

HABS No. CO-172- BX

Fitzsimons General Hospital, X-Ray Film Storage Building  
(Fitzsimons General Hospital, Building No. 519)  
(Fitzsimons General Hospital, Inflammable Material Storage Building)  
East of Buildng No. 515, North of Building No 517  
Aurora  
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

FITZSIMONS GENERAL HOSPITAL, X-RAY FILM STORAGE BUILDING  
(FITZSIMONS GENERAL HOSPITAL, BUILDING NO. 519)  
(FITZSIMONS GENERAL HOSPITAL, INFLAMMABLE MATERIAL STORAGE BLDG.)

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For information on the history of Fitzsimons General Hospital, see HABS No. CO-172. For information on other structures at the Hospital, see HABS No. CO-172-A through CO-172-CI.

**Location:** Fitzsimons General Hospital, X-Ray Film Storage Building  
(Fitzsimons General Hospital, Building No. 519)  
(Fitzsimons General Hospital, Inflammable Material Storage Bldg.)  
Between Buildings 515 and 517 on East Bushnell Avenue  
Aurora  
Adams County  
Colorado

**Significance:** This building is significant for its association with the treatment of tuberculosis at Fitzsimons. The use of X-rays for diagnosis played a major role in the treatment program and this building is associated with that activity. The building is also representative of the style of architecture used during the first building period.

**Description:** This one-story, brick, east-facing, one-bay, rectangular storage building rests on a concrete foundation. The building measures 971 square feet. This structure has stuccoed walls. The front-gable roof has shaped parapets on the gable ends. The roof is covered with shingles. There is no fenestration on this building. Entrances are found on the east and west elevations. The low, enclosed, projecting entry bay on the east has a shaped parapet and a paneled wood and glazed door. The door on the west is also wood paneled and glazed.

**History:** Building 519 was constructed in 1931. One of the few constructed on the post during the 1930's, it served as a facility for X-ray film storage and was partitioned for storage purposes. This building is associated with the treatment of tuberculosis at Fitzsimons. The hospital was established in 1918 with a primary role of treating tuberculosis. The use of X-rays for diagnosis played a major role in the treatment program and this building was associated with that activity. The architectural style of the building is based upon that of the early buildings of

the post with its stuccoed walls, plain surfaces, and shaped parapets.

There have only been minor alterations to this building. These include new gutters and drain pipes. Currently the building is used for inflammable material storage.

Sources: Cultural Resources Study: Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Final Submittal, 15 August 1991, prepared by Front Range Research Associates, Inc., Denver

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Project Information: This building will be demolished to clear the site for two Military Construction, Army (MCA) projects. The first MCA project is the Central Energy Plant, which is needed to support the second MCA project, the New Hospital project.

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