



Architect: Paroth, Frederick W.
Birth/Death Dates: 1860 - 1928
Practice Dates: ca. 1889 – ca. 1920
Firms:

Biographical Information

Frederick William Paroth received his architectural training in Germany, arriving in the United States in 1882 and settling in Denver in 1889 at age 29. Paroth lived up to the claim he placed on his letterhead—"Fred W. Paroth, Architect and Superintendent... Catholic Institutions a Specialty." His first documented project was the two story brick and stone St. Elizabeth's School in 1890 in Denver. In 1891, he was the architect and builder of St. Elizabeth's Monastery and in 1896 was credited as the "builder" of St. Elizabeth's Church in the Gothic Revival style with Romanesque influences. St. Elizabeth's Church and Monastery, on the Auraria campus in downtown Denver, is on the National Register of Historic Places and is also a designated Denver Landmark.



Annunciation Church

In 1893, Paroth designed and built the first St. Anthony's Hospital and he continued to work for the German order of Mount St. Francis Sisters as they added to their growing hospital complex in west Denver. His last documented project for the sisters was a two story convent in 1921 adjacent to the hospital. Paroth also designed the 1903 Sacred Heart Orphanage in Pueblo for the St. Francis Sisters.

The Denver Landmark Mt. Carmel Italian Catholic Church, built in 1899 in North Denver, is reported to be the idea of Pastor Mariano Lepore who "had a Mr. Parrot [sic] work out ideas and assist with the architectural designs and plans." In 1904, Paroth was the architect of record for Annunciation Church and Holy Family Church, Denver.

His 1928 obituaries reported other Denver projects—St. Clara's Orphanage, St. Rosa's Convent, warehouses and offices—and Colorado projects—Golden's St. Joseph's Church, Boulder's Church of the Sacred Heart (now demolished), and Pueblo's Sacred Heart Orphanage, as well as churches in Longmont, and "other towns near Denver." Paroth cited St. Clara's Orphanage and Volker & Co. Warehouse when he applied for his "A" license in 1910.

Bibliography by Nancy L. Widmann in Annunciation Church National Register of Historic Places nomination, 12/20/1989.



Credited Buildings (partial list)

Building Name	Location	Site No.	Date*	Status
St. Elizabeth's School	Denver		1890	
St. Elizabeth's Monastery	Denver		1891	
St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church	135 Pine St. Central City		1892	National Register Historic District
St. Anthony's Hospital	Denver		1893	
St. Elizabeth's Church	1062 St. Francis Way, Denver	5DV.128	1898	National Register
Mt. Carmel Italian Catholic Church	Denver		1899	
Sacred Heart Orphanage	2316 Sprague St. Pueblo	5PE.569	1903	National Register
Annunciation Church	3601 Humboldt St. Denver	5DV.3287	1904	National Register
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church	3549 Navajo St. Denver		1904	
Holy Family Church	Denver		1904	
St. Patrick's Catholic Church	1005 Reese St. Silverton		1905	National Register Historic District
Mt. St. Francis Sisters Convent	Denver		1921	
St. Clara's Orphanage	Denver			
St. Rosa's Convent	Denver			
St. Joseph's Church	Golden			
Church of the Sacred Heart	Boulder			Demolished

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

Information Sources

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