

Architect: Hewitt, Henry Harwood
Birth/Death Dates: 1874-c.1926
Practice Dates: 1900-c.1926
Firms: Western Electric Co. 1900-c.1907 (Chicago)
 Henry Harwood Hewitt 1907 (Denver)
 Tracy & Swartwout 1905? (New York – Denver)
 Biscoe and Hewitt (1908-1911 Denver)
 Henry Harwood Hewitt 1913-c.1926 (Los Angeles)

Biographical Information

A native of Bloomington, IL, Henry Harwood Hewitt graduated from the University of Chicago at the age of eighteen. He received his architectural training at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he graduated in 1899. Hewitt traveled extensively in Europe and obtained a diploma in 1900 from the Paris Ecole des Beaux Arts. Returning to the United States, he first worked as an architect for the Western Electric Company in Chicago. By 1907 Hewitt moved to Denver and established his own practice. Prior to this he may have been in the city to supervise the construction of St. John's Cathedral on behalf of the New York firm of Tracy and Swartwout (Maurice Biscoe is also credited with the supervisory position). In 1908, Hewitt entered into a partnership with Maurice Biscoe.

During its short duration, Biscoe and Hewitt designed the Brecht Candy Company, the Wood-Morris-Bonfils House, and the nine-building campus of Clayton College for Boys. The partnership dissolved in about 1911 and by 1913 Hewitt reestablished his practice in Los Angeles. He specialized in school design but also completed a number of residential commissions. He died in Los Angeles.

Credited Buildings (partial list)

Building Name	Location	Site No.	Date*	Status
St. John's Episcopal Cathedral (supervising architect – also credited to Maurice Biscoe)	1313 Clarkson St. Denver	5DV171	1905-11	National Register
Brecht Candy Co. (Biscoe & Hewitt)	1333 Wazee St. Denver	5DV482	1909	Local District
Wood-Morris-Bonfils House (Biscoe & Hewitt)	707 Washington St. Denver	5DV179	1909-11	National Register
Clayton School for Boys 9 buildings (Biscoe & Hewitt)	3801 Martin Luther King Blvd., Denver	5DV310	1911	NR pending
Ringold House (Biscoe & Hewitt)	100 Humboldt St. Denver		1910	NR District
Kassler-Dunklee House (Biscoe & Hewitt)	727 Washington St. Denver	5DV2115	c. 1910	
Hugh Alexander House	199 Lafayette St. Denver		1912	

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

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