

Architect: Edbrooke, Frank E.
Birth/Death Dates: 1840-1921
Practice Dates: 1871-1915

Biographical Information

Frank E. Edbrooke was born November 17, 1840 in Lake County , Illinois. One of nine children, Edbrooke attended Chicago public schools and later served in the Civil War. Edbrooke's exposure to architecture began when his English-born father, Robert J. Edbrooke, rebuilt many of the structures after the infamous 1871 Chicago fire. After seven years of work in Chicago, Edbrooke designed depots and hotels for the Union Pacific Railroad.

Edbrooke came to Denver in 1879 to supervise the construction of the Tabor Block at 16th and Larimer Streets and the Tabor Grand Opera House at 16th and Curtis Streets for his architect brother, Willoughby Edbrooke. Although there is some uncertainty as to what exactly each Edbrooke is responsible for in the design and construction of the Tabor buildings, there is no misunderstanding that both buildings became Denver's first notable pieces of architecture.

After completing the Tabor buildings, Edbrooke remained in Denver to begin a very successful career as the city's premier architect. Designing everything from commercial, institutional and domestic architecture, Edbrooke introduced new styles and techniques to Denver. His work ranges from the Romanesque style Brown Palace to his own Queen Anne inspired residence at 931 East 17th.

Edbrooke became a founding member of the Colorado AIA and the final architect for the Colorado State Capitol. He retired in 1915 and died in Glendale, California, May 21, 1921. He is buried at Fairmount Cemetery in a mausoleum he designed for himself.

Credited Buildings

Building Name	Location	Site No.	Date	Assessment
Tabor Grand Opera House (Designed by Willoughby Edbrooke, construction supervised by Frank Edbrooke)	16th & Curtis St., Denver		1879-80	Demolished
Tabor Block (Designed by Willoughby Edbrooke, construction supervised by Frank Edbrooke)	16th & Larimer St., Denver		1879-80	Demolished
Brinker Collegiate Institute (Old Navarre)	1725-27 Tremont Pl., Denver	5DV124	1880	National Register
Whittier Elementary School	2008 Pine St., Boulder	5BL1113	1882	
Markam Hotel (speculation on Edbrooke involvement)	1654 Lawrence St., Denver		1882	Demolished
First Baptist Church	1747 Stout St., Denver		1883	Demolished

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Chamber of Commerce Building	14th & Lawrence St., Denver		1884-85	Demolished
Joslin Dry Goods Co. Building	934 16 th St., Denver	5DV1913	1887	National Register
Unity Temple	19 th & Broadway, Denver		1887	Demolished
Essex Building	1617 Lawrence St., Denver		1887	Demolished
George W. Skinner House	1492 Race St., Denver		1888	Demolished
Denver Dry Goods Company Building	16th & California St., Denver	5DV135	1888-89	National Register
Ouray County Courthouse	4th St. & 6th Ave., Ouray	5OR585.22	1888	National Register
M.J. Cranmer House	925 E. 17th St., Denver	5DV3545	1888	Swallow Hill HD
Frank Edbrooke House	931 E. 17th St., Denver	5DV2730	1889	Swallow Hill HD
E.W. Merritt House	941 E. 17th St., Denver	5DV3178	1889	Swallow Hill HD
Masonic Temple Building	1614 Welton St., Denver	5DV136	1889	National Register
Whitehead-Peabody House	1128 Grant St., Denver	5DV6954	1889	Local Landmark
Ernest and Cranmer Building	Denver		1889-90	Demolished
McPhee Block	17th & Glenarm St., Denver		c. 1889	Demolished
George C. Schleier House	1665 Grant St., Denver	5DV138	c. 1889	National Register
Frank C. Young House	244 W. Colfax Ave., Denver		c.1889	Demolished
Metropole Hotel (Cosmopolitan Hotel)	18th & Broadway, Denver		1890	Demolished
People's National Savings Bank	16th & Lawrence St., Denver		1890	Demolished
Benjamin. F. Woodward House	1530 Sherman St., Denver	5DV161.3	1889	Civic Center HD
Oxford Hotel	1612 17th St., Denver	5DV47.62	1889-90	National Register
Shorthorn Building	2257 Larimer St., Denver	5DV148	1889-90	Demolished
Stores Equipment Company (Studebaker Bldg. addition)	1431 15th St., Denver	5DV47.75	1889	Lower Downtown Certified HD
Central Presbyterian Church	1660 Sherman St., Denver	5DV112	1889-92	National Register
Clark House	55 Bannock St., Denver	5DV51	1890	Baker HD

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Van Sickle/Ball House	919 Newport St., Denver		1890	
Philo D. Grommon (Grommors?) House	1625 Downing St., Denver	5DV2880	1890	Swallow Hill HD
Unnamed House	1555 Vine St., Denver		1890	Wyman Local HD
Alfred Butters House	1129 Pennsylvania St., Denver	5DV664	1890	National Register
Albert Hotel (Kaiserhoff Hotel, Kenmark Hotel)	532 17 th St., Denver	5DV1731	1890	Demolished
Burlington Hotel	2205 Larimer St., Denver	5DV3311	1891	National Register
Loretto Heights Academy	3001 S. Federal Blvd., Denver	5DV162	1890-91	National Register
Brown Palace Hotel	17 th & Tremont Pl., Denver	5DV110	1889-92	National Register
Catholic School for Boys	Logan Ave., Denver		c. 1890	Demolished
Bernard Duplex	1719 Emerson St., Denver	5DV2543	1892	
Club Building	1725-1739 Arapahoe St., Denver		1892	Demolished
California Building	17 th & California St., Denver		1892	Demolished
West Denver High School	12 th St. & 5 th Ave., Denver		1893	Demolished
Majestic Building	209 16 th St., Denver		1894	Demolished
Cooper Building	17 th & Curtis St., Denver		1895	Demolished
Denver Dry Goods Company Building (first addition)	16 th and California St., Denver	5DV135	1898	National Register
Studebaker Building (remodel)	1425 15 th St., Denver	5DV47.57	1900	Lower Downtown Certified HD
Denver Dry Goods Co. Warehouse	1201-09 Wazee St., Denver	5DV1005.4	1901-02	
Temple Court Building	650 15 th St., Denver	5DV1907	1901	Demolished
Watkins Building	1513 Wazee St., Denver	5DV47.162	1901	Lower Downtown Certified HD
Temple Emanuel (rebuilt after 1897 fire; original 1882 building designed by Willoughby Edbrooke)	2400 Curtis St., Denver	5DV144	1902	National Register
Unnamed House	1358 High St., Denver		1903	Wyman Local HD
Reynolds House	1600 Pennsylvania St., Denver	5DV2570	1904	

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Office, Riverside Cemetery	5201 Brighton Blvd., Commerce City	5AM125	1904	National Register
John W. Prout House (Edbrooke Foursquares)	2511 W. 32nd. Ave., Denver	5DV85.4	1905-06	Potter Highlands HD
John W. Prout House (Edbrooke Foursquares)	2501 W. 32nd. Ave., Denver	5DV85.4	1905-06	Potter Highlands HD
John W. Prout House (Edbrooke Foursquares)	2519 W. 32nd. Ave., Denver	5DV85.4	1905-06	Potter Highlands HD
John W. Prout House (Edbrooke Foursquares)	2525 W. 32nd. Ave., Denver	5DV85.4	1905-06	Potter Highlands HD
Denver Dry Goods Company Building (second addition)	16th and California St., Denver	5DV135	1906	National Register
Longmont Farmers & Milling Co. (A small part of this building is incorporated into the Pride of the Rockies Flour Mill 5DV1940)	2100 20th St., Denver		1906	
Empire Building	420-436 16th St., Denver	5DV504	1906-07	Demolished
Hendrie and Bolthoff Warehouse	1743 Wazee St., Denver	5DV47.169	1907	National Register
Steamboat Springs Depot	39265 Routt Cty. Rd. #33B, Steamboat Springs	5RT73	1909	National Register
Gas and Electric Building (Edbrooke and Co., design attributed to Harry Edbrooke)	910 15th St.. Denver	5DV137	1908-10	National Register
Hayden, Dickinson & Feldhauser Building (2 story addition)	1609-15 California St., Denver	5DV497	1909	Downtown Denver Local Historic District
Toltec Hotel	126-28 N. Commercial, Trinidad	5LA.2179.3	1910-11	Corazon de Trinidad HD
Spratlen-Anderson Building (6th floor addition)	1450 Wynkoop, Denver	5DV47.45	1911	National Register
Gateway Arch, City Park	17th Ave., Denver	5DV50	1911-12	City Park HD
Colorado State Museum Building	14th Ave. & Sherman St., Denver	5DV161	1915	Civic Center HD
Undated Buildings				
Robert Cary House	1801 Williams St., Denver			
James E. Rhodes House	1010 Pennsylvania St., Denver			Demolished
W.A. Hover House	1507 Lafayette St., Denver			Demolished

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