

HABS No. CO-172-BU

Fitzsimons General Hospital, Administration Building  
(Fitzsimons General Hospital, Building No. 515)  
(Fitzsimons General Hospital, Hospital Clinic)

Southeast corner of West McAfee Avenue and South 8th Street  
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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 functioned originally as the administration building for the hospital complex. It is one of the original group of buildings constructed on the base and therefore is significant for its association with the early development of Fitzsimons Hospital. It is representative of the design and style of the military hospital buildings designed for Fitzsimons Hospital. This building retains integrity of location, scale, design, materials and craftsmanship.

**Description:** This two-story, frame and hollow tile building rests on a concrete foundation with a concrete water table. The building is H-shaped in plan with the central core oriented with its long axis east-west. As originally constructed, the building measured 156 feet by 73 feet. The exterior of the building is stucco. The core and wings of the building have low gable roofs with overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends. The endwalls of the wings have the characteristic shaped parapets of the buildings designed for Fitzsimons. Prior to 1935, single-story additions were built out from the wings. These additions have shaped parapet endwalls which match the design of the original construction. The gable roofs of the additions have their ridges oriented north-south, parallel to roofs of the wings. The entire roof is covered with shingles. Fenestration consists of six-over-six light windows generally arranged in pairs on the buildings sides, and evenly spaced in the end walls of the wings. The principal entrances to the building are on the north side, with

additional entrances including a loading dock covered passageways on the south side.

**History:** Building 515 was constructed in 1918 by the C.S. Lambie Company. The building was originally utilized as the administration building for the hospital complex. Other functions originally housed in the building included examining rooms, laboratories, x-ray rooms, dark room, the medical library, operating rooms, the chaplain's office, the morgue, storage, and a museum.

Alterations made to this building include the single-story additions and shed-roofed entrances built onto the wings, modern doors, and blocking in of some windows.

Currently, this building functions as a hospital clinic.

**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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