

# Prospect Hill Pottery

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**Other Names** Dale & Davis; Prospect Hill Company  
**Present Day Municipality** City of Trenton  
**Historic Municipality** City of Trenton  
**Historic Location** Prospect Avenue and Pennsylvania Railroad; Prospect Avenue near Pennsylvania and Bound Brook Railroad; 401 Prospect  
**Years in Operation** 1880-1903  
**Owners/Operators** James Jeffrey Dale and Thomas Davis (1880-1903)

## PRODUCTS

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

## ADDITIONAL PRODUCT INFORMATION

opaque porcelain, white granite, and decorated ware (Woodward and Hageman 1883:693)

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Robinson 1881, plate Q: shown as "Dale & Davis Prospect Hill Pottery"

Haven 1882: shown as "Dale & Davis Prospect Hill Pottery"

Sanborn 1874 (1886), plate 21: shown as "Prospect Hill Pottery Dale & Davis"

Sanborn 1890, plate 17: shown as "Dale & Davis Prospect Hill Pottery"

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Scarlett & Scarlett 1890, plate 64: shown as "Dale & Davis Prospect Hill Pottery"

## IMAGE REFERENCES

Dale & Davis, Prospect Hill Pottery 1884

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## NOTES

"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).

"The buildings of Dale & Davis new pottery, on the Bound Brook line, will be completed on the first of July, and all that remains then to be done will be to put in the machinery and get the molds ready. This, however, will take some time, as the placing of machinery is slow work" (Trenton State Gazette, Monday, June 28, 1880).

"The Dale and Davis Pottery was established in 1880, on Prospect Street, near the Bound Brook Railroad. Buildings were erected, and the pottery went into operation during that year. Opaque porcelain, white granite, and decorated ware are produced here. The pottery has six kilns, and employs one hundred and fifty hands" (Woodward and Hageman 1883:693).

"Manufacturers of fine earthenware" (Trenton Board of Trade 1900).

In 1884 there was a fire on the site. In 1889 the pottery became known as the Prospect Hill Pottery Co. (Harney 1929).

Dale & Davis made decorative semi-porcelain and white granite dinner and toilet wares until 1894. The makers mark of a lion and unicorn was used on painted and decorative wares. Prospect Hill Pottery won a number of awards in 1889 in an exhibit at the Pennsylvania Museum. In 1903 the plant sold to the Cook Pottery Co. and became known as Cook's Prospect Hill Pottery. An 1889 advertisement gives products as 'fine earthenware, jardiniers, umbrella stands, specialties - high quality grade dinner and toilet ware'. It is assumed these products were made in 1903 as well (Abramson and Karschner 1978:13).

"In 1892 James J. Dale and Thomas Davis manufactured sanitary wares under the Dale & Davis name" (Robinson and Feeny 1980:62).

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Note: Isaac Davis of the Trenton Pottery Company had no connection with this pottery (Goldberg 1998).

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