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The architectural style of this large residence is a rather flamboyant depiction of both Colonial and Italian Ren aissance elements. The house itself is symmetrical; but, links with a large garage, the servants quarters, and a sun deck. The balustrades which originate with the porches, reflect the architectural ornament edging the roof. The balustrades also serve as a unifying element tying the complex into a whole.

Construction is of buff colored masonry and terra cotta. The main portico is rimmed with large white columns measuring 20 inches in diameter and standing approximately 20 feet in height.

The position of the residence commands the crest of a hill. The approach is via a curving drive from the street. The site is across the street from the Cheesman-Boettcher Mansion, the Governor's Executive Residence.

It is interesting that the basement was originally constructed to house facilities for a small theater, a bowling alley, billiard room and ballroom. Later, during World War II, the ballroom was converted to serve the needs of the American Red Cross as a workroom.

The original builders of the mansion are unknown. The architects for the project were Boal and Harnois, a local firm. SEE INSTRUCTION

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The plan of the main house is rectangular in shape. On the west (front) side is a semi-circular portico with twenty foot high fluted Corinthian columns. The layout of the house is symetrical about a main hall on the ground floor. The total number of rooms is not known; but, there are known to exist six bedrooms.

The ornateness of the stone and terra cotta work of the mansion's facade is impressive and reflects the building's style, i e, Italian Renaissance. To be specific; the Corinthian capitols of the columns are classic revival, as are the the elaborate bracket and dentil ranges which run beneath the cornice. The balustrade is typical Italian Renaissance and acts as a unifying element as it encircles the house at the crowning cornice, porch, and ground levels.

The windows at the ground level have semi-circular, lites above the double hung windows. At the doorway, a functe shaped fifth rests above the main (west) entry. These semi-circular and lunate windows are also features found in the Colonial style; as is also the portico in front of the main door. The second story windows are also double hung but are framed with stone to present a rectangular form. Within the portico but above the main door is a small balcony/porch which is supported by large scroll brackets of stone. It, too, has a balustrade.

The corner of the house is turned, architecturally, by the use of pilasters resembling the Corinthian columns of the portico. This feature, plus the two oculus (ceil de boeuf) windows on either side of the main door, are baroque revival in character.

At roof level, there exists three dormer windows with arched framing. The two smaller windows flank either side of the larger, central dormer which is on the same axis as the main entry.



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The original owner of this large residence was James Benton Grant, an investor in the mining operations of Leadville and, later, the second Governor of Colorado. His wife, Mary Goodell Grant, was the daughter of the Governor of Illinois. Grant's term of office was 1882-1886. In addition to his political advancements, Grant was also the president of the Omaha and Grant Smelting Company, Leadville; an official of the Denver National Bank; and a co-founder of the Colorado Women's College.

The house was purchased by Albert Humphreys after James Grant's death in 1911. Humphreys was known for his large holdings in the mining fields of Minnesota and the oil regions of Texas and Wyoming.

Today, the house is owned by one of Humphreys' sons, Ira Boyd. The house has remained in fairly good condition and stands as a Denver landmark and as a monument to two prominent families of early Denver.

The mansion's proximity to the Governor's Mansion, the Cheesman-Boettcher residence, is not unfortunate because it gives the area a park-like setting. This setting should be further enhanced as the development of the Executive Mansion's grounds into a garden park proceeds.

James B. Grant occupied the house from the time of its completion (1902) until his death in 1911. Albert Humphreys then purchased the residence in 1917.

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