

History of the Tonks bricks

Early Tonks family arrived at Wellington in 1842 as brick makers.

Enoch Tonks had his brick factory at Webb St in 1875 until closed in 1924

Tonks Grove at upper Cuba St and Arthur & Fredrick Streets are named from their family. Trans Tasman Shipping was also amongst their many early enterprises.

Enoch Tonks Brick	E Tonks brick
dates 1875-1899	dates 1899-1924
<u>150yrs old</u>	<u>125 yrs old</u>

Much of Wellington was built with their bricks.

Common practise was for brick maker to have his name impressed on the frog side of the brick.

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