

The LAST POTTERY in OPERATION in PUTNAM COUNTY WAS THE COOKEVILLE POTTERY OWNED BY THE LACY FAMILY. THE DATE OF THIS POTTERY PRODUCTION IS NOT ESTABLISHED. BUT WILLIAM LACY WAS THE ORIGINAL OWNER

OWNERSHIP PASSED FROM WILLIAM LACY TO HIS SON ARNOLD. ARNOLD LACY ACQUIRED A PARTNER, OLIVER SHERRILL, AND THEY ALONG WITH ARNOLD'S THREE SONS, WILLIAM, RAYMOND AND EDWARD, RAN THE BUSINESS. OTHER LACYS WHO WORKED AT THE COOKEVILLE POTTERY WERE JAMES, ALVIN AND DAVID.

DURING THE LATE 1930S AND EARLY 40S THE LACYS HIRED SEVERAL AREA POTTERS TO THROW WARE FOR THEM.

IT WAS DURING THIS PERIOD THAT LEE LACY TOOK OVER THE BUSINESS. COOKEVILLE POTTERY CLOSED 1961.

COMMON VESSEL FORMS MADE AT THIS POTTERY WERE STONEWARE CHURNS, CROCKERS, ETC. BUT MOLDED CERAMIC OBJECTS WERE PRODUCED IN LATER YEARS.

PUTNAM COUNTY IS LOCATED IN MIDDLE
TENN. COOKEVILLE IS THE COUNTY SEAT.

POTTERY HAS BEEN PRODUCED IN THIS AREA
BEFORE 1800'S. SOME OF IT HAS BECOME
HIGHLY COLLECTIBLE. COOKEVILLE POTTERY
PIECES HAVE BECOME COLLECTIBLE, MOST
PIECES ARE MARKED WITH A ROUND COBALT
STAMP.

I HAVE RESEARCHED A LOT OF THIS
LOCAL POTTERY, IF I CAN HELP PLEASE
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