

# Brearley and Stephens Pottery

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<b>Other Names</b>	Stephens & Tams Company
<b>Present Day Municipality</b>	City of Trenton
<b>Historic Municipality</b>	City of Trenton
<b>Historic Location</b>	E. Canal St. near Grand; E. Canal St. near Creek; E. Canal St. on State St.; E. Canal near Mercer Cemetery; Canal near Creek; E. Canal near Grand Ave.; E. Canal near Clinton; 2 Canal near S. Clinton Ave.
<b>Years in Operation</b>	1862-1868
<b>Owners/Operators</b>	James P. Stephens, William Tams & Charles Brearley (1862-1868); Brearley & Stephens (1866)

## PRODUCTS

<b>Tableware</b> <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	

## ADDITIONAL PRODUCT INFORMATION

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### DUN COLLECTION

January 8, 1863: Stevens Tams & Co. (Trenton; Pottery) – “have now commenced to turn out ware, and are, I understand, quite successful ... the firm owns the pottery ...” (1 [44]:68).

July 13, 1863: Stevens Tams & Co. – “are now in successful operation ... credit good ...” (1 [44]:68).

August 16, 1865: Stevens Tams & Co. – “are doing an excellent business ... credit good ...” Stevens son of a wealthy father (1 [44]:68).

### NOTES

"Fire on Sunday, -- The alarm of fire about noon on Sunday was caused by a fire breaking out around the base of one of the kilns in Brearley & Stephens' Pottery, on East Canal street. The kiln was filled with ware which was in process of baking, and some woodwork on the outside by some accident became ignited. -- The Fire Department were promptly on the spot and soon succeeded in extinguishing the flames. The loss was but slight" (Trenton State Gazette, Tuesday, February 5, 1867).

"Be it enacted by the State and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey that Charles Brearley, James P. Stephens, James Tams, Isaac Stephens, George Brearley 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 'Greenwood Pottery Company' for the purpose of manufacturing, selling and dealing earthenware and crockery of various descriptions... approved March 5, 1868" (Acts of the Ninety-Second Legislature 1868:238).

"The Greenwood Pottery Co. (of Trenton, N.J.) was incorporated in 1865... The business was established in 1861, under the style of Stephens, Tams & Co... Until 1876 they made white granite or stone china ware. The mark used from 1865 to 1876 was the coat-of-arms of the State of New Jersey above the words 'Ironstone China' and 'G. P. Co.' This was printed black underglaze. The first table porcelain made at this pottery was stamped 'G. P. Co.'" (Newark Museum Association 1914:22).

Established in 1862 by Stephens & Tams Co.; built on the site of a carriage factory; incorporated in 1868 as the Greenwood Pottery Co. (Harney 1929).