

**COLORADO ARCHITECTS
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Architect: MacLaren, Thomas
Birth/Death Dates: 1863 - 1928
Practice Dates: 1889 - 1928

Firms:

Thomas MacLaren, Architect (1894-1905)
MacLaren and Thomas (1906-1917)
MacLaren and Hetherington (1918-1924)
Thomas MacLaren, Architect (1925-1928)
MacLaren and Barber

Biographical Information

Thomas MacLaren was born in Scotland, on February 19, 1863. He received his education at the Royal Academy of London and South Kensington School of Art at Edinburgh. For health reasons, MacLaren moved to Colorado Springs in 1894. His architectural work spanned 34 years during which he worked on his own as well as with several associates. These included Charles E. Thomas, T.P. Barber, and Thomas D. Hetherington. He died on December 4, 1928, after an operation for stomach ulcers. MacLaren left his estate, valued at \$75,000, to the University of Colorado with the expressed hope that it would lead to the establishment of an architectural department.

MacLaren was a classically trained architect who was a master at traditional European forms, designing buildings in the Classical, Gothic, or Italian Renaissance mode. He was also influenced by the Mission architecture of California. MacLaren designed many residences, particularly in the Colorado Springs and Manitou Springs areas. While in partnership with Charles Thomas, he designed Claremont (National Register listed) in Colorado Springs. This spacious residence is a scaled-down version of the Grand Trianon at Versailles. Churches, schools, libraries and other public buildings formed a substantial part of MacLaren's portfolio. He designed churches in La Junta, Boulder, and Colorado Springs, as well as the Christ Episcopal Church in Cañon City (National Register listed). His Carnegie-funded library projects include buildings in Colorado Springs, Salida, Manitou Springs (with Charles Thomas), and Boulder (all National Register listed). In addition to the 1901 Ivywild School in Colorado Springs, MacLaren designed a significant number of school buildings late in his career, including: St. Mary's High School in Colorado Springs; Manitou High School in Manitou Springs; Colorado Springs' North, West, and South junior high schools; the Inez Johnson Lewis School in Monument (National Register listed); and Holy Rosary School in Denver.

Credited Buildings

Building Name	Location	Site No.	Date	Assessment
Everhart Building	17-31 E. Bijou St., Colorado Springs	5EP653	1897	
Broadmoor Casino	Lake Ave., Colorado Springs	5EP3183	1898	
William P. Greenwood House	10 E. Columbia St., Colorado Springs	5EP333.360	c.1899- 1902	North End HD
Vance House	1816 Wood Ave., Colorado Springs	5EP333.673	1900	North End HD

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Ivywild School	1626 S. Tejon St., Colorado Springs	5EP448	1901	
Steele School	Del Norte St. & Weber St., Colorado Springs		1901	Demolished in 1972
John Long House	1508 Wood Ave., Colorado Springs	5EP333.642	1901? (1916 according to the assessor records)	North End HD
Louis A. Giddings House	1404 N. Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs	5EP333.248	1901	North End HD
Watts House	1801 Culebra Ave., Colorado Springs	5EP333	1901? (1911 according to the assessor records)	North End HD
Christ Episcopal Church	802 Harrison Ave., Cañon City	5FN1194	1902	National Register
Colorado Springs City Hall (with Thomas Barber)	107 Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs	5EP652	1903	
Unnamed House	1910-1912 N. Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs	5EP333.150	1904	North End HD
W.T. Little House	903 Macon, Cañon City		1905	
G. Rockefeller House	100 Block Main St., Cañon City		1905	Demolished
J.F. Marr House	100 Block Main St., Cañon City		1906	Demolished
First Congregational Church	1128 Pine St., Boulder	5BL572	1908	Boulder Local Landmark
Cragmor Sanatorium	1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Colorado Springs	5EP2706	1914	National Register
MacLaren and Thomas (1906-1917)				
Claremont/Trianon (Baldwin House)	21 Broadmoor Ave., Colorado Springs	5EP186	1906	National Register
Carnegie Library	1125 Pine St., Boulder	5BL365	1906	National Register
Manitou Springs Post Office	727 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs	5EP530.104	1907	Manitou Springs HD
Orchard House, Chambers Ranch	3202 Chambers Way, Colorado Springs	5EP188	1907	National Register
Salida Public Library	405 E St., Salida	5CF346	1907-09	National Register
Masonic Temple	Colorado Springs		1908	
Modern Woodman of America Sanatorium	Colorado Springs		1909	
Ferguson Building (Opera House)	28½ N. Tejon St., Colorado Springs		1910	

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Manitou Springs Public Library	701 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs	5EP530.29	1910	Manitou Springs HD
Masonic Temple	509-513 Main St., Montrose	5MN1682	1911	
Bandstand Monument	Valley Park, Colorado Springs	5EP613.5	1911	
Asa T. Jones Hall, Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind	33 N. Institute St., Colorado Springs	5EP2740	1912	State Register
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Turkey Creek Ranch	Fort Carson, Colorado Springs	5EP836	1912	
Stratton Building	31½ S. Tejon St., Colorado Springs		1914	
Large Pavilion (Penrose Pavilion)	Monument Valley Park, Colorado Springs	5EP613.6	1914	
Dairymen's Quarters, Modern Woodman of America Sanatorium	Colorado Springs		1915	
Male Help Dormitory, Modern Woodman of America Sanatorium	Colorado Springs		1916	
El Pomar Chauffeur's Cottage	1661 Mesa Ave., Colorado Springs	5EP377	1916	National Register
Municipal Pool Bathhouse	Monument Valley Park, Colorado Springs	5EP613.7	1916	
Durango High School	201 E. 12 th St., Durango	5LP3443	1916	
United Brethren Church	Nevada & Vermijo St., Colorado Springs	5EP640	1917	
Unnamed House	4585 Hagerman Ave., Colorado Springs	5EP446	c.1920s	
MacLaren and Hetherington (1918-1924)				
(Many projects during this period are attributed only to MacLaren. Projects specifically attributed to the MacLaren and Hetherington partnership are indicated if known.)				
El Pomar Gardner's Cottage (MacLaren and Hetherington)	1661 Mesa Ave., Colorado Springs	5EP377	1917	National Register
El Pomar Gate Lodge (MacLaren and Hetherington)	1661 Mesa Ave., Colorado Springs	5EP377	1917	National Register
Ellwood McGuire House	1216 N. Cascade, Colorado Springs	5EP333.603	1918	North End HD
Pauline Chapel	2 Park Ave., Colorado Springs	5EP3182	1918	National Register
R.J. Reiss House	Broadmoor, Colorado Springs		1919	

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St. Mary's High School	Colorado Springs		1920	
Inez Johnson Lewis School (MacLaren and Hetherington)	146 Jefferson St., Monument	5EP1106	1920	National Register
Acacia Hotel (addition & possibly original construction)	104 E. Platte Ave., Colorado Springs	5EP724	1920	
G.W. Stewart House	Colorado Springs		1921	
Church of the Sacred Heart (MacLaren and Hetherington)	2026 W. Colorado Ave., Colorado Springs	5EP235.31	1921-22	
Van Picot House	1730 N. Cascade, Colorado Springs	5EP333.546	1922	North End HD
D.F. Law Mortuary	116 N. Nevada, Colorado Springs	5EP722	1922	
Glen Eyrie Carriage House	3820 N. 30th St., Colorado Springs	5EP189	1922	National Register
Manitou High School	Manitou Springs		1922	
Mrs. M.S. Dannevik House	Colorado Springs		1922	
Myron Stratton Home Dormitory	Hwy. 115 & S. Gate Rd., Colorado Springs	5EP453	1922	
W.W. Hite House	Colorado Springs		1922	
Colorado Springs City Auditorium (MacLaren and Hetherington with Charles E. Thomas)	231 E. Kiowa St., Colorado Springs	5EP628	1922	National Register
Colorado Springs High School Gymnasium (North Annex?)	Colorado Springs		1923	
Irene Morris House	Colorado Springs		1923	
Walter J. Radjord House	Colorado Springs		1923	
Claude B. Adams House	Colorado Springs		1924	
Robert Rhea House	Colorado Springs		1924	
North Junior High School	Colorado Springs		1924	
West Junior High School (MacLaren and Hetherington)	1920 W. Pikes Peak Ave., Colorado Springs	5EP235.81	1924	
South Junior High School (MacLaren and Hetherington)	807 S. Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs	5EP617.15	1924	
Cheyenne School (MacLaren and Hetherington)	El Paso County			
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Elks Lodge #507	901 E. 2nd Ave., Durango	5LP4601	1925	
Fire Station Number 1 (Central Fire Station)	27 S. Weber St., Colorado Springs	5EP629	1925	
St. Stephens Church (Grace Episcopal Church)	631 N. Tejon St., Colorado Springs	5EP350	1926	
John H. Potter House	Broadmoor, Colorado Springs		1926	

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American Legion Hut	Colorado Springs	5EP530.329	1927	Manitou Springs HD
Community Building	Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs		1927	
George A. Fowler House	Colorado Springs		1927	
Alden Manor	Colorado Springs		1928	
Exchange Bank Building	2-14 S. Tejon St., Colorado Springs	5EP728	1928	
First Flight Service Building	Colorado Springs		1928	
Holy Rosary School	4664 Pearl St., Denver	5DV349	1928	State Register
Ishbel MacLeish House	Colorado Springs		1928	
Knights of Columbus Building	25 W. Kiowa, Colorado Springs	5EP634	1928	
Colorado Springs Psychopathic Hospital	Colorado Springs			
Undated Buildings with Unknown Collaborators				
Thomas H. Powers Cottage	Colorado Springs			
Bath House for Manitou Mineral Water Co.	Manitou Springs			
Broadmoor Hotel, Colonial Wing	Colorado Springs			
B.P.O. Elks Club	Colorado Springs			
Friend's Church	Colorado Springs			
St. Andrews Episocal Church	La Junta			
St. Leander's Roman Catholic Church	Pueblo			
El Paso Club (addition)	30 Platte Ave., Colorado Springs	5EP621		
Bishop Randall Memorial Hospital	Lander, Wyoming			
Broadmoor Pavilion (alterations & additions)	Colorado Springs			

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