

HABS No. CO-172-AN

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(Fitzsimons General Hospital, Building No. 210)
(Fitzsimons General Hospital, Scale House)
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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: This building represents the early development of the hospital, having been among the first group of buildings completed in 1918. The smooth stucco walls, gabled roof, ridge ventilator, six-over-six double-hung windows, and shed hood over the entrance are all typical elements of early buildings on the post. The building is significant because of its historic associations and its integrity of location, materials, setting, and orientation.

Description: This one-story, concrete, south-facing, square building rests on a concrete foundation. The walls are stuccoed. The building measures 646 square feet. The gabled roof with an intersecting shed-roofed bay on the west is covered with shingles. Fenestration consists of six-over-six double-hung windows with one single-pane horizontal window on the east elevation. The entrance to the building is located on the south facade and has a paneled door with a transom. There is a shed-roofed hood supported by wooden braces over the door.

History: This building was constructed in 1918 by the Quartermaster Corps/Construction Division using Standard Plan No. P-102. The structure was originally identified as Building 701 and was among the first to be erected on the post. The building functioned as a laboratory annex. Cages within the building lead to the conclusion that animal testing may have taken place during the early years of the post.

There have been moderate alterations made to this building since its construction. In 1928 the building had a shed-roofed, screened-in porch on the east elevation, balancing the shed-roofed section on the west. This porch was removed in the 1940s. The modern concrete stoop and pipe railing replaced an earlier frame stoop. Currently the building is utilized as a Scale House.

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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