

Bangor Stoneware Company



Bangor Stoneware Co. was founded in 1880 by a Swedish potter, Anders Persson. Mr. Persson arrived in Gardiner, Maine in 1868 where he worked at the Plaisted Pottery Shop. Before Persson's arrival, all stoneware had to be shipped by steamboat out of Boston or Portland. Bangor benefitted greatly by having stoneware produced locally as stoneware was the material of choice during this era. The Bangor Stoneware Co. was a 2-story building located at 13 Patten St and employed 25 employees. It operated a dozen pottery throwing wheels.



*Stoneware Churn
Bangor Stoneware Co*

They produced jars, jugs, pots, mugs, bottles, pitchers, churns, and baking dishes. The glazes used were simple of the time with browns, greys the most common. From 1880 until Persson's death in 1916 the company was extremely successful. The company shut down in 1917.



*Stoneware Crock
from Bangor Stoneware Co.
c. 1875*

Did you know...

*Pottery from
The Bangor Stoneware
Co. could be found
in nearly every
home and business
in the area.*