



Architect: Theodore "Ted" Moore
Birth/Death Dates: 1921 - 2016
Practice Dates: 1949- 1967 (in Colorado)
Firms: Thomas Moore Associates
T. J. Moore Jr., Architect
Moore, Sink & Bush
Hugh Stubbins and Associates (Massachusetts)

Biographical Information

The following is pulled from the National Register Nomination for the 655 Broadway building (Heritage Consultants 2023)

Theodore J. Moore Jr. was born in Akron, Ohio, in 1921. Following his graduation from the Rhode Island School of Design, Moore served in the U.S. Army during World War II as part of the 10th Mountain Division. The 10th Mountain Division trained at Camp Hale in Leadville, Colorado, extensively training for winter and mountain warfare. The division later fought in northern Italy and Germany, with Moore receiving a Purple Heart. Following his service during World War II, Moore attended the Harvard Graduate School of Design, graduating in 1947. Like many other former members of the 10th Mountain Division, Moore returned to Colorado, "missing the mountains," as his obituary explained. Although Moore went on to establish a successful career in architecture, many of his platoonmates returned to Colorado and played a significant role in growing the popularity of skiing in Colorado and the United States.

In 1949, he moved west to Grand Junction, Colorado, where he worked in the office of Thomas Moore Associates (no relation). Thomas Moore was well known in Denver, having previously worked at the firm of Smith, Hegner, and Moore. Thomas Moore, who was the chief designer of the Denver Civic Center Classroom Building, was a close friend of Eero Saarinen while the two were students at Yale, and his exposure to the Modern Movement master played a significant role in his future building designs in Colorado.

Theodore Moore left the offices of Thomas Moore in 1954, opening his own firm, T. J. Moore, Jr. Architect, which he maintained until 1959. During that time, Theodore Moore was hired by three local real estate developers to construct a high-rise office building at 655 Broadway, outside the traditional downtown business district. Moore later partnered with other local architects to form the firm of Moore, Sink, and Bush. Among his principal works was the KOA-TV studio building at 1044 Lincoln Street in Denver. Constructed in 1959, the television studio was among the city's first purpose-built studio buildings; it was constructed in the Modern Movement, with elements of New Formalism. Moore won an award of merit from the Colorado chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) for this design. He continued to work in Colorado in the 1960s, winning additional awards for his construction of the C. A. Norgren Company factory (5AH.1810) in Littleton in 1965, as well as awards from the West Mountain Region of the AIA for his designs of the Control Data Building in Greenwood Village in



1966 and the University of Colorado Married Student Housing in 1967. Moore's design of the Control Data Corporation's office building is particularly relevant to the subject building. Prior to commissioning their own purpose-built regional headquarters in Greenwood Village's Denver Tech Center, the Control Data Corporation leased office space in the 655 Broadway Building. Despite awards for later designs, the 655 Broadway Building stands as perhaps Moore's most high-style and visually distinctive design. None of his attributed works in Colorado are yet listed on the National or State Registers, nor locally landmarked.

In 1967, Moore returned to Massachusetts, joining Hugh Stubbins & Associates in Cambridge. Stubbins was a well-known Modernist, having studied under Walter Gropius at Harvard and later employing I. M. Pei, Philip Johnson, and Paul Rudolph. Stubbins designed the 1977 Citicorp Center in New York and the 1991 Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in California. Moore eventually opened his own private in Westport and Fall River, in the southeast portion of the commonwealth. Moore remained in Massachusetts until his death in 2016.

Credited Buildings (partial list)

| Building Name | Location | Site No. | Date* | Status |
|---|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| 655 Broadway Building | 655 Broadway, Denver | 5DV.47251 | 1956-1957 | NR Listing in progress |
| KOA-TV studio building | 1044 Lincoln Street, Denver | | 1959 | |
| Wilkerson Corp. | 1200 West Mansfield Avenue, Englewood | | 1960 | |
| Park Hill Post Office | 3355 Hudson Street, Denver | | 1961 | |
| Hazen Research | 4601 Indiana Street, Golden | | 1961 | |
| Leetsdale Shopping Center | 600 S Holly Street, Denver | | 1962 | |
| Memorial Center (1964 expansion), University of Colorado | 1669 Euclid Avenue, Boulder | | 1964 | |
| Marine Court Apartments (Married Student Housing), University of Colorado | 1350 20th Street, Boulder | | 1965 | |
| C. A. Norgren Company factory | 5400 S Delaware Street, Littleton | 5AH.1810 | 1965 | |
| Control Data Building | 5276 DTC Parkway, | | 1966 | |



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| | Greenwood Village | | | |
| Hewlett-Packard Co., Loveland Division, Building B | 815 Fourteenth St SW, Loveland | | 1966 | |
| Hewlett-Packard Co., Colorado Springs Division, Building B | 1900 Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs | | 1967 | |

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

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