

McCully's Bank Street Pottery

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Other Names	J.S. McCully; McCully Pottery
Present Day Municipality	City of Trenton
Historic Municipality	City of Trenton
Historic Location	Bank Street and Barnes Street; Union Street near Willow Street
Years in Operation	1816-1868
Owners/Operators	Joseph McCully (1816-1849); John Stiles McCully and Richard Howell McCully (1849-1868)

PRODUCTS

Tableware <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Garden Ceramics <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	

ADDITIONAL PRODUCT INFORMATION

earthenware; redware

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Lamborn 1859: shown as "J & H. McCully Pottery"

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NOTES

"In 1799 he [Joseph McCully] built the pottery, which stood for so many years in Bank street, and has recently been sold to the Catholic church" (Trenton State Gazette, April 14, 1870).

Detailed reminiscences of John S. McCully concerning early Trenton potteries (Trenton Evening Times, Sunday, May 8, 1887).

Obituary for McCully who died December 14, 1889, aged 91 (Trenton Evening Times, Sunday, December 15, 1889).

"The old McCully Pottery, near the Battle Monument, is being torn down" (State Gazette, June 27, 1893).

The McCully pottery moved to this site in 1816 from an earlier site "at the head of Warren Street in the rear of the Lamb Tavern," just south of the Battle Monument. This later site was sold in 1868 (Harney 1929).

Podmore (1948:328) shows a sketch of the layout of the McCully Bank Street Pottery "from recollection of an old-time potter in 1927." Podmore also references advertisements relating to the pottery: The Federalist, June 16, 1801; New Jersey Gazette, June 16, 1801; The Federalist, November 19, 1807; Trenton Federalist, April 24, 1809; Trenton Federalist, November 18, 1816.

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"A pioneer potter in Trenton was John S. McCully, who in 1779 began to make pie plates and flower pots of red clay." Until 1852 J.S. McCully had no competitors (Van Hoesen 1973).

The McCully family operated potteries at several different locations in the heart of Trenton from the early 1780s onwards, the final facility being the one on Bank Street (Branin 1988:60-64).

"The late John S. McCully, one of Trenton's oldest potters, informed Mr. McCormick that the first pottery in that city was erected in 1783, on a part of the Cowell [sic] estate, near where Petty's Run is crossed by Pennington Avenue, but this was soon abandoned. In the following year, Joseph McCully, an uncle of John, erected a second pottery at the head of Warren Street, back of the old Lamb Tavern, which he continued to operate for several years... In 1799 a pottery was built by the father of John S. McCully on the site of Bishop O'Farrell's residence, on Warren Street, having formed a partnership with Thomas Wimer. In 1815 the opening of Bank Street necessitated the removal of the pottery to the lot on which the parochial school now stands" (Barber n.d.:5).

1860 Industrial Census

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Pottery Name in Census

J. S & H. McCully

Capital Invested

\$2,700

Raw Materials Used, Including Fuel

Kinds	Quantities	Value
Clay	18 tons	\$20
Red lead	800 lbs	\$58
Wood	21 cords	\$100
Coal	4 tons	\$16

Annual Products

Kinds	Quantities	Value
Assorted red ware		\$900

Kinds of Motive Power, Machinery, Structure or Resource

1 Kiln Frame (structure)

Average Number of Hands Employed

Male 2 **Female** 0

Average Monthly Cost of Labor

Male \$54 **Female**