

Fitzsimons General Hospital, Building 255
(Fitzsimons General Hospital, Stable)
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 early development of the hospital, reflecting the importance horses had during the early years of the post for agricultural and transportation purposes. The building possesses added significance as an example of early twentieth century military stable. The building maintains integrity of design, materials, location, scale, and craftsmanship and adds diversity to the historic district. The stable is also representative of early buildings on the post, displaying typical elements such as gabled roofs, stuccoed walls, overhanging eaves, exposed rafters, multi-light windows, and paneled and glazed doors."

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

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Description:

Building 255 is a one-story rectangular structure, 130' 6" long and 30' wide, with double doors on each side. Windows on either side wall illuminated 22 stalls. The floor and foundation are concrete, while the walls are tile block, faced in stucco on the exterior. The gable roof's four ventilators and asbestos shingles have been removed.

In addition to the stalls, there are two small rooms at the front of the building and they were originally a grain and a harness room.

History:

Owned by the United States of America, Department of the Army, the building was erected in 1921 for \$9720.85 as a stable for work horses. It was later converted to a general storehouse and subsequently used to store golf carts. It was originally designated building 841 and then 576 before it became 255.

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" (May 1, 1946), "Request For Approval of Disposal Of Buildings and Improvements" (June 24, 1994), Measured Drawing of Building 255 (April 28, 1946 by Henry Koch, architect and Dan Wood, engineer). All prepared by Fitzsimmons General Hospital.

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.

