

William Young's Sons Pottery

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Other Names	William Young & Sons; Wm. Young & Sons; William Young's Sons
Present Day Municipality	City of Trenton
Historic Municipality	City of Trenton
Historic Location	Brunswick Avenue near City Limits; Southard Street; 400 Southard Street
Years in Operation	1860-1879
Owners/Operators	William Young, Edward Young, John Young and William Young, Jr. (1860-1871); William Young's Sons (1871-1879) [sons are Edward, John and William, Jr.]

PRODUCTS

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

porcelain, hardware trimmings, white granite, dipped, blue edge and c.c. wares (Lant 1872); earthenware, also porcelain hardware trimmings (Boyd and Boyd 1874); hardware and household crockery, ironstone china, c.c. ware, Queensware and hardware trimmings (Everts & Stewart 1875)

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Everts & Stewart 1875: shown as "Pottery W. Young & Sons" (also includes lithograph)

IMAGE REFERENCES

J.H. Lant & Co. 1872: view with an advertisement.

Everts & Stewart 1875: lithograph of "Pottery of Wm. Young's Sons. Trenton, N.J."

DUN COLLECTION

January 24, 1861: William Young & Co. – "have carried on a very successful business ... Real estate and pottery is quite valuable worth \$10K ...have made money, credit is good. The business

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in Trenton has been very much extended lately and may affect even those well established" (1 [44]:287).

December 31, 1862: William Young & Co. – “have done a good business lately ... \$ are now in full blast. Have a good demand for their wares” (1 [44]:287).

February 15, 1864: William Young & Sons – reports now as “Wm. Young & Sons” (1 [44]:287).

January 29, 1866: William Young & Sons – “doing a large business. Making money. Credit good” (2 [45]:362).

November 27, 1869: William Young & Sons – “own real estate & in good credit & standing” (2 [45]:362).

August 15, 1871: William Young & Sons – report as “Wm. Young’s Sons ... their father died recently & the sons inherit the estate” (2 [45]:362).

NOTES

"In March, 1860, Millington and Astbury sold their interest in the pottery to the Youngs and the company was renamed William Young & Sons. It continued to operate under this name following the retirement of William Young in 1870 until his death in July, 1871. The dominating influence of the senior Young can be seen in the fact that, thereafter, the firm's name was simply altered to that of 'William Young's Sons'. It retained this name until the Young family sold the pottery to the Willets Brothers in February, 1879 (Goldberg 1998:15).

Detailed history provided in Hunter Research, Inc. 2005:4-8.

1860 Industrial Census

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Pottery Name in Census

Wm. Young & Sons

Capital Invested

\$25,000

Raw Materials Used, Including Fuel

Kinds	Quantities	Value
Coal	500 tons	\$2,000
Clay	150 tons	\$1,300
Flint	100 tons	\$700
Spar	50 tons	\$500
Bone	60 tons	\$1,000
Cobalt	10 lbs.	\$50

Annual Products

Kinds	Quantities	Value
Queensware & China		\$20,000

Kinds of Motive Power, Machinery, Structure or Resource

Engine-25 Horse and Han

Average Number of Hands Employed

Male 36 **Female** 2

Average Monthly Cost of Labor

Male \$900 **Female** \$40

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1870 Industrial Census

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Pottery Name in Census

Wm. Young & Sons

Capital Invested

\$75,000.00

Materials (Including Mill Supplies and Fuel)

Kinds	Quantities	Value
Coal	1000 tons	\$6,000
Flint	120 tons	\$2,000
Spar	60 tons	\$1,200
Clay	300 tons	\$11,000
Lime	5 tons	\$1,200
Paris White	2 tons	\$150
Zinc	1 ton	\$180
Cobalt	150 lbs	\$600
Biscid [Bisque]	1000	\$330
Oil	100 gal.	\$65
Bone	40 tons	\$1,000
Total		\$23,725

Products

Kinds	Quantities	Value
Earthen Ware		\$35,000
Porcelain		\$15,000
Total		\$50,000

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Motive Power

Power Type	Horsepower
1 Steam Engine	25

Machines

Name or description	Number
Potters Wheels	8

Average Number of Hands Employed

Male Hands Above 16 50

Female Hands Above 15 11

Children 17

Yearly Wages \$28,000

Months in Operation 10