

Worker's Pass

Pass used by Rock Island Arsenal employees from 1882 to 1940.

According to Master Machinist J.H. Drayton's work journal, *Miscellaneous Memorandums and Receipts*, on September 20, 1882, 668 copper passes of the new pattern were made for workmen. The passes were struck on the drop hammer in the blacksmith shop, located in Shop E (Building 106 today), and turned into the office.

Subsequent production runs are documented through the fact that worker's passes exist with serial numbers higher than 668. There are minor design differences among the seven passes in the collection of the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. In addition to copper, other metal combinations were used. Some examples have plain rims, and others have serrated rims.



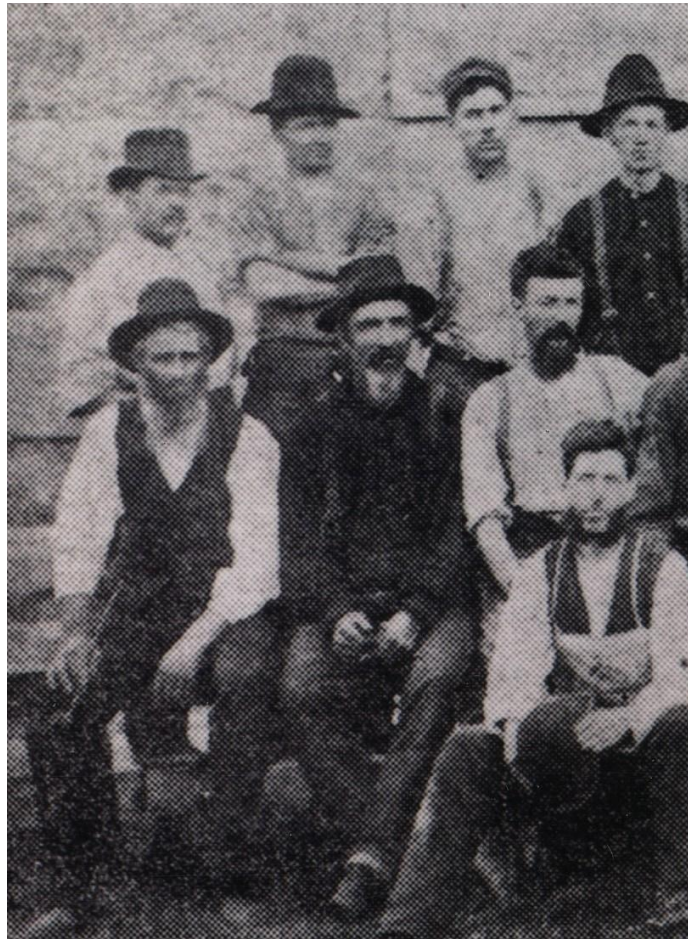
Serial number "2010" stamped into reverse



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Master Machinist J.H. Drayton's work journal



Master Machinist J.H. Drayton (first row, left) from one of the earliest group photographs of Rock Island Arsenal shop personnel, dated 1873. J.H. Drayton was Superintendent of Manufacturing from December 11, 1865 to December 1, 1904.