



American Water Works Association

Alabama – Mississippi Section

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**City of Natchez
Water Meter Replacement Program
for
Successful Leak Control**

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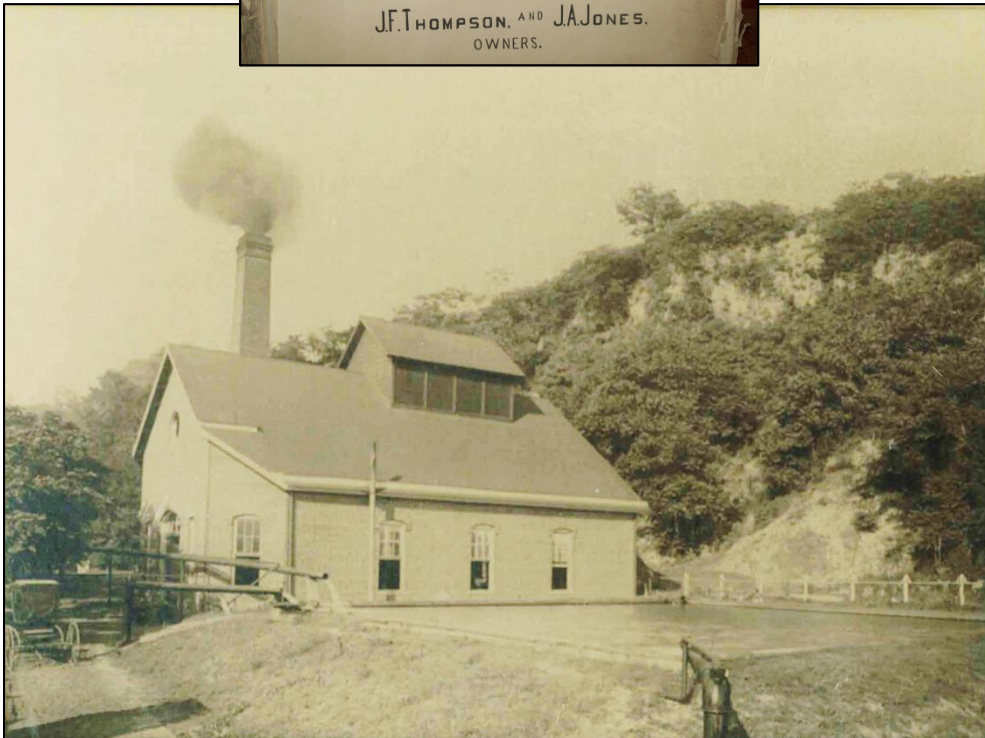
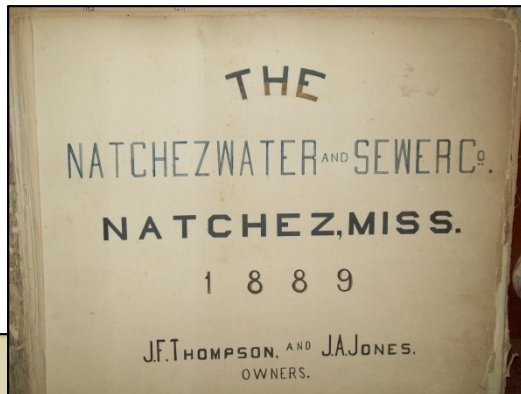
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Natchez Water Works



BadgerMeter, Inc.

Matt Jones
Central Pipe Supply, Inc.

The **History** of the Natchez Water Works



Key Historical Points

Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Natchez, State of Mississippi on January 23, 1889 granted to J. A. Jones of St Louis, MO the right and privilege to erect and maintain a system of water works for the City of Natchez.

There was an Artesian well water shortage in 1894 and some discussion as to obtaining water from the Mississippi River.

January 6, 1895, page 96, J.C. Ballard, M.D., Chief Health Officer of Adams County wrote, "**The Sweetest, most palatable, and healthiest water obtainable is FILTERED Mississippi River water**" and strongly urged a change if we could get that.

Page 110 from Evening Bulletin, July 30, 1901: The Fine Plant of Natchez Sewer and Water Co.....Article states that the water is as good as any in the world—pure as crystal, healthful and cold.

City of Natchez, purchased Natchez Water and Sewer Company between May 7th and May 11th, 1903 for \$150,000.

Free Water discontinued to public and private institutions, meters installed and billed each month. 27, October 1950.

Consumer Deposits: 27 August 1952. \$5.00 charged to cover two to three monthly bills.