



Architect: Groves, Eugene G.
Birth/Death Dates: 1882 - 1967
Practice Dates: 1914 - 1967 (Denver)
Firms: Eugene G. Groves, Architect
 Concreter Corporation

Biographical Information

Born in Dana, Indiana, Eugene G. Groves won a scholarship to Harvard. Poor health brought him to Denver in 1914. He maintained an active practice for five decades and was responsible for the design of numerous educational and civic facilities throughout Colorado. Groves developed a long-term association with Colorado State University where he was responsible for the design of numerous buildings and additions from the 1920s through 1950. He exhibited his design talent through a variety of architectural styles. For example, his 1927, Moderne style, Cañon City Municipal Building and his 1922, Italian Renaissance Revival, Ammons Hall, located on the Colorado State University campus in Fort Collins, are both listed in the National Register. His 1929, Colonial Revival, Lowell School, located in Grand Junction, is a contributing building within a National Register historic district.

Groves was recognized for his expertise in the use of poured, cast, and reinforced concrete, and Golden High School is an excellent example of his efforts. His 1925 Cañon City High School made use of a similar floor plan and construction methods, but is executed in the French Renaissance Revival style.

During the 1930s, Groves constructed several concrete houses in Denver using a building technique he patented. This system utilized precast concrete studs and beams supporting concrete slab floors and concrete stucco over wire mesh walls. Groves established the Concreter Corporation in 1936 to erect buildings using his system. In the case of at least one of the houses constructed, the Nordlund house at 330 Birch Street in Denver, even the kitchen cabinets, counters and breakfast nook seats are concrete. Groves used the same process for the Johnson's Corner gas station in Longmont.

Groves took advantage of design opportunities afforded by federal relief programs during the Great Depression. He completed plans for school, college and county courthouse buildings as part of Public Works Administration and Works Progress Administration projects.

Credited Buildings (partial list)

Building Name	Location	Site No.	Date*	Status
Running Track for Colo. Agricultural College	Colorado State University, Ft. Collins		1915	
I & M Building	223 Main St., Sterling	5LO152	1920	National Register
Ammons Hall	Colorado State University, Ft. Collins	5LR472	1922	National Register



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Mesa County Courthouse	544 Rood Ave., Grand Junction	5ME4164	1922	
Weber Building	Colorado State University, Ft. Collins	5LR2075	1922	
Cañon City High School	Main St., Cañon City	5FN1003	1924	
Golden High School	710 10th St., Golden	5JF653	1924	National Register
Field House/College Avenue Gym	Colorado State University, Ft. Collins	5LR2084	1924	
Administration Building	Colorado State University, Ft. Collins	5LR2089	1924	
Vocational Education/Soils Lab (addition)	Colorado State University, Ft. Collins	5LR1967	1924	State Register
Fairview School	2715 W. 11th Ave., Denver	5DV2097	1924	
Bethune School	145 W. 3 rd Ave., Bethune		1927	
Cañon City Municipal Building	612 Royal Gorge Blvd., Cañon City	5FN596	1927	National Register
Music Building	Colorado State University, Ft. Collins	5LR2076	1927	
Military Science Building	Colorado State University, Ft. Collins	5LR2094	1927	
Archuleta County Courthouse	San Juan & Pagosa Sts., Pagosa Springs	5AA745	1928	
First Christian Church	Lincoln, NE		1828	Extant in 2007
Lowell Elementary School	310 N. 7th St., Grand Junction	5ME4001.1	1929	North 7th St. HD
Grand Junction High School	624 N. 9th St., Grand Junction	5ME4153	1929	
L.L. Gibbons Building (addition)	Colorado State University, Ft. Collins	5LR1961	1929	State Register
Farmers State Bank	300 Main St., Fort Morgan	5MR411	1930	National Register
Coop Units, Botanical Lab	Colorado State University, Ft. Collins	5LR2082	1930	
Botany Greenhouses	Colorado State University, Ft. Collins	5LR2083	1930	
William M. Smith High School	10000 E. 13 th Ave. Aurora	5AH316	1931	Local Landmark
Evangelic Lutheran St. Paul's Church	300 Monmouth Ave. Amherst	5PL52	1931	State Register
Unnamed House	2340 Josephine, Denver		1932	
Unnamed House	2733 W. 41st St., Denver		1935	
Phillips County Courthouse (1)	221 S. Interocean Holyoke	5PL19	1936	National Register pending



Building Name	Location	Site No.	Date*	Status
Mitchell Elementary School (1)	700 12th St., Golden	5JF658	1936	Demolished
Morgan County Courthouse (1)	225 Ensign, Fort Morgan	5MR741	1936	National Register
Johnson Hall	Colorado State University, Ft. Collins	5LR2088	1936	
Forestry Building	Colorado State University, Ft. Collins	5LR2090	1937	State Register
Johnson's Corner/ South Longmont Service Station	250 S. Main St., Longmont	5BL.7609	1937	Recently relocated
Nordlund House	330 Birch St., Denver	5DV5245	1938	National Register
Akron Gymnasium (2)	W. 4 th Street and Custer Ave. , Akron	5WN198	1938	National Register pending
College Avenue Gym (addition)	Colorado State University, Ft. Collins	5LR2084	1938	
Student Union (addition)	Colorado State University, Ft. Collins	5LR2088	1938	
Library Building, Fort Lewis (1)	Hesperus		1938	
Otis Gymnasium	Otis		1941	Extant, altered
Braiden Hall	Colorado State University, Ft. Collins	5LR2085	1946	
Forestry Building (addition)	Colorado State University, Ft. Collins	5LR2090	1947	State Register
Student Services Building	Colorado State University, Ft. Collins	5LR2085	1948	
Intermountain Rural Electrification Association Building	2100 Littleton Blvd. Littleton		1949	
Administration Annex	Colorado State University, Ft. Collins	5LR2086	1950	
Eckley Gym and Auditorium Building	Eckley		1952	
Fort Morgan City Police Building	Fort Morgan			Police Building
(1) Buildings funded in part by the Depression-era Public Works Administration				
(2) Buildings constructed by the Depression-era Works Progress Administration				

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

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