

Lost foundry

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Engineering students work in the foundry laboratory of the mechanic arts program in the Tulane University College of Technology, circa 1898. Foundry work, forging, pattern-making, toolmaking and drawing were required of all freshmen and sophomores in the college at that time. There were 30 forges and an equal number of anvils and sets of blacksmith's tools available in the foundry and blacksmith shop. The foundry was located at the western end of the old engineering building, which is currently part of the School of Science and Engineering lab complex behind Blessey Hall on the Tulane uptown campus.