

Fitzsimons General Hospital, Building 254  
(Fitzsimons General Hospital, Civilian Quarters)  
North side of E. O'Neill Avenue Between N. 10th  
and N. 12th Streets  
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**FITZSIMONS GENERAL HOSPITAL, BUILDING 254  
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<b>HABS No. CO-172-A</b>	<b>Fitzsimons General Hospital, Building 230</b>
<b>HABS No. CO-172-B</b>	<b>Fitzsimons General Hospital, Building 239</b>
<b>HABS No. CO-172-C</b>	<b>Fitzsimons General Hospital, Building 253</b>
<b>HABS No. CO-172-E</b>	<b>Fitzsimons General Hospital, Building 255</b>
<b>HABS No. CO-172-F</b>	<b>Fitzsimons General Hospital, Building 256</b>
<b>HABS No. CO-172-G</b>	<b>Fitzsimons General Hospital, Building 257</b>

**Location:** North side of E. O'Neill Avenue, between N. 10th and N. 12th Streets  
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**Significance:** This structure is located within the (northern boundary of) and contributes to the proposed historic district, according to the Cultural Resources Study, as the building is "associated with the civilian employees hired to work at Fitzsimons and quartered on the post. This building maintains historic integrity and lends diversity to the historic district. Typical elements of early construction represented by the building are the gabled roof, overhanging eaves, exposed rafters, paneled and glazed door, and multi-light windows."

The proposed Fitzsimons General Hospital historic district is significant as an early Army hospital created to treat World War I soldiers with tuberculosis.

**Description:**

Building 254 is a one-story L-shaped structure, 22' 5" along the front and 18' 5" deep along the east side. Each section has wood horizontal siding, with vertical end boards, and a gable roof with overhanging eaves. The interior consists of a small vestibule, a room to the left and directly behind the vestibule is the bathroom. A rear closet does not connect to these rooms and is only accessible from the rear exterior door. A basement, with an exterior hatch opening, is under the bathroom.

Although none of the documentation on building 254 suggests it was built in two parts, the physical evidence does. The different siding on front and side wing, difference in floor heights, presence of basement only under the wing, and use of the front's exterior siding pattern on the inside left wall of the vestibule (which would have been the exterior wall of the the room if it had been built first) suggest that the original structure was the one room facing O'Neill Avenue. Sometime later, but probably within a few years, the perpendicular wing was added to provide bathroom and closet space.

**History:**

Owned by the United States of America, Department of the Army, the building was erected in 1921 for \$500 as civilian housing. It later became a storage building and was designated building 576-A prior to becoming 254.

**Sources:**

Cultural Resources Study: Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Final Submittal, 15 August 1991, prepared by Front Range Research Associates, Inc., Denver.

"Real Property Record-Buildings and Structures" (July 3, 1946), "Request For Approval of Disposal Of Buildings and and Improvements"(June 24, 1994), measured drawing of Building 254 (Oct. 8, 1947). All prepared by Fitzsimons General Hospital.

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**Project Information:**      **This building will be demolished to clear the site for construction of a new Central Energy Plant and Directorate of Engineering and Housing (DEH) Facilities Complex.**

**Historian:**                      **Bill Lebovich, architectural historian and architectural photographer, under contract to Greenhorne & O'Mara. Documentation prepared August 1994.**

