International Pottery

Other Names: International Pottery Company; Burgess & Campbell

Present Day Municipality: City of Trenton

Historic Municipality: City of Trenton

Historic Location: Canal Street near Front Street; West Canal and Assanpink; West Canal corner of Plymouth; East Front Street Basin; Stockton and Front Street Basin

Years in Operation: 1879-1936

Owners/Operators: William Burgess & John A. Campbell (1879-1936)

PRODUCTS

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

ADDITIONAL PRODUCT INFORMATION

- yellowware (Raum 1871); white granite, c.e. and decorated ware (Industries of New Jersey 1882:214); Rockingham, white granite, cream colored, and fancy decorated (Woodward and Hageman 1883); white granite earthenware (Industrial Directory 1901) vitrified china and porcelain (Industrial Directory 1906); toilet and dinnerware (Industrial Directory 1909); dinner and hotel ware (Industrial Directory 1912, 1918); dinner, toilet & hotel ware (Industrial Directory 1927); semi-porcelain table & toilet ware (Industrial Directory 1931); Royal Blue, white granite, semi-porcelain and china wares (Harney 1929; Abramson and Karschner 1976)

REFERENCES


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NOTES

"They were originally established in 1874, and in 1878 a stock company was formed as at present, and the facilities for manufacture were increased to more than double their former capacity … The manufactures are white granite, C.C. and decorated ware, which has an established reputation in the market. The premises are 300x200 feet in dimensions on which are erected ten commodious brick buildings, two, three and four stories in height … The main building is 50x150 feet and four stories in height; three others are each three story, 50x150, etc. There are three gloss, three bisque and two decorating kilns, making a total of eight kilns. A thirty-horse engine supplies the motive power and heats the buildings by means of steam pipes. Employment is given to 175 hands, included in which are some of the most expert operatives in the business … There are large sheds, stables, storehouses, etc. A canal basin adjoins the works on the north and boats are loaded direct from the premises. Railroad facilities are near at hand" (Industries of New Jersey 1882:214).

"The International Pottery Company's works is another large establishment founded on the modest beginning of the earlier potteries in this city of potteries, and Messrs. Burgess & Campbell, the proprietors, have concentrated all their efforts on the one point of producing the best class of white granite and semi-porcelain. They have succeeded in placing on the market an excellent grade of the two lines mentioned, and have gained a reputation for durability of goods that cannot be disputed" (Trenton Evening Times, Sunday, November 15, 1885).

International Pottery Co. manufactures of the "celebrated 'Royal Blue', white granite, semi-porcelain and china wares; white and decorated. Vitrified china and Stationers ware" (Trenton Board of Trade 1900).

"In 1879, the new owners [Carr and Clark] sold out to William Burgess and John A. Campbell, who incorporated the firm into the International Pottery Co." Wares were sold under the name of Burgess and Campbell as well as International Pottery Company. The pottery continued at this location under the name of International Pottery Company into the 1930s (Goldberg 1998:30-31).
1880 Industrial Census

International Pottery

Pottery Name in Census
International Pottery Co.

Capital Invested
$20,000.00

Number of Hands 175
Males Above 16 65
Females Above 15 13
Children 27

Work Hours in a Day (May to November) 10
Work Hours in a Day (November to May) 10

Skilled Mechanic Wages Per Day $2
Ordinary Laborer Wages Per Day $1

Total Wages in Year $38,625

Months in Full-time Operation 11
Months in 3/4-time Operation 0
Months in 1/2-time Operation 0

Months Idle 1

Value of Material (Including Mill Supplies and Fuel) $29,750
Value of Product $81,400

Number of Boilers 4
Number of Engines 1
Horse Power 30

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