

Architect: Frewen, Frank W. Jr.

Birth/Death Dates: 1887 - 1937

Practice Dates: 1913 - 1937

Firms:

Frank W. Frewen, Jr. 1912

Manning & Frewen, 1913 - 1916

Mountjoy, French & Frewen 1917 - 1919

Mountjoy & Frewen, 1920 - 1931

Frank Frewen, Architect, 1932 - 1935

Frewen & Morris, 1935 - 1937

Biographical Information

Frank Frewen was born in Denver on September 28, 1887 and attended Manual High School. He trained in architecture at the University of Colorado and entered the Denver office of Harry Manning, becoming a partner in 1913. He established his own practice in partnership with Frederick Mountjoy in 1916. Frewen is credited with some eighty buildings throughout Colorado and Wyoming. He is noted for his school building designs. In addition to high school buildings in Boulder, Idaho Springs and Englewood, he also designed buildings at Western State College in Gunnison. He was elected to the Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in 1921, and at the time of his death was serving as president. He was also a long time member and officer of the State Board of Architectural Examiners.

In 1934 he was selected to head the Denver office of the federal Home Owners Loan Corporation with a main office in Denver and branches in Pueblo, Grand Junction and Colorado Springs. The corporation offered federal mortgage loans to recondition and modernize homes while providing work for carpenters, masons, plumbers and others.

Frewen died suddenly of pneumonia in Denver on December 16, 1937.

Credited Buildings

Building Name	Location	Site No.	Date	Assessment
Manning & Frewen 1913 - 1916				
Courthouse Annex (Saguache Elementary School)	Christy Ave., between 6th & 7th, Saguache	5SH1393	1915	State Register
Mountjoy, French & Frewen 1917-1919				
Vroman School	14519 W. US Hwy. 50, Rocky Ford	5OT557	1918	
Haskin Elementary School	550 S. Broadway, Center		1919	
Mountjoy & Frewen 1920 - 1931				
Del Norte High School	Oak & 9th, Del Norte		c. 1919	
Cedaredge Consolidated School	360 N. Grand Mesa Dr., Cedaredge	5DT118	1920	State Register

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Cheyenne Wells Middle School	325 W. 4th North, Cheyenne Wells	5CH127	1921	
Monte Vista Armory	15 Washington St., Monte Vista	5RN484.6	1921	Monte Vista Downtown HD
Avalon Theater	645 Main St., Grand Junction	5ME7032	1922	
Holly Elementary School	Holly		1922	
Limon Elementary School	874 F St., Limon	5LN159	1923	
St. Ignacious Loyola Church	E. 23rd & York St., Denver	5DV7028	1923	National Register
Ebert Elementary School	410 Park Ave., Denver	5DV2083	1924	Denver Local Landmark
Blackstock-O'Leary Elementary School	225 N. Pine St., Gunnison		1926	
Bloedorn House	440 Sherman St., Fort Morgan	5MR476.2	1926	Sherman St. HD
Governor John C. Vivian House	1497 Orchard Dr., Golden	5JF473	1927	
Park Hill Elementary School (addition)	5050 E. 19th, Denver	5DV2084	1928	Denver Local Landmark
Central School	411 Clayton St., Brush	5MR470	1928	
Infirmary, State Soldiers and Sailors Home	3749 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista	5RN441.2	1928	State Register
Rocky Mountain Bank Note Company Building	1080 Delaware St., Denver	5DV5338	1929	National Register
Silver State Laundry (addition and alterations)	2441 Broadway, Denver	5DV4704	1929	
Fairmount Cemetery Communal Mausoleum	7204 E. Alameda Ave. Denver	5DV710	1930	
Gunnison Municipal Building	201 W. Virginia Ave., Gunnison	5GN1495.40	1931	State Register
Frewen & Morris 1935 - 1937				
Alma School addition State Register	59 E. Buckskin St., Alma	5PA871	1936	
St. Luke's Hospital Nurses' Residence	19th & Pennsylvania, Denver		1937	Demolished
Boulder High School (with Glen W. Huntington)	1604 Arapahoe, Boulder	5BL4675	1938	
J.V.K. Wagner Building/Veterinary Building	Colorado State University, Fort Collins	5LR2092	1939	State Register
Shepardson Building/Agriculture Building	Colorado State University, Fort Collins	5LR2093	1939	

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Undated Buildings				
Idaho Springs High School	Idaho Springs			
Englewood High School	Englewood			
Lutheran Sanitarium	Wheat Ridge			
Swedish National Sanitarium				
Penney's Department Store	Denver			
Gulldman Building	Denver			

Information Sources

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

Denver City Directories

Rocky Mountain Bank Note Company Building National Register Nomination, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Colorado Historical Society.

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"Frank Frewen, Noted Denver Architect, Dies," Denver Post, December 16, 1937, p. 1.

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