

Architect: Gile, Jacob M.
Birth/Death Dates: 1849 - 1937
Practice Dates: 1900 - 1932
Firms: Jacob M. Gile, Architect
Bishop and Gile

Biographical Information

Jacob M. Gile worked as an architect in Pueblo from 1900 to 1932 and died December 28, 1937, at the age of 89. He was temporarily associated (1902-03) with Pueblo architect John F. Bishop, but is listed alone in business throughout most of his career. He collaborated with Denver architects Robert Willison and Montana Fallis on two Pueblo buildings—the Vail Hotel (1910) and Sacred Heart Cathedral (1912), both listed in the National Register. Gile came to Pueblo from Denver because he was commissioned to create the plans and supervise the construction of the original Minnequa Hospital. Although still standing, the building has been altered extensively and no longer represents the work of Gile. He supervised the construction of the International Order of Foresters home for indigents in Cañon City, Colorado. His involvement in the creation of the plans for that building is not known, however the building is characteristic of Gile's designs.

Gile also designed homes for two of the Temple Emanuel's members. The Simon home at 2304 North Grand Avenue is a simple one-story, hipped roof brick building that has been converted to apartments. The two-story brick house at 417 West 8th Street has a pyramidal hipped roof with a full-facade porch. Like the Temple, this house has slightly flared eaves, a wide frieze board encircling the building, and a variety of textures and materials that include red brick walls, wood shingles facing the dormers, and rock-faced stone porch supports. Despite its similarities, the house lacks the decorative detailing of the Temple. There is a rich textural look to the Temple that does not exist in these simpler house constructions.

Taken primarily from Kerry Maria Kramer and Kathleen Hudson, "Temple Emanuel," National Register of Historic Places inventory - nomination form, August 3, 1995.

Credited Buildings (partial list)

Building Name	Location	Site No.	Date*	Status
Minnequa Hospital	Pueblo			
Temple Emanuel	1325 N. Grand Ave., Pueblo	5PE.4202	1900	National Register
Edison School	900 E. Mesa, Pueblo	5PE539.7	1909	National Register
Vail Hotel (with Robert Willison and Montana Fallis)	217 S. Grand Ave, Pueblo	5PE.501	1910	National Register
Sacred Heart Cathedral (with Robert Willison and Montana Fallis)	1025 N. Grand Ave., Pueblo	5PE.1125	1912	National Register
Simon House	2304 N. Grand Ave., Pueblo			
Unnamed residence	417 West 8th St., Pueblo			

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

Information Sources

Kramer, Kerry Maria, and Kathleen Hudson, "Temple Emanuel," National Register of Historic Places registration form, August 3, 1995.

Munch, James F., and Ed J. Simonich, "Edison School," National Register of Historic Places inventory – nomination form, January 21, 1985.

Site Files Database, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Colorado Historical Society, Denver.

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