

# Imperial Porcelain Works

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<b>Other Names</b>	F.A. Duggan; Imperial Porcelain; Imperial; Imperial Porcelain Works; Imperial Pottery; Imperial Pottery Works
<b>Present Day Municipality</b>	City of Trenton
<b>Historic Municipality</b>	City of Trenton
<b>Historic Location</b>	Klagg Avenue corner Mulberry Street; Mulberry Street near Canal
<b>Years in Operation</b>	1892-1907
<b>Owners/Operators</b>	F.A. Duggan (1892-1894); Imperial Porcelain (1895-1907)

## PRODUCTS

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

## ADDITIONAL PRODUCT INFORMATION

hard porcelain (Industrial Directory 1906); porcelain electrical supplies (Harney 1929)

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Lathrop 1905, plate 15: shown as "Imperial Pottery Works"

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## NOTES

"In 1892-3 Mr. Frederick A. Duggan purchased the Dowds Stilt Works and converted it into a porcelain manufactory for the making of electrical supplies. It was called the Imperial Pottery ... On February 3, the Imperial Pottery, located on the northwest corner of Mulberry Street and Klagg Avenue, which had formerly been a stilt works, was totally destroyed by fire. It was owned by F.A. Duggan and the loss is said to be about \$70,000. - True American, February 4, 1907" (Harney 1929).

"The first high-voltage porcelain for line insulators (plastic process) made in the United States, was produced by Mr. B.B. Dinsmore, of the Imperial Works, Trenton, in 1894" (Brown 1930).

This site was initially developed by John and William Dowd in 1876 as a stilt and spur works. It was operated in this capacity by John and William Dowd as Dowd and Brother until 1884 and then by John Dowd on his own from then until 1892 when the property was bought by Frederick A. Duggan. Under the Dowds the site was known as both Dowd's Pottery and the United States Stilt Works (Federal Census of New Jersey 1880 [industrial schedules]; Industries of New Jersey 1882:172; Woodward and Hageman 1883:860; Quarter Century's Progress 1887:286).

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