

Other Names Standard China; Standard China Works; Artistic Company; Artistic China Company; Artistic Porcelain Company; Jet and Mineral Knob Company; Joseph C. Sharkey; Mitchell-Bissell Company

Present Day Municipality City of Trenton

Historic Municipality City of Trenton

Historic Location Prospect Street and Globe Street; Prospect Street and Pennsylvania Railroad

Years in Operation 1879-1919

Owners/Operators W. Kimball (1879-1919); Kimball and Bock (1880); Artistic Porcelain Company (1910-1916); Jet and Mineral Knob Company (1912); Joseph C. Sharkey (1914-1920); Mitchell-Bissell Company (1917-1919)

PRODUCTS

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

ADDITIONAL PRODUCT INFORMATION

chinaware & porcelain hardware trimmings (Woodward and Hageman 1883:693); porcelain trimmings (Industrial Directory 1901); hard porcelain; porcelain goods (Industrial Directory 1906); chinaware, electrical porcelain (Industrial Directory 1909); electrical porcelain, door knobs (Industrial Directory 1912); porcelain guides for textile machinery (Industrial Directory 1918)

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Sanborn 1890, plate 17: shown as "Standard China"

Scarlett & Scarlett 1890, plate 77B: shown as "Standard China Works"

Lathrop 1905, plate 10: shown as "Standard China Co."

Sanborn 1908, vol. 1, plate 20: shown as "Standard China"

IMAGE REFERENCES

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NOTES

"The firm of Bock & Whitehead, formerly engaged in the manufacture of porcelain and mineral knobs in East Trenton, has recently dissolved the partnership existing between them, and Mr. Warren Kimball, having disposed of his interest in the grocery business, has entered into a partnership with Mr. Boch to continue the business" (Trenton State Gazette, April 11, 1879).

"The Pottery Enterprise. -- Plans and specifications of the new pottery which is contemplated by Mr. Dale and others, capitalists of New York, in this city, have been submitted to contractors so that the project has taken practical shape. It will be located on the line of the Delaware and Bound Brook railroad, near Prospect Hill, and adjacent to the factory of Messrs. Kimball and Bock. There will be a frontage of 400 feet in length, and two wings, one 150 feet in length, and the other 80 feet" (Trenton State Gazette, Monday, March 8, 1880).

"In 1879, W. Kimble commenced the manufacture of chinaware and porcelain hardware trimmings at works which he had erected on Prospect Street, near the Bound Brook Railroad. The manufacture of chinaware was soon dropped, and the business is now only hardware trimmings. Thirty hands are employed at this pottery, which has two kilns" (Woodward and Hageman 1883:693).

"Standard China Works, W. Kimble, Proprietor. Manufacturers of hard porcelain for electrical purposes, hardware trimmings and woolen mill supplies" (Trenton Board of Trade 1900:81).

Between 1910 and 1920 four other firms (Artistic Porcelain Company; Jet and Mineral Knob Company; Joseph C. Sharkey; Mitchell-Bissell Company) are listed at various times at this address in the city directories in addition to Standard China.

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1880 Industrial Census

Standard China Works

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Pottery Name in Census

Warren Kimble

Capital Invested

\$30,000.00

Number of Hands	20
Males Above 16	16
Females Above 15	2
Children	2
Work Hours in a Day (May to November)	10
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Skilled Mechanic Wages Per Day	\$2
Ordinary Laborer Wages Per Day	\$1
Total Wages in Year	\$6,000
Months in Full-time Operation	3
Months in 3/4-time Operation	0
Months in 1/2-time Operation	6
Months Idle	3
Value of Material (Including Mill Supplies and Fuel)	\$2,232
Value of Product	\$10,500
Number of Boilers	1
Number of Engines	1
Horse Power	80

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