

Architect: Douglas, Walter F.
Birth/Death Dates: 1862-1941
Practice Dates: 1888-c.1940
Firms: Douglas and Hetherington (1896-1914)

Biographical Information

Walter Farquhar Douglas (1862-1941) was born in India, where his father served as an officer in the British Army. He attended the University of Edinburgh and then came to the United States, arriving in Colorado in 1886. He settled in Colorado Springs in about 1888, and his early designs included the Ute Hotel (1890), the First Baptist Church of Colorado City (1890, State Register), Montgomery Hall at Colorado College (1891, National Register), the Charles Leaming Tutt House (1892), and All Souls Unitarian Church (1892).

In 1896, T. Duncan Hetherington relocated to Colorado Springs and formed a partnership with Douglas that lasted until 1914. A 1900 local publication described Douglas and Hetherington as a prominent local firm and observed, "...the handsome residences, modern business blocks and commanding public buildings they have designed are the highest testimonials their exceptional attainments could have...." Their works included houses for E.P. Shove, G.D.B. Bonbright, William O'Brien, and "most of the Broadmoor cottages," the Elk's Club (1902), the Clyde Block (1898), and the McIntyre-Barnett Block (1898). Three of Douglas and Hetherington's works were listed in the National Register: Ticknor Hall (1898) and McGregor Hall (1903) on the Colorado College campus and the Burns Building and Theater (1910-12, razed and removed from National Register) in downtown Colorado Springs. Douglas left the area in 1914.

Credited Buildings (partial list)

Building Name	Location	Site No.	Date*	Status
Walter Douglas				
Argyle Block	2605 W Colorado Colorado Springs	5EP.332.5	1889	Old Colo. City NR Hist. Dist.
Ute Hotel	Chipita Park (Ute Park)		1890	
First Baptist Church of Colorado City	1 S. 24 th St. Colorado City	5EP597	1890	State Register
J. Arthur Connell House	2. E. Columbia Colorado Springs	5EP.333.36 1	c.1890	North End NR Hist. Dist.
Montgomery Hall Colorado College	1030 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs	5EP.611.2	1891	National Register
Stockbridge House	2801 W Colorado Colorado Springs	5EP.166	1891	National Register
Charles Leaming Tutt House	730 N. Tejon St Colorado Springs	5EP.4525	1892	
All Souls Unitarian Church	Colorado Springs	5EP.626	1892	

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Douglas and Hetherington				
Eugene P. Shove House	1329 Wood Ave. Colorado Springs	5EP.333.60 0	c.1897	North End NR Hist. Dist.
Clyde Block	Colorado Springs		1898	
McIntyre-Barnett Block	Colorado Springs		1898	
Ticknor Hall Colorado College	1010 N. Cascade Colorado Springs	5EP.3480	1898	National Register
William O'Brien House-- President's House Colorado College	1210 Wood Ave. Colorado Springs	5EP.1542	1900	
Elk's Club	Colorado Springs		1902	
Edgeplain (expansion)	1106 N. Nevada Colorado Springs	5EP.5097	1902-07	National Register pending
McGregor Hall Colorado College	Colorado Springs		1903	National Register
Burns Building and Theater	21½ E. Pikes Peak Colorado Springs	5EP.2897	1912	Demolished
G.D.B. Bonbright House	Colorado Springs			
Unitarian Church	Colorado Springs			
Odd Fellows Hall	Colorado Springs			
McIntyre and Barnett Block	Colorado Springs			
St. Francis Hospital	Colorado Springs			

*Completion date is stated if known. Plan, building permit, or assessor date is shown if completion date is unknown.

Information Sources

Burns Building and Theater National Register Nomination, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Colorado Historical Society, Denver.
 Simmons, R. Laurie and Thomas H. Simmons. "Edgeplain," National Register of Historic Places registration form, May 26, 2006.
 Simmons, R. Laurie and Thomas H. Simmons. "Ticknor Hall," National Register of Historic Places registration form, August 27, 1999.
 Site Files Database, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Colorado Historical Society.

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