

Architect: Fuller, Robert K.

Birth/Death Dates: 1886-1966

Practice Dates: 1908-1965

Firms: M.W. Fuller & Son 1908-1910

Roeschlaub & Son 1910-1914

Roeschlaub & Fuller 1914-1917

Robert Fuller, Architect 1917-1949

Fuller, Fuller & Fuller Architects-Engineers 1949-1965

Biographical Information

Robert Kenneth Fuller was one of Colorado's most respected architects, the son of Fort Collins pioneer architect Montezuma Fuller, and the father of widely respected architect Kenneth Fuller of Denver. Born in 1886, Robert Fuller grew up in Fort Collins and in 1906 graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering from Colorado A & M (now Colorado State University). After working with his father for a short time, he continued with his professional education, graduating in 1908 from Cornell University with a bachelor's degree in architecture. He returned to Fort Collins and joined his father's firm, then known as M.W. Fuller & Son, where he worked for two years before deciding to find his fortune in Denver.

Robert Fuller set his sights on working with prominent Denver architect Robert S. Roeschlaub. Roeschlaub was the founder of the Colorado chapter of the American Institute of Architects and was the most influential Denver architect during the late 1800s. Robert Fuller arrived at Roeschlaub & Son in 1910, and assumed the role of the firm's chief draftsman, a position he held until 1914. He immediately went to work on the design of the Greeley High School and the ornate Isis Theater in Denver. Fuller's early design experience coincided with the City Beautiful movement which emphasized public works projects designed to beautify Denver and elevate it from an overgrown mining supply town to a full-fledged cosmopolitan city. The senior Roeschlaub retired in 1912, leaving the firm to his son Frank, who elevated Robert Fuller to the position of partner in 1914 and renamed the firm Roeschlaub & Fuller.

Frank Roeschlaub left the firm several years later, and by 1917 Robert Fuller had gained enough of a reputation to change the name of the company to his own. Over the next 48 years, Robert Fuller designed numerous public buildings throughout the state. He is particularly noted for his courthouses in places such as Glenwood Springs, Steamboat Springs, Lamar and Hot Sulphur Springs, and for his school buildings in Berthoud, Boulder, Brighton, Carbondale, Denver, Littleton, Loveland and Meeker. Fuller also designed other public and private buildings such as the Boettcher Center at the University of Denver, the Grand Junction Public Library, the First National Bank Building in Greeley, the Rialto Theater in Loveland, and a dozen structures at the School of Mines in Golden. He is also remembered for his work as president of the Allied Architects Association, the organization responsible for the 1924-1934 design work on the Denver City and County Building. In 1949, Robert Fuller added his two sons to the firm and changed its name to Fuller, Fuller & Fuller Architects-Engineers. After a long and successful career, he retired in 1965 and passed away the following year.

Credited Buildings

Building Name	Location	Site No.	Date	Assessment
Hoverhome	1303 Hover Rd. Longmont	5BL555	1913	NR listed
Rialto Theater	Loveland	5LR1058	1920	NR listed
Grant Junior High School	Littleton	5AH174	1920	
Littleton High School	5776 S. Crocker St. Littleton		1920	
Routt County Courthouse	522 Lincoln Ave. Steamboat Springs	5RT236	1923	
Northside Intermediate School	2410 13 th Street Boulder	5BL5911	1923-24	
Oak Creek Middle School	305 S. Grant St., Oak Creek	5RT1622	1924	
Rio Blanco County High School	Meeker	5RB2667	1924	SR listed
Edison Elementary School	3350 Quitman St. Denver	5DV635	1925	
Brighton High School	830 E. Bridge Brighton	5AM580	1927	NR listed
Garfield County Courthouse	Glenwood Springs	5GF1049	1928	
Prowers County Courthouse	Lamar	5PW27	1929	NR listed
Kunner-Empson Company	2555-2557 Walnut St., Denver	5DV4722	1929	
Eaton High School	114 Park Ave. Eaton	5WL890	1929	SR listed
City and County Building	Denver	5DV5989	1932	NR Historic District
Administration Building, Littleton Public Schools	Littleton			
Grand County Courthouse	Hot Sulphur Springs			
Loveland High School	Loveland			
Boettcher Center	University of Denver Campus, Denver			
Boscow House	Vail			
Grand Junction Public Library	Grand Junction			
First National Bank Building	Greeley			

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