

HABS No. CO-172-X

Fitzsimons General Hospital, Root Cellar  
(Fitzsimons General Hospital, Building No. 139)  
(Fitzsimons General Hospital, Underground Storage Bldg.)  
West Pennington Avenue, North of Building No. 121  
Aurora  
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

FITZSIMONS GENERAL HOSPITAL, ROOT CELLAR  
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For information on the history of Fitzsimons General Hospital, see HABS No. CO-172. For information on other structures at the Hospital, see HABS No. CO-172-A through CO-172-CI.

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- Significance: The root cellar was built in 1923 to serve as a storage facility for the post. The structure represents a rapidly disappearing form of storage, which was widely used in agricultural production until the mid-20th century. The root cellar maintains integrity of scale, plan, design, and materials.
- Description: This building is an underground storage facility with low, concrete walls and an arched roof. There is sod growing on the roof. There are also metal vents on the roof. The entrance, which is on the south facade, consists of double metal doors set at an angle. Metal railings to either side support the doors when they are opened.
- History: Building 139, originally the root cellar, was built in 1923 to serve as a storage facility for the post. The storage facility was initially identified as Building 504. Today it is used by greenhouse workers to store fertilizer and peat moss.
- 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"  
(June 10, 1946)

Project

Information: This building will be demolished to clear the site for two Military Construction, Army (MCA) projects. The first MCA project is the Central Energy Plant, which is needed to support the second MCA project, the New Hospital project.

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