

Architect: Huddart, John James

Birth/Death Dates: 1856 - 1930

Practice Dates: 1882 - 1930

Biographical Information

John J. Huddart maintained an office in Denver from 1882 until his death in 1930. Born in Preston, Lancashire, England, August 25, 1856, he received his advanced education at Alston College, England, and graduated at the age of 19. He learned his profession in England serving his apprenticeship with J.C. Fill & Co. and with Hayward Tyler Engineering Co. Huddart traveled to South America and worked near Pernambuco, Brazil, where he designed a sugar refinery. He then emigrated to Jacksonville, Florida, and within a year proceeded to Denver. He served as chief draftsman in the offices of prominent Denver architect Frank Edbrooke from 1882 until 1887. In March, 1887, he established his own practice and during his career produced a large number of commissions. Among his prominent commercial structures in Denver are the Essex Building (1887, demolished); Bank Block (1889, demolished); the Gold Mining Stock Exchange (1896) in Cripple Creek; and the American National Bank Building (1901) in Leadville. Other noteworthy buildings credited to Huddart include the Creswell Mansion (1889, National Register listed); Kinneavy Terrace (1889-90); Carnegie Library in Monte Vista (1919, National Register listed); and the State Armory in Craig (1922, National Register listed). Huddart created a standard armory design in the early 1920s, which led to the construction of twelve such facilities across Colorado.

Huddart was particularly involved with public buildings and became well known as a courthouse architect, producing at least eight in Colorado as well as others in surrounding states. Huddart's courthouse design phase came primarily over a seven year period beginning in 1905 during which he produced plans for six Colorado courthouses. His first commission came in 1905 for the Adams County Courthouse in Brighton. Similarly projects quickly followed: Cheyenne County (1908, National Register listed); Washington County (1908-10); Logan County (1908-10, National Register listed); Summit County (1909); and Saguache County (1910, State Register listed). The last courthouse commission of this period came from Elbert County in 1912. Two final courthouse projects came to Huddart late in his career - Lincoln County (1923) and Custer County (1929).

Credited Buildings

Building Name	Location	Site No.	Date	Assessment
Essex Building (Frank E. Edbrooke also credited with design)	1617 Lawrence St., Denver		1887	Demolished
Bank Block	Denver		1889	Demolished
Creswell Mansion	1244 Grant St., Denver	5DV184	1889	National Register
Gilmore House	2401 Emerson St., Denver		1889	
Unnamed Terrace	2502-04 Clarkson St., Denver		1889	

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Unnamed House	1347 Williams St., Denver		1889	Demolished
Big Chief Bottling Co.	1539 Platte. St., Denver	5DV536	1889-90	
Kinneavy Terrace	2700 Stout St., Denver	5DV103	1889-90	Curtis Park HD
Athelston Apartments	Denver		1890	Demolished
Huddart Terrace	625 E. 16 th St., Denver		1890	Denver Local Landmark
Armstrong House (with Jacobson)	2707 Humboldt St., Denver	5DV6997	1890	
Gross Barney Supply (with Jackson? Jacobson?)	1612 Wazee St., Denver	5DV47.154	1890	Lower Downtown Certified HD
Cole Lydon House	2418 Stout St., Denver	5DV103.15	1890	Curtis Park HD
Swift Building	Pueblo		1890	
Unnamed House	1374 Race St., Denver		1890	Demolished
Unnamed House	1400 Gilpin St., Denver		1890	Wyman Local HD
Stanley School	1301 Quebec St., Denver		1891	
Kittredge Castle/Holland Hall	8 & 9 th Aves. And Olive and Oneida Sts		1891	Demolished
Horwitz Building (addition to 1891 building; rebuilt in 1892 following fire)	1630 Blake St., Denver	5DV47.25	1891	Lower Downtown Certified HD
Unnamed House	1259 York St., Denver		1891	Wyman Local HD
William L. Stevens House	Denver		1891	Demolished
McClair Apartments	Denver		1892	Demolished
Unnamed House	2149 High St., Denver	5DV2189	1892	
Unnamed House	1440 Vine St., Denver		1892	Demolished
E.W. Williams Mansion	1440 Williams St., Denver		1892-93	Wyman Local HD
Milheim House	1515 Race St., Denver	5DV4898	1893	Wyman Local HD
Charles M. Kittredge House	E. 8 th Ave. & Oneida St., Denver		1893	Demolished
Elks Lodge/Gold Mining Stock Exchange	373-379 E. Bennett Ave., Cripple Creek	5TL2.5	1896	Cripple Creek HD
American National Bank	Harrison Ave. & 5 th St., Leadville	5LK.40.24	1901	Leadville HD
Marion Harper House	256 Bannock St., Denver	5DV51.34	1902	Baker HD
Fire Station No. 15	1080 Clayton St., Denver	5DV5639	1903	Denver Local Landmark

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Hotel St. Regis	1540-44 Welton St., Denver	5DV502	1905	Demolished
Adams County Courthouse	22 S. 4 th Ave., Brighton	5AM92	1905-06	
Cheyenne County Courthouse	51 S. First St., Cheyenne Wells	5CH52	1908-09	National Register
St. Thomas Theological Seminary (De Andreis House) (consulting architect)	1300 S. Steele St., Denver	5DV729	1908	National Register
Washington County Courthouse	150 Ash Ave., Akron	5WN94	1908- 1910	State Register
Logan County Courthouse	315 Main St., Sterling	5LO35	1908- 1910	National Register
Summit County Courthouse	208 E. Lincoln, Breckenridge	5ST130	1909-10	Breckenridge HD
Saguache County Courthouse	504 Fourth St., Saguache	5SH1392	1910	State Register
Elbert County Courthouse	215 Commanche St., Kiowa	5EL199	1912	
Sterling City Hall	214 Poplar St., Sterling		1912	
Akron High School	Akron		1915	Demolished
Sargent Consolidated School District – Elementary School	Monte Vista vicinity	5RN689	1917	State Register
Filbeck Building	1527 Champa St., Denver	5DV489	1917	
Carnegie Library	120 Jefferson St., Monte Vista	5RN513	1919	National Register
Queen of Heaven Orphanage	4825 Federal Blvd., Denver		1920	Demolished
Sargent Consolidated School District – High School	Monte Vista vicinity	5RN689	1921	State Register
State Armory	300 Strong St., Brighton	5AM120	1921	
State Armory	363 Grand Ave., Delta	5DT440	1921	
State Armory (with Sidney Frazier)	614 8 th Ave., Greeley	5WL4108	1921	
Lincoln County Courthouse	718 Third St., Hugo		1923	Demolished
Edison Elementary School	3350 Quitman St., Denver	5DV635	1925	Denver Local Landmark
Crested Butte High School	5700 Maroon Ave., Crested Butte	5GN3207	1927	
Custer County Courthouse	205 S. 6 th St., Westcliffe		1929	
Fort Lupton Library	453 First St., Ft. Lupton		1929	

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Undated Buildings				
State Armory	Brush			
State Armory	Cañon City			
State Armory	Fort Collins			
State Armory	Fort Morgan			
State Armory	Fruita			
State Armory	Lamar			
State Armory	Manzanola			
State Armory	Pueblo			
Arcade Building	Denver			
Charles Boettcher House	1201 Grant St., Denver			Demolished
Paris Building	Denver			
Gus Holmes Building	Salt Lake City, UT			
Bank of Montrose	Montrose			
School Building	Englewood			
School Building	Durango			
Unknown Building	Colorado Springs			
Unknown Building	Grand Junction			
Unknown Building	Rico			

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