

Eagle Pottery

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Other Names Burroughs, Mountford & Company; Burroughs and Mountford; Eagle Pottery

Present Day Municipality City of Trenton

Historic Municipality City of Trenton

Historic Location North Clinton Avenue near Perrine Avenue; North Clinton Avenue opposite Hart Avenue

Years in Operation 1879-1901

Owners/Operators Burroughs, Mountford & Company (1879-1901)

PRODUCTS

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

ADDITIONAL PRODUCT INFORMATION

fine earthenware, called "American Porcelain" (Woodward and Hageman 1883:693); American thin porcelain, thin white granite, hotel porcelain, decorated dinner, tea and toilet-ware, also white tile for walls and bath rooms, decorated hearth and mantel tiles, etc. (Quarter Century's Progress 1887:270); vitrified, thin, and hotel china, decorated table and toilet sets, and underglaze printing on pottery and porcelain (Newark Museum Association 1914:21)

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Sanborn 1874 (1886), plate 11: shown as "Eagle Pottery Burroughs and Mountfort"

Haven 1882: shown as "Eagle Pottery Co."

Sanborn 1890, plate 15: shown as "Burroughs & Mountford Co., Eagle Pottery"

Scarlett & Scarlett 1890, plate 57: shown as "Borroughs & Mountford Eagle Pottery"

IMAGE REFERENCES

Woodward and Hageman 1883:692

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NOTES

"Messrs. Burroughs, Mountford & Co. are erecting two extra kilns ..." (Trenton State Gazette, Monday, March 8, 1880).

"... Mr. Millington retiring from business, it was purchased Dec. 1, 1879, by H. Nelson Burroughs, of Philadelphia, who leased it to the firm of Burroughs, Mountford & Co., consisting of his son, Henry A. Burroughs, Elijah Mountford, and Joseph Burroughs

Upon the death of Henry A. Burroughs, March 1, 1882, the property was purchased by the surviving partners, and the business continued under the firm name of Burroughs & Mountford ...

The firm is now engaged in the manufacture of a fine grade of earthenware, known as American porcelain, and have already made an enviable reputation for their wares, which find a market in all parts of the United States

They have four kilns, work-shops and warerooms in proportion, and give employment to about one hundred and fifty men, women and children. They are also gradually enlarging their decorative department, which now gives employment to thirty operatives" (Woodward & Hageman 1883:693).

"Messrs. Burroughs & Mountford are in a position at present to turn out large quantities of decorated goods, and judging from the appearance of the decorating department they are making hay while the gas burns" (Trenton Evening Times, Sunday, November 15, 1885).

"... The works have a frontage of 500 feet by a depth of 300 feet. The buildings are very extensive, and are equipped with all the latest improved facilities as regards machinery, apparatus, and modern labor saving appliances. A sixty-horse power steam engine is utilized to drive the machinery, while employment is given in the various departments of the works to three hundred experienced operatives. There are six ware and five decorating kilns in constant operation. Messrs. Burroughs & Mountford manufacture extensively American thin porcelain, thin white granite, hotel porcelain, decorated dinner, tea and toilet-ware, also white tile for walls and bath rooms, decorated hearth and mantel tiles, etc. ... The firm's new ware, American iron-stone china, meets the demand for a fine grade of goods at prices that place it within the reach of the humblest household. American iron-stone china is a semi-vitrified body made of the best materials and the same workmanship as the firms' American thin porcelain. Messrs. Burroughs & Mountford guarantee it against crazing and invite tests. Their "Limoges" is a square, fluted shape, with scalloped edge, especially adapted for decoration, and is today the leading shape in the market ..."
(Quarter Century's Progress 1887:270).

In 1902 the Eagle Pottery Company forfeited its company charter (Secretary of State 1914).

"Wares included the usual assortment of granite and cream-colored wares, and they also made a limited amount of porcelain, little of which is seen today. They employed a Japanese artist who did gold paste work for them. Tiles with both printed and embossed designs were also produced at B&M" (Robinson and Feeny 1980:55).

1880 Industrial Census

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Pottery Name in Census

Burroughs, Mountford & Co.

Capital Invested

\$90,000.00

Number of Hands	70
Males Above 16	40
Females Above 15	10
Children	20
Work Hours in a Day (May to November)	10
Work Hours in a Day (November to May)	10
Skilled Mechanic Wages Per Day	\$2
Ordinary Laborer Wages Per Day	\$1
Total Wages in Year	\$13,000
Months in Full-time Operation	6
Months in 3/4-time Operation	0
Months in 1/2-time Operation	0
Months Idle	6
Value of Material (Including Mill Supplies and Fuel)	\$11,000
Value of Product	\$24,000
Number of Boilers	1
Number of Engines	1
Horse Power	30