

# New Jersey Pottery Company

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**Other Names** New Jersey Pottery Company  
**Present Day Municipality** City of Trenton  
**Historic Municipality** City of Trenton  
**Historic Location** Muirhead Avenue near Pennsylvania Railroad; Muirhead Avenue near Pennsylvania and Bound Brook Railroad; Railroad Avenue near Clinton  
**Years in Operation** 1878-1882  
**Owners/Operators** Elias Cook, John Wolverton, Caleb Green, Barker Gummere and Nathaniel Britton (1869-1882)

## PRODUCTS

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

## ADDITIONAL PRODUCT INFORMATION

fine white wares (Goldberg 1998:45)

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Robinson 1881, plate K: shown as "New Jersey Pottery Co's Works"

Haven 1882: shown as "New Jersey Pottery Co."

## **IMAGE REFERENCES**

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## **NOTES**

"Be it enacted by the State and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey that Elias Cook, John Woolverton, Caleb Green, Barker Gummere, Nathaniel E. Britton 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 'New

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Jersey Pottery Company' for the purpose of manufacturing, selling and dealing earthenware and crockery of various descriptions... approved March 18, 1869" (Acts of the Ninety-Third Legislature 1869:507).

"In 1878, Elias Cook erected these works near the Belvidere and Delaware Railroad, on Railroad Avenue. The concern afterwards became a stock company, with Henry T. Cook, President ... This pottery has been distinguished for the artistic and tasteful designs of its decorated ware" (Woodward and Hageman 1883:693).

New Jersey Pottery Co. incorporated in 1869" (Hood 1905).

Both the Union Pottery Company and the New Jersey Pottery Company were incorporated by 1869. In 1882, the New Jersey Pottery Company's Coalport Works were taken over by the Union Pottery Company (Harney 1929).

The New Jersey Pottery was succeeded by the Union Pottery and later became the American Brass and Lamp Co. (Abramson and Karschner 1978:12).

"The company was incorporated in 1869, and in 1883 the name was changed to Union Pottery Company" (Robinson and Feeny 1980:333).

Although incorporated in 1869, it was not until 1878 that the pottery was constructed (Goldberg 1998:44).

# 1880 Industrial Census

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## Pottery Name in Census

New Jersey Pottery Co.

## Capital Invested

\$125,000.00

<b>Number of Hands</b>	200
<b>Males Above 16</b>	125
<b>Females Above 15</b>	30
<b>Children</b>	45
<b>Work Hours in a Day (May to November)</b>	9
<b>Work Hours in a Day (November to May)</b>	8
<b>Skilled Mechanic Wages Per Day</b>	\$3
<b>Ordinary Laborer Wages Per Day</b>	\$1
<b>Total Wages in Year</b>	\$78,000
<b>Months in Full-time Operation</b>	12
<b>Months in 3/4-time Operation</b>	0
<b>Months in 1/2-time Operation</b>	0
<b>Months Idle</b>	0
<b>Value of Material (Including Mill Supplies and Fuel)</b>	\$60,000
<b>Value of Product</b>	\$150,000
<b>Number of Boilers</b>	2
<b>Number of Engines</b>	2
<b>Horse Power</b>	160