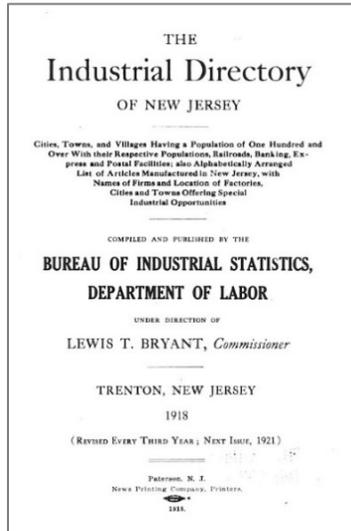


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The Industrial Directory of New Jersey was printed by the New Jersey Bureau of Statistics and successor agencies from c. 1901 through 1948. The bulk of the directory contains over 500 pages with descriptions of the individual cities, town, and villages in the state (with population over 100), including transportation and utility services, location, schools and churches, industrial and farming opportunities, and local business associations.

The Industrial Directory also provides statistics for New Jersey as a whole, an index to industrial opportunities around the state (factory sites, water power, farm lands, etc.), and an index to manufacturers by type of product.

The information on Hopewell Valley communities has been extracted here, with entries for Hopewell, Pennington, Titusville, and Woodsville from the 1901, 1909, 1912, and 1918 editions. These are followed by information on local companies from the industrial indexes and the railroad listings.

The entries for the four years have been combined in this document to highlight the changes over the period. The entries have been edited to group different topics, with sub-heads inserted for longer entries. Minor language changes have been ignored. The information for specific years are marked with [square braces], for both brief details such as population figures, and for entire paragraphs or sections.

The Industrial Directory of New Jersey: Title Pages

Cities, Towns, and Villages Having a Population of One Hundred and Over
With their Respective Populations, Railroads, Banking, Express and Postal Facilities;
also Alphabetically Arranged List of Articles Manufactured In New Jersey,
with Names of Firms and Location of Factories,
Cities and Towns Offering Special Industrial Opportunities [1918]

[1901] - Compiled and Prepared by William Stainsby, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of N. J.
Trenton, New Jersey 1901; MacCrellish & Quigley, Printers; 302 pp.

[1909] - Compiled and Published by the Bureau of Statistics of New Jersey
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[1918] - Compiled and Published by the Bureau of Industrial Statistics, Department of Labor
Under Direction of Lewis T. Bryant, Commissioner
Trenton, New Jersey 1918 (Revised Every Third Year; Next Issue, 1921)
Paterson, N. J.; News Printing Company, Printers; 882 pp.

Hopewell, Mercer County (Hopewell Township.)

[1901 p. 101, 1909 p. 199, 1912 p. 214, 1918 p. 264]

Statistics

On the Philadelphia & Reading Railway (Philadelphia and Bound Brook Division), station in the town.

Population, [1901 = 980, 1909 = 984, 1912 = 1,075, 1918 = 1,341].

[1901, 1909] A banking town - one bank.

[1901] Money order post-office and telegraph station.

[1909, 1912, 1918] - Money order post office, telegraph and telephone connections.

[1912, 1918] - One bank - Hopewell National. Telegraph and telephone.

Express service. [1901, 1909 = United States Company, 1912, 1918 - American Company].

Value of taxable property, [1909 = \$593,000, 1912 = \$800,000, 1918 = \$1,059,074].

Tax rate: [1901 = \$1.46, 1909 = \$1.48].

Water Supply

[1901] - The town has water-works, which furnishes an abundant supply of good water; land is high and entirely free from marshes or stagnant pools: the location is one of the healthiest in the State.

[1909, 1912, 1918] - Hopewell has a fine water supply system owned by the town; [1909 - but as yet there are no sewers] its situation is on elevated land entirely free from marshes or stagnant water. There is no malaria, and in the matter of general healthfulness the location will compare favorably with any other part of the State.

Railroads

Railroad service is of the very best.

[1901] - Trains are frequent and facilities for handling freight first class. Express trains make the trip to Philadelphia in 35 minutes and to New York in one and one-half hours.

[1909] - Trains to New York, Philadelphia and intermediate places are run frequently and facilities for freight handling are first-class. Express trains cover the distance to New York in one hour and eighteen minutes and to Philadelphia in one hour. Hopewell has one building and loan association with 200 stockholders and assets amounting to \$35,000.

[1912, 1918] - Transit to Philadelphia in one hour, and to New York in one hour and eighteen minutes.

Newspaper / Schools

[1909, 1912, 1918]

One weekly newspaper is published in the town,

[1909] - and there is one large school with nine teachers which covers all grades from primary to High School.

[1912, 1918] - and there are two public schools, with a corps of efficient teachers, covering all grades from primary to high school. A commercial course is part of the curriculum.

[1912] - There is also one private school.

Churches / Fraternal

The churches, six in number, are divided denominationally as follows: Baptist, three; Catholic, one; Methodist, one, and Presbyterian, one. Of fraternal organizations there are Masons, Knights of Pythias, [1912, 1918 - Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, American Mechanics] and several others.

Business Associations

[1909] - Hopewell has a Board of Trade that endeavors as far as possible to exercise a helpful influence over the town's industrial development.

[1912, 1918] - Hopewell has a Business League that exercises an oversight in all matters relating to the material interests of the community.

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Fire Protection

[1909] - Fire protection is furnished by a hand engine and a hook and ladder truck.

[1912, 1918] - For fire protection there is [1918 - an electric alarm system,] a volunteer company with a chemical engine, hook and ladder truck and hose cart. The high water pressure renders the use of a steam engine unnecessary.

[1918] - There is a well supplied Free Public Library in the town.

Manufacturing Support

[1901] - An organized stock company controls a large tract of land, the frontage of which extends about 1,200 feet along the line of the railroad. Factories built on any part of this tract can be connected by switches .or sidings with the railroad. This company offers free sites to parties who erect and operate factories on the same. There is a large quantity of land situated in other parts of the town from which factory sites may be obtained free, or at a nominal cost.

[1909] - Public sentiment is very favorable to manufacturing industry and for approved industries a choice of building sites is offered free of cost.

[1912, 1918] - Public sentiment in Hopewell is very favorable to manufacturing development, and industries that do not employ foreign labor, and that pay good wages for competent help, will be welcomed. To such industries choice building sites will be given free of cost.

Labor Supply

[1901] - The supply of resident labor is good and in both quantity and quality, and so highly do the people regard the importance of building up permanent industries, that parties establishing a factory in Hopewell may depend on receiving every reasonable encouragement.

[1909] - The supply of labor is good. in the town itself 50 men and 50 women are reported as ready to accept permanent employment,

[1912, 1918] - At this writing about 30 men and an equal number of women, all residents of the town, can be secured as operatives.

From Trenton and other nearby places, all connected with Hopewell by trolley lines, a practically unlimited supply of labor can be obtained.

Available Properties

[1901] - Parties desiring factory sites should address the Secretary of the Board of Trade, Hopewell, N. J.

[1901] - There is a three-story frame building, 30 x 60, with a floor area of 5400 feet, which is now idle. It has been used as a factory; has a steam engine and boiler. The structure is in excellent condition and can be purchased outright for \$2,000 or it may be leased at a very moderate rental.

[1909] - One brick building, 36x90 feet ground dimensions, and in height two stories and basement, can be leased or purchased for manufacturing purposes. This building is in excellent condition, and is equipped with engine, boiler and dynamo.

[1912, 1918] - A large three-story frame building, 50x100, with two acres of land, equipped with 60-horse power engine, is for sale to settle an estate. For particulars, address C. H. Fetter, Hopewell, N. J.

Farming / Land

The soil of the surrounding country is good, and the farm crops include all the standard grains, with hay, garden vegetables, milk and a wide variety of fruits.

[1909, 1912] - No farms are reported for sale. There are no foreign immigrants in the town.

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Local Industries

The industries now here are:

- [1918] - C. Bond, trap rock quarrying; employs 15 persons.
- [1901] - Burton & Naylor, stair builders, sashes and blinds; employ 10 persons.
- [1909] - J. G. Burton, stairbuilding and millwork, employs 8 persons.
- [1909, 1912] - J. S. Cope, quarrying stone. Employs [1901 = 20, 1909 = 8, 1912 = 18] persons.
- [1901] - G. Fetter, hard wood saw mill and feed mill; employs 16 persons.
- [1909] - A. G. Fetter, ship, wagon and car timber, employs 15 persons.
- [1912, 1918] - Estate of A. G. Fetter, hardwood saw mill; employs 15 persons.
- [1901] - Herring & Northrup Creamery Company, cream and butter; employs 4 persons.
- [1901] - J. P. McQuade, quarrying and crushing stone; employs 60 persons.
- [1901] - Thomas Vaughn, manufacturer of shirts; employs 50 persons.
- Hopewell Valley Canning Co., vegetable [1909 - and fruit] canning; employ [1901 = 95, 1909 = 75, 1912 = 70, 1918 = 80] persons.
- [1912, 1918] - Hopewell Chocolate Co., Inc., confectionery; employ 40 persons.
- [1909] - Smith Novelty Company, brass works, employs 40 persons.
- [1912] - Smith Novelty Co., electric and gas indexes. Employ 25 persons.
- [1918] - H. A. Smith Mfg. Co., Inc., registers; employ 55 persons.

Contact

[1909, 1912] - For further particulars, address Hugh Smith, President, or E. V. Savage, Secretary of the Board of Trade, Hopewell, N. J.

[1918] - For further particulars, address Robert Zulauf, President, or John A. Reddan, Secretary, Hopewell Business League, Hopewell, N. J.

Pennington (G 5), Mercer County (Hopewell Township.)

[1901, p 180, 1909 p. 351; 1912, p 451; 1918 p. 485]

Statistics

On the Philadelphia & Reading Railway (Bound Brook Division); station in the center of the town.

[1912, 1918] - Six passenger trains in and out daily.

Population, [1901 = 1,000, 1909 = 800, 1912 & 1918 = 1,000].

[1901] - Banking town, Hopewell.

[1909] A banking town - one bank.

[1912, 1918] - One bank - First National.

[1901] - Money order post-office and telegraph station.

[1909, 1912, 1918] - Money order post office; telegraph and telephone.

Express service, [1901, 1909 - United States Company, 1912, 1918 - American Company].

Value of taxable property, [1912 = \$655,322, 1918 = \$932,763]

[1909] - Tax rate, \$1.18.

[1901]

Unlimited quantity of land for factory purposes at low figures and exemption from taxes as far as allowed by law. Every possible concession will be extended to those desiring factory sites. Exceptionally good railroad facilities for the transportation of freight or for traveling in any direction.

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[1909, 1912, 1918]

Water Supply

Pennington is situated in an exceptionally attractive and healthful district, the elevation is high, and the location is in every respect a very fine one for residential purposes.

[1909] - It also possesses many of the advantages indispensable to the growth of an industrial center.

There are no sewers, but the elevation on which the town stands insures the most perfect natural drainage on all sides.

[1909] - An ample supply of pure water is piped to all parts of the place.

[1912, 1918] - The Pennington Mountain, two miles to the north, is the beginning of the chain of elevations which form such an important element in beautifying the district. From large reservoirs of spring water on this mountain, the water supply, which is carried in mains to all parts of the town, is obtained.

Fire Protection

[1909] - For fire protection there is a volunteer company equipped with steam engine and chemical extinguisher.

[1912, 1918] - Fire protection of an effective kind is provided by a volunteer company equipped with [1918 - motor-driven] chemical and gasoline water engines and other modern apparatus. Fifteen [1912 = Ten] large tanks or reservoirs specially constructed to meet the emergency of fires are located in different parts of the town and connected with the water mains.

Newspaper / Schools

[1909, 1912 - One newspaper is published weekly.]

There is one large public school of nine grades,

[1912, 1918] - and the township high school is only twenty minutes distant by trolley.

Churches / Fraternal

There are five churches - [1918 - African] Baptist, Catholic, Methodist Episcopal [1912 - (2)], [1918 - African Methodist,] and Presbyterian. Of fraternal and social organizations there are Masons, Odd Fellows, Patrons of Husbandry, American Mechanics and others.

[1912, 1918] - There are also several literary and social clubs.

Business Associations

[1918 - The one building loan society has assets of \$30,000.]

[1912, 1918] - There is also a Board of Trade, of which George W. Scarborough is secretary. Sixty percent of the residents own their homes. Electric lighting and power are furnished at very reasonable rates.

Manufacturing Support

Public sentiment is favorable to industrial growth, and factories engaged in any legitimate line of work would be welcomed.

[1909] - As an inducement to settle here manufacturers will be guaranteed exemption from taxation until business has been placed on a permanent and paying basis.

[1912, 1918] - Every reasonable inducement will be offered to persons contemplating locating a plant here.

Financial assistance can be secured if desired, provided the industry concerned is

[1909] - a substantial one under approved management.

[1912, 1918] - an approved one under reliable management.

The number available for immediate employment is reported to be

[1909] - 400 men and 100 women.

[1912, 1918] - 250 men and 75 women.

There are large tracts of unimproved land on both sides of the railroad, out of which choice factory building sites may be secured at nominal prices.

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[1909, 1912, 1918 - cont.]

Labor Supply

[1909] - A perfectly ideal place for workmen's homes.

The railroad [1912, 1918 - passenger and freight service] is first-class in every respect.

Schools

A large private school - the famous Pennington Seminary [1912, 1918 - for boys] - has been located here for the past seventy-five years. It enjoys a deservedly high national reputation for its educational standards, and is attended by boys from all over the country. [1909 rephrased]

Farming / Land

On the immediate outskirts of the town are many fine farms and orchards,

[1909] - on which the usual farm products, together with large quantities of peaches, pears, apples and plums are grown.

[1912, 1918] - producing corn, wheat, rye, alfalfa, etc., peaches, plums, pears, apples, grapes, berries and all kinds of vegetables. Pennington is the largest milk shipping station for dairy farms between New York and Philadelphia. It is also an important poultry raising district.

[1918] - Deposits of clay are found in the immediate neighborhood. Land, cultivated and uncultivated, is for sale.

Available Properties

[1909] - A large manufactory of hot water boilers owned by the Union Boiler Company, in which 80 men are employed, and also a vegetable and fruit cannery owned by the Pennington Canning Company, which employs 40 men and women during the season, are in operation here.

[1912] - A large foundry building owned by the Thatcher Furnace Company, of New York, is now for sale, by reason of the company having concentrated all its work at its Newark plant, which has been greatly enlarged. The buildings are stone and cement, and very substantial, and in perfect condition. They are equipped with steam power and ample shafting.

Local Industries

[1901] - There is a large manufactory of steam heaters, ranges, etc., located here; about 70 men are employed. A fruit and vegetable canning establishment is also operated here which gives employment to a considerable number of persons during the season for that work.

[1918] - The industries here now are:

- Peerless Insulated Wire & Cable Co., insulated wire; employ 19 persons.
- Pennington Packing Co., canned tomatoes; employ 40 persons.
- Pennington Trap Rock Co., trap rock quarrying; employ 45 persons.
- Robeson Process Co., road material; employ 30 persons.
- Scarborough, Geo. W., medical remedies; employs 3 persons.

Contact

[1909] - For further particulars, address Elmer D. Wagener, Secretary Improvement Association.

[1912, 1918] - For further particulars address Geo. W. Scarborough, secretary, Pennington Board of Trade, Pennington, N. J.

Titusville, Mercer County (Hopewell Township.)

[1901 p. 215, 1909 p. 432, 1912 p. 467, 1918 p. 590]

On the Belvidere Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, [1909, 1912, 1918 - station in the village].

[1918] - Eight passenger trains in and out daily.

Population, [1901 - 1,000 [sic], 1909 = 230, 1912 = 250, 1918 = 1,000]

Banking town, [1901 = Trenton, 1909 = Lambertville, 1912, 1918 - Trenton or Lambertville].

[1910] - Money order post-office and telegraph station.

[1909, 1912, 1918] - A money order post office; telephone, but no telegraph connections.

Express service, Adams Company.

[1909] - Value of taxable property, \$62,000.

[1912] - Value of taxable property, \$62,000.

Tax rate, [1901 = \$1.43, 1909 = \$1.18]

[1901]

The town is situated along the Delaware River, where admirable waterpower may be obtained. The Delaware and Raritan Canal passes through the town, and close to either land may be purchased for factory sites.

[1909, 1912, 1918]

Titusville occupies an exceedingly picturesque location on the Delaware River, several miles above the head of navigation. There are in the neighborhood promising possibilities of water power development for a comparatively small outlay of money. The Delaware and Raritan Canal, which passes through the village, adds materially to the transportation facilities which it enjoys. The water supply is derived from wells and cisterns; there is no organized fire protection.

[1909, 1912, 1918]

The village has one public school, and two churches - Methodist Episcopal and Presbyterian. Of fraternal associations there are lodges of Patrons of Husbandry and American Mechanics.

[1901]

Among the manufacturing enterprises now in operation here are:

The Raymond Rubber Company, reclaimers of rubber, employs 20 men, and the Titusville Fruit and Vegetable Canning Company, employing 15 men and 40 women during three months of the year.

[1909, 1912, 1918]

[1918] - There is an organization here called the Titusville Improvement Society.

No particular interest seems to be taken in the subject of enlarging the manufacturing interests of the place, although the industrial advantages of the location are well worthy of consideration.

The soil of the back country ranges from good to fair, and very fine crops of grains, potatoes, apples and pears are grown. There is an excellent opening here for a vegetable cannery. The only industry at present in operation is a rubber reclaiming plant of the Raymond Rubber Company, in which 25 men are employed. [1912, 1918] - No foreign immigrants.

[1909, 1912, 1918]

For further particulars, address [1909 - Samuel Walker or] E. G. Trimmer, Titusville, N. J.

Woodsville, Mercer County (Hopewell Township.) - 1909, 1912

[not in 1901, 1909 p. 475, 1912 p. 513, not in 1918 (population under 100)]

Nearest station, Glenmore, on the Philadelphia and Reading Railway; distant two and one-half miles. Population, 100. Banking town, Hopewell, distance, three and one-half miles.

[1909] - Mail by Rural Free Delivery, telephone, but no telegraph connections.

[1912] - Money order post office; telephone, but no telegraph.

Express service, United States and Adams Companies.

[1909] - Tax rate \$1.18.

[1909] - An agricultural community, with no manufactories of any kind. One public school.

[1912] - An agricultural community with no other form of industry and no desire to have any. One public school of the eighth grade. The soil is good; crops consist of the usual farm products, together with garden vegetables. No farm lands for sale. Very few foreign immigrants.

[1912] - For further particulars, address E. H. Drake, Woodsville, N. J.

Industrial Information: Hopewell Valley

Entries in the industrial information indexes related to Hopewell Valley. (May not be complete.)

Public Water Supplies of Municipalities in New Jersey

[1918]

Hopewell Boro. Boro. of Hopewell

Pennington Boro. Pennington Spring Water Co.

Places in which Industrial Advantages of Various Kinds Can Be Secured

[1912, 1918]

Titusville (material for [1912 - fruit and vegetable] canneries)

Industry Classification - Goods Made and Firms Engaged in Manufacturing Industry in N. J.

[1901]

Canners (Fruit and Vegetables)	Hopewell Valley Canning Co., Hopewell, Mercer.
Canners (Fruit and Vegetables)	Titusville Fruit and Vegetable Canning Co., Titusville, Mercer.
Quarrying (Stone)	J. S. Cope, Hopewell, Mercer.
Quarrying (Stone)	J. P. McQuade, Hopewell, Mercer.
Rubber Reclaimers	Raymond Rubber Co., Titusville, Mercer.
Shirts (Men's)	Thomas Vaughen, Clinton, Hunterdon.
Shirts (Men's)	Thomas Vaughen, Hopewell, Mercer.

[1909]

Boilers (Steam and Hot Water)	Pennington Foundry & Heater Co., Pennington, Mercer
Canned Fruits and Vegetables	Hopewell Valley Canning Co, Hopewell, Mercer
Canned Fruits and Vegetables	Pennington Canning Co, Pennington, Mercer
Carriage And Wagonmakers Materials	Fetter, A. G., Hopewell, Mercer
Clock Movements	Smith Novelty Co., Hopewell, Mercer
Dies and Tools	Smith Novelty Co., Hopewell, Mercer
Meter Registers (Water, Gas, and Electric)	Smith Novelty Co., Hopewell, Mercer
Novelties (Metal)	Smith Novelty Co., Hopewell, Mercer
Reclaimed Rubber	Raymond Rubber Co., Titusville, Mercer.
Ship, Wagon, and Car Timber	Fetter, A. G., Hopewell, Mercer
Wagon and Truck Parts	Fetter, A. G., Hopewell, Mercer

[1912]

Boilers (Steam and Hot Water)	Pennington Foundry & Heater Co., Pennington, Mercer
Canned Fruits and Vegetables	Hopewell Valley Canning Co, Hopewell, Mercer
Canned Fruits and Vegetables	Pennington Canning Co, Pennington, Mercer
Confectionery	Hopewell Chocolate Co, Hopewell, Mercer
Indexes for Water, Gas and Electric Meters	Smith Novelty Co., 17 Somerset St., Hopewell
Meter Registers (Water, Gas, and Electric)	Smith Novelty Co., 17 Somerset St., Hopewell
Novelties (Metal)	Smith Novelty Co., 17 Somerset St., Hopewell
Reclaimed Rubber	Raymond Rubber Co., Titusville, Mercer

[1918]

Canned Fruits and Vegetables	Hopewell Valley Canning Co, Hopewell, Mercer
Canned Fruits and Vegetables	Pennington Canning Co, Pennington, Mercer
Confectionery	Hopewell Chocolate Co. Inc., Hopewell, Mercer
Meter Registers (Gas, Electric, Water and Steam)	Smith, H. A., Mfg. Co. Inc., Hopewell
Registers	Smith, H. A. Mftg. Co., Inc., Hopewell, Mercer
Stone (Quarried and Crushed)	Delaware River Quarry & Construction Cp., Moore Station
Stone (Quarried and Crushed)	Pennington Trap Rock Co., Pennington, Mercer
Reclaimed Rubber	Raymond Rubber Co., Titusville, Mercer

Trunk Line Railroads and Their Branches Traversing New Jersey

[1901, 1909]

Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Miles of Road in New Jersey, 404.53

Atlantic City Railroad (Reading)

Miles of Road in New Jersey, 222.49.

- Delaware and Bound Brook Railroad

Main Line: From Bound Brook to Delaware River, 27.09

Trenton Branch: From Trenton Junction to Trenton, 3.72

East Trenton Branch: From Trenton to East Trenton, 3.03

Central Railroad Company of New Jersey

Miles of Road in New Jersey, 390.

[1912]

Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Miles of Road in New Jersey, 418.25

Atlantic City Railroad (Reading)

Miles of Road in New Jersey, 221.55.

- Delaware and Bound Brook Railroad

Main Line: From Bound Brook to Delaware River, 27.02

Trenton Branch: From Trenton Junction to Trenton, 3.71

East Trenton Branch: From Trenton to East Trenton, 2.97

Central Railroad Company of New Jersey

448.890 mi. Main Line - Jersey City to Phillipsburg (N.J./Pa. border), 72 mi.

Miles of Road in New Jersey, 440.35.

- Main Line - From Jersey City to Phillipsburg [(N.J./Pa. border), 72.30.

[1918]

Pennsylvania Railroad System

Miles of Road in New Jersey, 745.084.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Miles of Road in New Jersey, 403.97.

Philadelphia and Reading Railway System

Miles of Road in New Jersey, 222.918.

Atlantic City Railroad

- Delaware and Bound Brook Railroad

Main Line: From Delaware River, near Trenton to Bound Brook, Somerset, 27.040

From the center of the Delaware River, near Trenton, in Ewing Township, Mercer County, to junction with the main line, C. R. R. of N. J., at Bound Brook Junction, Somerset County, N. J.

The Central Railroad of New Jersey

Miles of Road in New Jersey, 448.890

- Main Line - From Jersey City to Phillipsburg (N.J./Pa. border), 72.316.