



ORIGINAL STONE SHOPS



ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL Installation



Constructed between 1867 and 1893, the ten stone shops that line Rodman Avenue at Rock Island Arsenal formed the core of the industry on Arsenal Island. COL Thomas J. Rodman selected the center high-point of the island to construct the shops along with ten warehouses behind them. All in all, the original grand arsenal plan consisted of 20 stone buildings plus Storehouse A and supporting buildings.

The shops on the north side were designated "Armory Row," while the shops on the south were designated "Arsenal Row." At the center of the rows was a forge and foundry. The stone shops remained in use for manufacturing through the Vietnam War. They were subsequently restored and transitioned to office space following Project REARM in the late 1970s and early 1980s. REARM moved most of the manufacturing facilities and shops to the modern manufacturing complex that is still in use today. Today several organizations occupy the stone shop buildings.



- Constructed 1867 to 1893
- Designed by Thomas J. Rodman
- Constructed with limestone
- Ten stone shops in total
- Ten stone warehouses planned
- Only 3 warehouses built
- Used as shops through the 1980s

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