



This is a standard switch key from the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific RR. The Rock Island, was one of the two railroads that the RR&G physically connected with in Lecompte. There would have been a locked switch at each end of the interchange tracks. One end locked with a Rock Island lock and the other with an RR&G lock. As it happens, the RR&G key is designed to both fit and work the Rock Island lock, but be enough different that the Rock Island cannot complain that their key was duplicated which would have been illegal. This would have allowed RR&G trains access to the Rock Island Depot and yard in Lecompte, which was commonly done.