



QUARTERS ONE



ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL Installation



At more than 20,000 square feet, Quarters One was the largest house owned by the Army, and second largest in federal inventory, behind only the White House. Construction began in 1869 and finished in 1871, following the personal design of General Thomas Rodman, the "Father of Rock Island Arsenal." It was constructed using materiel and labor designated for general construction work at the Arsenal at that time - specifically the stone shops. The grounds were finished in 1872.

Major Daniel W. Flagler, General Rodman's successor as Arsenal commander, was the first to live in the entirely completed house and grounds. Quarters One is a three-story, 20,000 square-foot, Italianate Villa style house. The building was designed as an aesthetically pleasing house befitting a commanding general, while also providing a functional space for community gatherings. It was also designed as a place for visiting distinguished guests and traveling soldiers and families to stay.



Designed by Thomas J. Rodman

Started construction in 1869

House completed in 1871

Grounds completed in 1872

Has 22 livable rooms

Housed 38 tenants

Last resident in the house in 2008.



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