

Other Names J.L. Mott Company
Present Day Municipality City of Trenton
Historic Municipality City of Trenton
Historic Location Third Street and Landing Street; Third Street on Second Street; Davies Street corner of Lalor Street
Years in Operation 1915-1932
Owners/Operators J.L. Mott Company (1915-1927)

PRODUCTS

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

ADDITIONAL PRODUCT INFORMATION

sanitary plumbing & fittings (Industrial Directory 1918); porcelain and vitreous ware (Industrial Directory 1918); plumbing supplies (Industrial Directory 1927); porcelain & vitreous ware (Industrial Directory 1927); sanitary plumbing fixtures (Industrial Directory 1931)

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Sanborn 1927, vol. 3, plate 248: shown as "Trenton Fire Clay & Porcelain Co." (J.L. Mott Co. shown as owner, with adjoining site across the canal on Hancock Street)

Franklin 1930, plate 21: shown as "J.L. Mott Co., Inc."

IMAGE REFERENCES

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NOTES

In 1895 the terra-cotta works was purchased by Trenton Fireclay & Porcelain Co. and later sold to J.L. Mott Co. (Harney 1929)

J.L. Mott entered the pottery field about 1902 by associating themselves with the Trenton Fireclay and Porcelain Company (Maddock 1962).

"In 1895, they [the Trenton Fireclay & Porcelain Company] began making all the porcelain

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requirements of the J.L. Mott Iron Works of Mott Haven, New York, a company which had been in operation for one hundred years making brass fittings, enameled iron fixtures, soil pipe, heating equipment, and since 1883 enameled cast iron tubs... As the porcelain plant was increasing its output the Mott Iron Works wished to move the plant to Trenton and manufacture all of the plumbing fixtures in one place... Seven and one half acres of land were acquired across the Canal from the porcelain plant [Trenton Fireclay & Porcelain Co.] and with the Bowman architect and the Bowmans acting as the general contractor, a modern and complete fireproof plant was built, and another company was formed under the name of the J.L. Mott Company. In 1915-1916, the three companies amalgamated, and the J.L. Mott Company became the holding company of the J.L. Mott Iron Works and the Trenton Fireclay and Porcelain Co. Each company, however, operated as a separate unit... " (Abramson and Karschner 1978:15-16).