 1886.

Harney, W.J. 1929 "Trenton's First Potteries." In: Sunday Times Advertiser (7 July, 14 July, 21 July and 28 July). Trenton, New Jersey.

Goldberg, David J. 1998 "Preliminary Notes on the Pioneer Potters and Potteries of Trenton, N.J.: The First Thirty Years - 1852 - 1882 (And Beyond)." Privately published, Trenton, New Jersey.

MAP REFERENCES

Sanborn 1890, plate 21: shows a brick kiln shed with one kiln on the property.

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Scarlett & Scarlett 1890, plate 60: shown as "Enterprise M'fg. Co." and identified as a brass foundry, but there is vacant kiln shed with one kiln on the property.

Lathrop 1905: shown as "Trenton Potteries Co. - Stable."

Sanborn 1908, vol.1, plate 34: shown as "The Trenton Potteries Co." on North Clinton Avenue (used as stables, storage and garages).

IMAGE REFERENCES

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NOTES

"A Pottery Burned. Mrs. Hankinson's Pottery on Clinton Street Catches Fire this Morning. A fire broke out about three o'clock this morning at the little pottery on Clinton Street, Millham, nearly opposite the Hamilton Rubber Works, and owned by Mrs. Edith Hankinson, of 214 Academy street. The building is rented by Charles H. Boch, who manufactures porcelain knobs and insulators. When the fire was first seen it seemed to be concentrated around a kiln, which has been burning for some time, and it is thought that the flames must have originated from that.

The Liberty Fire Company was the first on the scene and went to work very effectively, but soon the Trenton Hose arrived and added their hose, so that two streams were played. The Washington Hook and Ladder Company also rendered very efficient aid in getting into the burning building. All efforts however proved futile and the building was entirely gutted and a large shed outside adjoining was also burned.

The building was burned only a short time ago and had just been completed and ready for use. The loss could not be ascertained this morning, but it was rumored that it was covered by insurance. Mr. Boch did not carry a very heavy stock and it is probable that the loss on the contents is not very heavy" (Trenton Evening Times, July 22, 1886).

In 1884-85 while the Delaware Pottery was being erected they used this pottery to prepare various articles for the starting of that plant. The work was done by some members of the firm. In 1887 the plant was called the Eureka Pottery" (Harney 1929). [Note: Eureka Pottery attribution may be incorrect].

" ... And we learn from the old residents of this locality that at one time there was a distillery operated upon the site and in later years a brass foundry and then another firm for a pottery again ... State Gazette, April 10, 1856.

Of late years it has been owned and used for stables and garages by the Trenton Potteries Company" (Harney 1929).

"The last of the commercial potteries constructed during this initial thirty-year period was the Eureka Porcelain Works, or the Eureka Pottery, which was located on Mead Street at Clinton Avenue. It was constructed in 1882 or 1883. Little information is about this pottery. It is best remembered for its production of majolica. A brief statement in the Daily True American on February 8, 1886, indicates that the pottery was owned by N.W. Bock and that a major fire had occurred at the plant. The pottery is not listed in the Trenton directory after this period, which suggests that it may have ceased operations about that time" (Goldberg 1998:50).

There is considerable confusion between this pottery, located on the corner of North Clinton Avenue (the Millham Road) and Webster Street, and the Franklin Pottery/Eureka Pottery on Prince and Mead Streets. This site may have a history of pottery making that extends back into the 1850s or earlier. There is much conflicting information in Woodward and Hageman 1883, Harney 1929 and Goldberg 1998.