



*One of 525 Night Light Teapots*

Located in the heart of West Tennessee, Trenton is home to the world's largest collection of Porcelain Veilleuse-Theieres (night light teapots) and home to one of the most handsome courthouses in the state.

Trenton celebrates November 2, 1825 as its birthday. The present day Gibson County Courthouse was built in 1899, two years after the City's first public waterworks was established.

The teapots that make up the 525-piece collection date from 1790 to 1860, so many of them are as old or older than the city itself.

The teapots were donated to the City by Dr. Fredrick Freed. Dr. Freed's father, Julius Freed, was a local businessman and City Alderman. In 1897, he was placed on a city board to manage Trenton's new waterworks.

The Trenton Light and Water Department was created by a city ordinance passed in September 1910, then amended in April 1937. Today Trenton Light and Water serves approximately 2400 customers with electricity, water and wastewater services. TLW provides these services with 16 employees under the oversight of the City Council.

As with most small towns, Trenton was affected by the slow economy in recent years. But the future is looking brighter. In 2012 MacLean Power Systems moved their operations to Trenton. MacLean manufactures hardware and connection products for electric power systems. Big Bend Galvanizing soon started operations just across the street from MacLean.



*Gibson County Courthouse*



*Electric Crew Setting a Pole*

Today TLW is making efforts to improve its utility systems and operations. In 2014 TLW installed an AMI system that is being used to provide more efficient operations and will soon be used to offer prepay services. Other electric system improvements include relay upgrades in all three substations, system coordination improvements, system mapping and replacing its fleet of bucket trucks.

The water system saw a SCADA system upgrade and new well installation in 2015. The wastewater system is in the process of building a new 6-million-gallon sequencing batch reactor treatment plant. It is scheduled to be online by 2018.

TLW works closely with the Greater Gibson County Chamber of Commerce and various economic development organizations to bring industry and retail business to the area. Our employees support the community through their involvement with the school system, civic clubs and numerous community events like the annual Teapot Festival, Music on the Square, and Gibson County Fair.

The utility industry is facing new challenges every day. By working with our customers and community leaders, Trenton Light and Water is looking forward to a successful future.



*Trenton Light and Water Office*