

**COLORADO ARCHITECTS
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Architect: Bettcher, George Louis

Birth/Death Dates: 1862-1952

Practice Dates: 1895 - 1948

Firms:

Biographical Information

George Louis Bettcher was born and educated in Jersey City, New Jersey. He came to Denver in 1895 and opened what would be a successful architectural firm designing commercial and residential buildings. He is known for designing several houses in the Denver County Club neighborhood, as well as the Denver Turnverein at 1570 Clarkson and the Rossonian Hotel at 2650 Welton Street, both in Denver. The 1912 Rossonian Hotel, a Romanesque Revival building originally named the Baxter Hotel, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1995. The Mediterranean Revival style Turnverein building was constructed in 1921 and is listed in the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties. He also designed Denver's Stedman School and many residences in the Park Hill, Capitol Hill, and Chessman neighborhoods.

Bettcher's son, George F., joined the practice in 1915 and the duo worked together until World War II when the younger partner joined the US Army Corps of Engineers. George Louis retired in 1948 and died four years later.

Credited Buildings

| Building Name | Location | Site No. | Date | Assessment |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------|------|----------------------|
| Alta Court | 1300-1326 E. Colfax Ave. Denver | 5DV2614 | 1901 | |
| William Schaefer House | 2417 Franklin St. Denver | 5DV8270 | 1901 | |
| First National Bank of Douglas County | 300 Wilcox St. Castle Rock | 5DA661 | 1904 | National Register |
| Pearl Apartments (New facade installed in 1931 as Helene Apartments) | 1062 Pearl St. Denver | 5DV5249 | 1904 | National Register |
| Henry Van Schaack House | 145 Lafayette St. Denver | 5DV167 | 1911 | County Club HD |
| Mary Livingston House | 2820 Vallejo St. Denver | 5DV1478 | 1911 | |
| Renatta Van Schaack House | 167 Lafayette St. Denver | 5DV167 | 1912 | County Club HD |
| Rossonian Hotel (Baxter Hotel) | 2650 Welton St. Denver | 5DV65 | 1912 | National Register |
| Unnamed House | 424 Emerson St. Denver | 5DV6672 | 1912 | |

**COLORADO ARCHITECTS
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

| | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------|------|-------------------|
| Coronado Building (Denver Turnverein) | 1570 Clarkson St. Denver | 5DV39 | 1921 | State Register |
| Cohen House | 181 High St. Denver | 5DV167 | 1923 | County Club HD |
| Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority House | 909 14 th St. Boulder | 5BL3286 | 1928 | |
| Stedman School | 2940 Dexter St. Denver | | | |
| | | | | |

Information Sources

Denver Building Permits, Western History and Genealogy Department, Denver Public Library.

Lehr, Jerry and Boyd Baker. "Denver Turnverein," Colorado State Register of Historic Properties Nomination Form, August 1994.

Lyons, Nancy. "Rossonian Hotel," National Register of Historic Places Registration Form, August 12, 1994.

Noel, Thomas J. and Barbara S. Norgren. *Denver: the City Beautiful and its Architects, 1893-1941*. Denver: Historic Denver, Inc., 1987.

Oberlin, Starr. "First National Bank of Douglas County," National Register of Historic Places Registration Form, October 26, 1994.

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

Widmann, Nancy. "Helene Apartment Building," National Register of Historic Places Registration Form, August 27, 1997.

Revised: August 12, 2002