

**Architect:** Boal, Theodore Davis  
**Birth/Death Dates:** 1867-1938  
**Practice Dates:** 1891?-19??  
**Firms:** Lee and Boal  
 Boal & Harnois

### Biographical Information

Theodore D. Boal was born in 1867 in Iowa City, Iowa, the son of George Jack Boal and Malvina Amanda Buttles Boal. Boal's great-grandfather founded the town of Boalsburg, Penn and his parents were wealthy pioneer families. Boal's parents moved to Denver in 1874(?). Boal was sent to live with his uncle, Theodore M. Davis (an Egyptologist famous for his excavations in the Valley of the Kings) on Davis's 18 acre estate in Newport, Rhode Island, called the Reefs. Boal attended private schools and received a degree in architecture from Iowa State University in 1889. He then traveled extensively in Europe.

In 1891 Boal opened a practice with Charles Herbert Lee in Denver and the firm designed St. Peter's Episcopal at 126 West 2nd in Denver and the Lowell Elementary School in Colorado Springs that year. Boal appears to have spent most of his time touring Europe and the east coast, occasionally garnering commissions from the well-to-do circles in which he traveled, leaving most of the work to Lee. The firm dissolved bitterly in 1894. The same year Boal met and married Mathilde Denis de LaGarde, an aristocrat and descendant of Christopher Columbus. She and Boal lived in Tours de Chignon, France for the next four years with Boal spending his time lecturing to society and professional groups on architecture.

### Credited Buildings (partial list)

Building Name	Location	Site No.	Date*	Status
Lowell Elementary School (Lee & Boal)	831 S. Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs	5EP617.14	1891	State Register
St. Barnabas Episcopalian Church (Lee & Boal)	1280 Vine St., Denver	5DV722	1891	Wyman Local HD
Unnamed House (Lee & Boal)	2130 E. Colfax Ave., Denver		1892	Demolished
Ferguson-Gano House (Boal & Harnois)	722 E. 7th Ave., Denver	5DV657	1897	Denver Local Landmark
Unnamed House	1457 Vine St., Denver		1900	Demolished
Osgood Gamekeeper's Lodge	18679 CO Hwy. 133, Redstone	5PT556	1901	National Register
Grant-Humphreys Mansion (Boal & Harnois)	770 Pennsylvania, Denver	5DV194	1902	National Register
Osgood Castle (Redstone Historic District) (Boal & Harnois)	Along Crystal River, Hawk Creek to 226 Redstone Blvd., Redstone	5PT553	1903	National Register

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

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