

# Delaware Pottery

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<b>Other Names</b>	Oliphant & Company; Oliphant's Pottery; Delaware Pottery
<b>Present Day Municipality</b>	City of Trenton
<b>Historic Municipality</b>	City of Trenton
<b>Historic Location</b>	Prospect Street corner of Stuyvesant Avenue; Prospect near Pennsylvania Railroad
<b>Years in Operation</b>	1884-1892
<b>Owners/Operators</b>	Samuel D. Oliphant & Company (1884-1892)

## PRODUCTS

Tableware <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Garden Ceramics <input type="checkbox"/>	Rockingham <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hardware <input type="checkbox"/>	Art Ceramics <input type="checkbox"/>	Toilet Sets <input type="checkbox"/>	
Sanitary ware <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hotel China <input type="checkbox"/>	Electrical porcelain <input type="checkbox"/>	

## ADDITIONAL PRODUCT INFORMATION

sanitary ware and druggists supplies (Robinson and Feeny 1980:62)

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## MAP REFERENCES

Sanborn 874 (1886): shown as "Oliphant's Pottery"

Sanborn 1890, plate 17: shown as "Oliphant & Co.'s Pottery"

Scarlett & Scarlett 1890, plate 76: shown as "Delaware Pottery Oliphant & Co."

## IMAGE REFERENCES

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## NOTES

The pottery was erected in 1884-85 and purchased by the Trenton Potteries Company in 1892 (Harney 1929).

"A group consisting of Mr. Oliphant, his three sons, Mr. Charles Fay, and Mr. Thomas Connelly (formerly of the Irish Belleek Company) got together in 1884 and formed Oliphant & Company for the purpose of operating the Delaware Pottery.

The company experimented with a Belleek-type formula around 1886 and supposedly produced an exceptionally high-quality china. The ware was never manufactured on anything other than an experimental basis, however ... Other products included sanitary items and druggists' supplies"

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(Robinson and Feeny 1980:62).

"In about 1886, Thomas Connelly, formerly of the Irish factory [Belleek], began to experiment with the manufacture of Belleek at the Delaware Pottery in Trenton, which had been founded about three years earlier by Samuel D. Oliphant, another Irish worker, and three of his sons. Although Connelly succeeded in producing what was considered some 'exquisitely thin trial pieces of the finest grade,' he never made his porcelain in any commercial quantity and he soon discontinued production" (Frelinghuysen 1989:48).