

Adams & Company

Adams, Roseman & Company c.1851-52 - c.1853-56

Adams, Macklin & Company c.1853-56 - 1861

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Factory A of United States Glass Company 1891-1892

John Adams is born in Pittsburgh, PA in 1823.

He serves his glassmaking apprenticeship with Bakewell, Pears & Co. in the 1840s.

About 1851 he opens his own glass company named Adams, Roseman & Company in Pittsburgh, PA. It is believed to be the site of the old Stourbridge Flint Glass Works that closed in 1845.

Shortly afterwards the company name is changed to Adams, Macklin & Company. Nothing more is known of Roseman. Macklin dies prior to or in 1856.

In 1861 the company name changes to Adams & Company.

John Adams, Godfried (or Godfrey) Miller, Adolphus A. Adams, William Adams, James Dalzell and George F. Easton are listed as company officers from 1861 through 1879. Wares are shipped to Cuba, Central America and South America.

James Dalzell leaves in 1883 to form Dalzell Bros. & Gilmore. Adams & Co. goes through a significant company reorganization.

John Adams dies in 1886 but the company continues with George F. Easton, David E. Carle, Godfried Miller, Augustus A. Adams, William Adams and Samuel G. Vogeley as partners.

In 1891 Adams & Company becomes Factory A of the United States Glass Company. The factory continues to produce many of its own patterns.

In 1892 the Adams & Company partners who joined United States Glass withdraw from the glass business. There is no evidence that any Adams molds go to another company.

Factory "A" still in operation in 1910 but only recognized as producing lead blown tumblers.

Known to still be operating in 1930, but status is unknown after that.

Of interest to open salt collectors is that Adams & Company produced a "Wheel Barrow" salt dish between 1880 and 1885.

Adams also made a turtle salt. It is a boat shaped bowl in the WILDFLOWER (ADAMS NO. 140) pattern atop a turtle's back. It is the only piece in the pattern that features a figural turtle.