

Architect: Mills, Patrick P.
Birth/Death Dates: ? -1933
Practice Dates: ?

Biographical Information

Patrick P. Mills was probably the first architect to open an office in Pueblo. He came to Pueblo in 1880 from Wooster, Mass.. *Pueblo Colorado Its Resources and Developments*, published by the *Pueblo Daily Chieftain* in ca. 1890, states that P.P. Mills, "skill and judgment rank him with the best architects in the state." Though he designed a number of residential and commercial buildings in Pueblo, Mills specialized in large public structures. His commissions included the women's wing of the State Hospital, the Pueblo County Jail, and St. Mary's Hospital.

The J.L. Streit House was built in 1888 by the Dundee Investment Company who commissioned Mills to design their first seven model homes in the Dundee Place subdivision.¹ The Streit House, with its octagon tower was one of the first three models built. The *Pueblo Chieftain* described them as, "models for architectural designs, completeness in arrangements, and modern conveniences."² The 18-square block Dundee Place was a planned community of fine homes predicted to, "rival Denver's Broadway Street in Grandeur."³ Dundee Place was advertised as, "The best residence portion of Pueblo...remote from the fumes and smoke of the smelters and furnaces."⁴ The community was one of the first subdivisions in Pueblo to institute protective covenants requiring such things as a minimum building cost for residences and forbidding the planting of cottonwood trees, "which turn the ladys' dresses black dresses white."⁵

1. *Pueblo Chieftain*, May 24, 1888
2. *Pueblo Chieftain*, October 10, 1888
3. *Pueblo Chieftain*, May 18, 1888
4. *Pueblo Chieftain*, May 27, 1888
5. *Pueblo Chieftain*, June 5, 1888

Credited Buildings

| Building Name | Location | Site No. | Date | Assessment |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|------------------------|
| J.L. Streit House | 2201 N. Grand Ave., Pueblo | 5EP526.60 | 1888 | National Register |
| Barndollar-Gann House | 1906 Court St., Pueblo | 5PE525.4 | 1889 | National Register |
| T.G. McCarthy House | 817 N. Grand Ave, Pueblo | 5PE513.30 | 1888 | Delisted Demolished |
| Grome House | 19 Carlile Pl., Pueblo | 5PE534.11 | c. 1890 | |
| Our Lady of the Seven Dolors at Walsenburg | 121 E. 7th St., Walsenburg | 5HF604 | 1892 | |
| Unnamed House | 2007 Greenwood, Pueblo | 5PE526.83 | c. 1900 | |
| State Hospital, Women's Wing | Pueblo | | | Demolished |
| Pueblo County Jail | Pueblo | | | Demolished |
| St. Mary's Hospital Pueblo | Pueblo | | | Demolished |

Information Sources

Barndollar-Gann House, National Register nomination, 5PE525.4

T.G. McCarthy House, National Register nomination, 5PE513.30

J.L. Streit House, National Register nomination, 5PE526.60.

Pueblo Daily Chieftain

May 17, 1888

May 18, 1888

May 24, 1888

May 27, 1888

June 5, 1888

June 26, 1888

July 15, 1888

October 30, 1888

November 20, 1888

November 23, 1888

November 25, 1888

December 5, 1888

April 2, 1933

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