

Trenton Pottery Works

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| Other Names | Trenton Pottery Company |
| Present Day Municipality | City of Trenton |
| Historic Municipality | City of Trenton |
| Historic Location | Greenwood Avenue corner of Jackson Street; Railroad between Jackson & Mercer; Taylor near Mercer; Mercer corner of Taylor; Taylor near Broad |
| Years in Operation | 1865-1875 |
| Owners/Operators | Taylor & Houdayer (1865-1870); Taylor & Goodwin (1870); Taylor, Davis & Goodwin (1871); Taylor & Davis (1871-1875) |

PRODUCTS

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

yellowware; Rockingham ware (Trenton State Gazette, Monday, August 27, 1866).

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Beers 1870: shown as "Trenton Pottery Co."

Everts & Stewart 1875: shown as "Trenton Pottery Co."

IMAGE REFERENCES

Everts & Stewart 1875: lithograph of "Trenton Pottery Works. Trenton, N.J. Isaac Davis, Proprietor."

DUN COLLECTION

August 16, 1865: Taylor & Houdayer – “have formed a corporation, name ‘Trenton Pottery Company’ ... credit good” (1 [44]:317).

September 9, 1870: Taylor & Houdayer – now known as "Taylor & Goodwin" ... "G' succeeds Hondayer ... 'T & H' quarreled, which led to a separation ... 'G' is from Ohio, has some capital. They ought to have fair credit on \$25K. They occupy what was once 'Trenton Pottery Co.' The property is valuable but it is in debt ... they ought to do well” (1 [44]:317).

December 8, 1870: now known as “Taylor, Davis & Goodwin” ... “Davis was previously a silent partner” (1 [44]:317).

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December 1871: Taylor, Davis & Goodwin “dissolved July of 1871 ... ‘Goodwin’ gone west ... now ‘Taylor & Davis’ ... no change in rating” (1 [44]:317).

NOTES

"Be in enacted by the State and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey that Appollinaire Husson, James Taylor, John F. Houdayer, Edmund Husson 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 'Trenton Pottery Company' for the purpose of manufacturing, selling and dealing in earthenware or crockery of various descriptions...act approved February 9, 1865" (Acts of the Eighty-Ninth Legislature 1865:17).

"The first pottery in Trenton was established about thirteen years ago by Mr. Taylor of the firm of Taylor & Houdayer, who was the pioneer of the trade in this vicinity. His earliest labors were confined to the manufacture of yellow and Rockingham ware" ("The Manufactories of Trenton. Article II. The Pottery Trade." Trenton State Gazette, Monday, August 27, 1866).

Detailed description of the operation of this pottery in 1866 is provided in "The Manufactories of Trenton. Article III. The Pottery Trade - Continued" (Trenton State Gazette, Wednesday, August 29, 1866).

"... in August 1870 he [John F. Houdayer] sold his interest to John Goodwin. This changed the firm name to Taylor & Goodwin. In 1871 Mr. Goodwin sold his half interest to his son James and Mr. Isaac Davis, and the firm was known as Taylor, Davis & Goodwin. In the same year Mr. Davis purchased from James H. Goodwin his interest, which gave to Mr. Davis, along with his own, a half interest in the firm, which then changed to Taylor & Davis. In 1875 Mr. Taylor being anxious to retire from business life, sold his interest to Mr. Isaac Davis, making him sole proprietor of the establishment, which he continues to be" (Mains and Fitzgerald 1879).

Elijah Tatler worked as a decorator for this firm in the mid-1870s. Shortly after establishing his own decorating business, Tatler passed away (January 12, 1876), and one of his sons took over the business, W.H. Tatler Decorating Company of Trenton (Newark Museum Association 1914:30).

"Taylor and Houdayer incorporated the pottery in February 1865 as the Trenton Pottery..." (Goldberg 1998:18).

1870 Industrial Census

Trenton Pottery Works

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Pottery Name in Census

Trenton Pottery Co.

Capital Invested

\$50,000.00

Materials (Including Mill Supplies and Fuel)

| Kinds | Quantities | Value |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Coal | 800 tons | \$5,000 |
| Koln [Culm?] | 150 tons | \$4,000 |
| Clay | 150 tons | \$1,500 |
| Lead | 2 tons | \$250 |
| Cobalt | 150 lbs | \$500 |
| B[oric] Acid | 2000 lbs | \$600 |
| Zinc | 2000 tons | \$180 |
| Flint | 100 tons | \$1,700 |
| Feldspar | 100 tons | \$2,000 |
| Straw | 25 tons | \$300 |
| Package | 600 tons | \$750 |
| Total | | \$16,780 |

Products

| Kinds | Quantities | Value |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Pottery | | \$40,000 |

1870 Industrial Census

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Motive Power

| Power Type | Horsepower |
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| Hand | |

Machines

| Name or description | Number |
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Average Number of Hands Employed

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| Male Hands Above 16 | 20 |
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| Female Hands Above 15 | 5 |
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| Children | 20 |
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| Yearly Wages | \$18,000 |
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| Months in Operation | 6 |
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