

National Pottery

18A

Other Names National Pottery Company; Hill & Moyer; Lumley Row Pottery

Present Day Municipality City of Trenton

Historic Municipality City of Trenton

Historic Location East Canal Street near State Street

Years in Operation 1869-1872

Owners/Operators Theodore W. Hill, Charles Moyer, Charles Hewitt, Timothy Abbot and George S. Green (1869-1872); Theodore W. Hill (1873)

PRODUCTS

Tableware **Garden Ceramics** **Rockingham** **Other**

Hardware **Art Ceramics** **Toilet Sets**

Sanitary ware **Hotel China** **Electrical porcelain**

ADDITIONAL PRODUCT INFORMATION

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Beers 1870: shown as "National Pottery Co."

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IMAGE REFERENCES

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NOTES

"Be it enacted by the State and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey that Theodore W. Hill, Charles Moyer, Charles Hewitt, Timothy Abbott, George S. Green and their Associates be, and are hereby, created a body politic and corporate, in fact and in law, by the name and style of the 'National Pottery Company' for the purpose of manufacturing, selling and dealing earthenware and crockery of various descriptions ... approved March 3, 1869" (Acts of the Ninety-Third Legislature 1869: 163).

"In the Daily True American for August 2, 1879, are notes about a fight in the Lumley Row Pottery on East Canal Street. This was the National Pottery, which had converted this famous row

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into a pottery.

The National Pottery Company was not affected by the pottery strike in 1869 and 1870, having made a settlement with its employees to continue working.

The National Pottery, a two kiln plant on East Canal Street, near State Street, was totally destroyed by fire this morning. It was owned by Messrs. T. Wallis Hill, Charles Hewitt, and others. It was formerly known as Lumley's Row, an old frame structure and was adjacent to Mercer Cemetery. It was incorporated about four years ago. - True American 8/2/1872.

This plot of land was 151 feet by 112, and was purchased after the fire by T.W. Hill on January 24, 1873, for \$6,500" (Harney 1929).

"... National Pottery Company also operated under the name of two of its founders, Theodore W. Hill and Charles Moyer... Operations are not likely to have started earlier than 1868 and ceased by August 1872, when the plant was destroyed by fire. The land was purchased by Theodore Hill and eventually this area was incorporated as the Greenwood Pottery which expanded to encompass this site" (Goldberg 1998:42-43).

Although the pottery is shown on the Everts & Stewart map of 1875, no other evidence has been found to document its rebuilding and resumption of operations after the fire of 1872. The pottery is not shown on the Robinson map of 1881 or the Haven map of 1882, by which time the site had been redeveloped for housing. The pottery is not mentioned in Woodward and Hageman's "History Burlington and Mercer Counties" in 1883. Housing continues on the site into the early 20th century and there is no indication that the Greenwood Pottery expanded on to this property (contra Goldberg 1998:48).

1870 Industrial Census

National Pottery

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Pottery Name in Census

National Pottery Co.

Capital Invested

\$25,000.00

Materials (Including Mill Supplies and Fuel)

Kinds	Quantities	Value
Clays	150 tons	\$2,000
Flint & Feldspar	150 tons	\$3,000
Coal	500 tons	\$2,500
Chemicals	10 tons	\$1,000
Total		\$8,500

Products

Kinds	Quantities	Value
White Earthenware		\$25,000

Motive Power

Power Type	Horsepower
1 Steam Engine	15

Machines

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Name or description	Number
Jiggers & Pans	
Hydraulic Press	4

Average Number of Hands Employed

Male Hands Above 16 20

Female Hands Above 15 5

Children 15

Yearly Wages \$13,000

Months in Operation 8