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The Rock Island Arsenal Museum explores the history of Rock Island Arsenal and its commands from 1805 to the Present.

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More information is available by calling 309.782.5021.

You can find the museum on Facebook at facebook.com/riamuseum.

Information is also available on their website at arsenalhistoricalsociety.org

COLONEL DAVENPORT HOUSE

Originally constructed in 1832 and completed in 1833, this is the former permanent resident of Colonel George Davenport. Antoine LeClaire founded the city of Davenport in 1836.

The Colonel Davenport House is open 12–4 pm Thursday thru Saturday from May thru October as well as Veteran's Day.

You can get more information by calling 309.786.7336 or 309.236.0741.

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THE RESIDENCES OF ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL

The U.S. Government's presence on Rock Island reaches back as far as 1816 with the establishment of Fort Armstrong. From this point forward, there has been housing of some variety on the 946-acre plot of land that we now know as Arsenal Island. This tour contains just a few of these residences that have been situated on the island. Though some residences have long-since been demolished, repurposed, and remodeled, this tour will serve as your accompaniment through a selection of homes at Rock Island Arsenal.

Please be aware that some of these homes currently have residents, and to be respectful to these occupants. Respect privacy and property as this guide takes you on a tour through time in a glimpse of the residences of the past and present.

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ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL PRODUCING ARMY READINESS SINCE 1862.

This is our history of supporting
our **Nation**, our **Army**, and our **Communities**.



1 QUARTERS ONE

Completed in 1872, Quarters One is a 20,000 square foot residence that housed 38 senior commanders of Rock Island Arsenal.

Over the years Quarters One has hosted numerous events and distinguished visitors such as GEN John Pershing, CPT Dwight D. Eisenhower, Charles Lindbergh, and various foreign delegations. Today it is available for limited tours and rental for formal events through Rock Island Arsenal FMWR.

2 QUARTERS TWO

Constructed between 1873 and 1874, Quarters Two was modeled after Quarters One and was completed under the direction of COL Flagler. The house is just over 6,000 square feet with a limestone foundation. An addition on the second floor was completed a few years after the initial construction and was made with Milwaukee brick.

Like other early buildings of the arsenal, the iron and brass works in the house were made with recycled artillery.

3 QUARTERS THREE

Quarters Three was completed just ahead of Quarters Two, having been planned in 1871 and completed between 1872 and 1873. It was designed by CPT Clifton Comly and completed at a cost of around \$35,000. Quarters Three is slightly larger than Quarters Two at 7,500 square feet and made of Joliet Limestone.

Quarters Three is the second larger housing on Rock Island Arsenal after Quarters One.

4 QUARTERS FOUR

Quarters Four was the last of the originally planned officer housing on Rock Island Arsenal. Its construction was overseen by COL Flagler, who supervised most construction of officer's row outside of Quarters One. Quarters Four is just shy of 7,000 square feet in size and was completed in the summer months of 1872.

Like its sister quarters, Quarters Four is also constructed with Joliet Limestone and repurposed iron and brass.

6 QUARTERS SIX

Constructed in 1905, Quarters Six was built to house officers assigned to the M1903 Springfield program. Planning for additional quarters began in 1899, with construction beginning in 1901. Quarters Six departs from the typical architectural style of the stone shops and the earlier officer's quarters. It was constructed at a cost of around \$13,500.

Since First Army moved to Rock Island, Quarters Six has been the residence of its commanding officer.

7 QUARTERS SEVEN

Like Quarters Six, Quarters Seven was constructed to house officers associated to the M1903 Springfield program. Quarters Seven was completed in 1902 under the supervision and direction of COL Blunt. It is the last house associated with Rock Island Arsenal's officer's row and is the only of these constructions built east of East Avenue.

Quarters Seven is just shy of 6,000 square feet and features turn-of-the-century style architecture.

8 QUARTERS 32 & 33 (OLD POST HQ)

Originally planned to be used as the post Headquarters, Building 360 saw use for that mission from its completion in 1889 thru 1922. After the drawdown following World War I, the post Headquarters was shuttered until the Arsenal received funding in 1934 to convert it to housing.

Quarters 32 & 33 were divided into four separate housing areas within the building and remained in use until 2011 when it was temporarily used as office space before being shuttered.

9 QUARTERS 34

Quarters 34 was constructed in 1907 and was situated between the post hospital and the garrison building where troops were housed (building 90). It was originally constructed to be a shared living space but was converted to individual living quarters in 1946. The original construction included a dispensary, emergency treatment space, and the surgeon's office. In addition, the building also had a morgue located in the basement.

10 GARRISON HQ

Building 90 has had a very rich history leading up to its current use as the Garrison Headquarters Building. When it was constructed, the original function of the building was to house troops that were stationed at Rock Island Arsenal. Later in World War II, the building was repurposed to house Italian POW's.

After 1946, the space was repurposed again to office space, a function that carries on to this day.

11 POST YMCA

The YMCA was constructed in 1918 by the Walsh Construction Company. It was built in conjunction with multiple other projects that includes a general store, a civilian hospital, and an office building. The total cost for all these projects along with numerous renovations was \$3 million in 1921 dollars.

The building was built in a hurry, started on 1 APR 1918 and completed just 22 days later on 23 APR. Together with the Rock Island YMCA, the total membership in 1921 was 665.

12 BOWLING ALLEY

A number of recreational organizations and facilities have been present on Rock Island Arsenal at various points through history. One of these was a bowling alley and a billiard room located in the basement of the stone shops north of Rodman Avenue.

These facilities were co-located with an officers club, and even saw a few league tournaments during their existence. Over time, these facilities were shuttered for other billets.

13 OLD POST HOSPITAL (WORLD WAR I)

The World War I post hospital was constructed shortly before the war began and was co-located with the medical staff's living quarters. The facility saw large use during the influx of the 1918 Flu epidemic, including a few deaths. The morgue was located in the basement.

In 1934, just before World War II Quarters 23 was constructed to house medical staff, while the post hospital was converted entirely to operational space for hospital personnel.

WHAT ABOUT QUARTERS FIVE?

You may have noticed that there is no Quarters Five at Rock Island Arsenal. Quarters Five would have existed in the empty lot in between Four and Six. However, appropriations were not readily available for a construction of Quarters Five when it was originally needed. By the time they were made available, Quarters Six and Seven were already being built.

For this reason, Quarters Five was effectively skipped—or may more accurately be just a few trees that make up the landscape of the island.

PRE-ARSENAL HOUSING

There were several instances of housing on Rock Island prior to the proper establishment of the Arsenal. This included barracks buildings at Fort Armstrong, and various temporary dwellings of squatters on the island. Permanent housing belonged to individuals such as George Davenport, D. B. Sears, and John Deere.

When the Rock Island Prison Barracks was operating, various officer housings were erected on the land that eventually became where the Golf Clubhouse and Quarters One were built.



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