

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

ALWAYS NOT VERIFIED

"Eben Ezer, The History of 70 Years of Christian Mercy Work in Colorado" - published in 1978.

"Retrospective Musings of an Old Man." A comprehensive overview of the history of Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute 1904-1939. Published by Pastor Jens Madsen as continuing articles in his magazine, Una Sancta, May 1941-March 1945.

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1

QUADRANGLE NAME Brush West

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION located on the grounds of Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center in Brush, Colorado 610' from Hospital Road
376' from C.B. & Q Railway
210' from Edison Street

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
	NA		
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
	NA		

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Eva M. Guenzi

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Member, Board of Directors, Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center January 30, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Route 3

(303) 522-2697

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Sterling

Colorado

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL NA

STATE

LOCAL NA

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 3.27.82

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

William H. Adams
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 6.3.82

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1916-present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Baerresen Brothers, of Denver, CO.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The All Saints Church is significant as a unique statement of Danish influenced architecture and as an example of work by the Baerresen Brothers of Denver. It is also important for its historical association with the Danish Lutheran immigrants of the region and their Eben Ezer Care Center, which made a special contribution to the community of Brush, Colorado.

Most of the early Lutheran settlers in the vicinity of Brush were of rural Danish background. The Rev. Jens Madsen and his wife, Ane Marie Nielsen, also immigrants from Denmark, helped with the ministry of these people, creating a strong bond between them. In 1903 the Reverend and his wife, together with a group of interested friends organized and incorporated the Lutheran Deaconess Institute and Sanatorium Auxiliary. The sanatorium, known as Eben Ezer, was built near Brush for the purpose of carrying out mercy work in caring for consumptives. The Lutheran immigrants of the vicinity donated time, money and equipment for the building of the sanatorium as they later did for the erection of All Saints Church.

Pastor Madsen felt a strong need for the spiritual growth and education of the Deaconess Motherhouse and staff serving the sanatorium. His dreams came true with the dedication of the All Saints Church in 1918. It was his desire that the church he built in the style of the churches in Denmark, and he drew up preliminary plans with the aid of J.P. Trap's book on that country. The actual design of the building was left to the Denver architectural firm of the Baerresen Brothers, a natural choice since the brothers were also Danish immigrants.

The Baerresen Brothers, sons of a Danish maritime architect, were trained in Europe before emigrating to Denver. They became popular architects in their adopted city, known mostly for their successful interpretations of many styles. Designers of many types of buildings, Denver's El Jebel Shrine Temple, the Sheridan Building warehouse at 17th and Wynkoop, and the Alonzo Thomas residence in the Humboldt Street Historic District are examples of their work. The Reverend Madsen had very specific ideas for the design of his church. The Baerresen Brothers, who used many models for their buildings, would not have felt uncomfortable working with him. All Saints Church is the delightful result of the collaboration between the pastor and the architects.

Parts of the first Lutheran church in Brush, St. Ansgar Church, are included in the interior of All Saints. When St. Ansgar was torn down, the cornerstone and cross from the old church were built into the altar of the new church's side aisle.

An outstanding event for the community took place in the spring of 1939. Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Ingrid of Denmark, during a tour of the United States, visited the Sanatorium. Today Eben Ezer is no longer a facility for the treatment of tuberculars, but is still a care center, now for the elderly, crippled and helpless. All Saints Church is the only original building still standing on the grounds as a reminder of the founding of the Center.

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE NA

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

All Saints Church is located on the grounds of the Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center in Brush, Colorado. The plan of the church is a traditional basilica with side aisles. The exterior walls are wire cut brick laid in a stretcher bond pattern. The roof line is a steeply pitched gable with stone-capped stepped gable end walls. The main entrance of the building is off-centered on the long facade and is Gothic inspired with a compound arch and radiating voussoirs with a keystone. All the window openings are Gothic arches, including the seven clerestory windows. Several of the windows are filled with stained glass, and others have "art glass" (painted) windows done by the Von Gerichten Art Glass Company of Columbus, Ohio.

The interior of the church is simple but expressively designed. The nave is divided from the side aisles by a low brick wall capped with slabs of Del Norte Lava Stone. The wall separates the brick piers from which the pointed brick arches spring. The pulpit and lectern are part of the chancel wall and are brick capped with cut stone. The altar, which is three steps above the chancel floor is also of the same material. The altar rail is of metal. The pews are of solid oak. The sloped ceiling supported by exposed king post wooden trusses from which bronze electric lights are suspended by chains, completes the impression of Northern solidity and strength.

In 1922, six years after the church was built, a Chapter House in the same style was added to the east side of the building. A cloister walk, which is now enclosed with glass, was built on the north side in order to make the church accessible to patients. Although the original plans provided for it, the bell tower was not completed until 1951.

The church as desired by its builders is evocative of, without imitating, Danish church architecture. The outline of the structure is typical of a 13th Century Church of Denmark of the type connected with cloisters of hospitals. The materials used also correspond with the 13th Century church.

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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

All Saints Church of Eben Ezer

AND/OR COMMON

All Saints Lutheran Church

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

120 Hospital Road

NA NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Brush

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4

NA VICINITY OF

STATE

Colorado

CODE

08

COUNTY

Morgan

CODE

075

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

NA DISTRICT

X BUILDING(S)

NA STRUCTURE

NA SITE

NA OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

NA PUBLIC

X PRIVATE

NA BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

NA IN PROCESS

NA BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

X OCCUPIED

NA UNOCCUPIED

NA WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

NA YES: RESTRICTED

X YES: UNRESTRICTED

NA NO

PRESENT USE

NA AGRICULTURE

NA COMMERCIAL

NA EDUCATIONAL

NA ENTERTAINMENT

NA GOVERNMENT

NA INDUSTRIAL

NA MILITARY

NA MUSEUM

NA PARK

NA PRIVATE RESIDENCE

X RELIGIOUS

NA SCIENTIFIC

NA TRANSPORTATION

NA OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center

STREET & NUMBER

120 Hospital Road P. O. Box 344

CITY, TOWN

Brush

STATE

Colorado

NA VICINITY OF

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Morgan County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

NA

CITY, TOWN

Ft. Morgan

STATE

Colorado 80701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE

Ongoing

NA FEDERAL X STATE NA COUNTY NA LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Colorado Historical Society, 1300 Broadway

CITY, TOWN

Denver

STATE

Colorado 80203