

**Architect:** Roe, George W.  
**Birth/Death Dates:** 1850 – ?  
**Practice Dates:** 1881 – ca. 1925  
**Firms:** George W. Roe  
 Roe & McGrath

### Biographical Information

George Washington Roe was born in 1850 in Jefferson County, Ohio. He attended Hopedale College and in 1874, he went to Pittsburgh to study architecture. He remained in Pittsburgh until April 1881, when he arrived in Denver, where he stayed for only a few days before moving on to Cañon City. He worked in Cañon City at his profession until the spring of 1889, when he relocated to Pueblo. Colorado state business directories document his migrations. The first listing for Roe in the business directory appeared in 1888, where he is described as an architect and superintendent in Cañon City. The following year a “Roe & McGrath” are listed in Cañon City. The 1890 directory finds Roe conducting business on Santa Fe Avenue in Pueblo. He had a lengthy career with numerous offices throughout the city of Pueblo. The last entry for the architect can be found in the 1925 business directory. Roe became a prominent Pueblo architect executing many commissions for the leading citizens, as well as for the city and county. Among his Pueblo and vicinity works are the 1902 First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which is listed in the National Register, Centennial School, Stimpson Block, Riverside School, the Exchange Block, Fountain School, Bergeman Block, Carlile School, Sommerlid School, William Strait Building, and the Bessemer City Hall. He also designed the Pitkin Place residences in Pueblo and the University Theater in Boulder.

### Credited Buildings (partial list)

Building Name	Location	Site No.	Date*	Status
First Methodist Episcopal Church, South	400 Broadway, Pueblo	5PE.503	1902	National Register
South Cañon High School	1020 park Ave. Cañon City	5FN.1564	1920	National Register
Pitkin Place	302-326 W. Pitkin Ave., Pueblo	5PE.490	1892-94	National Register historic district
Holmes Hardware Company	400 S. Union Ave., Pueblo	5PE.612.25	1915	National Register historic district
William Strait Block	121-125 W. B St., Pueblo	5PE.612.40	1890	National Register historic district

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

### **Information Sources**

Munch, James, "First Methodist Episcopal Church, South," National Register of Historic Places inventory – nomination form, December 12, 1978.

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

Walker, Becky, "South Cañon High School," National Register of Historic Places registration form, June 2005.

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