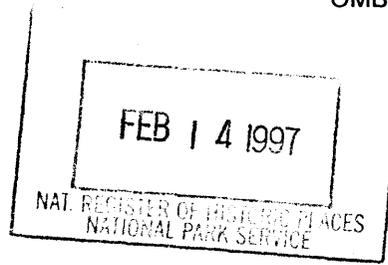


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determination for individual properties and districts. See instruction in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Golden High School

other names/site number Old Golden High, Golden Junior High School, 5JF653

2. Location

street & number 710 10th Street [N/A] not for publication

city or town Golden [N/A] vicinity

state Colorado code CO county Jefferson code 009059 zip code 80401

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally.
(See continuation sheet for additional comments [].)

James Edward Hartman
Signature of certifying official/Title

State Historic Preservation Officer

February 11, 1997
Date

State Historic Preservation Office, Colorado Historical Society
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.
(See continuation sheet for additional comments [].)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register
See continuation sheet [].
- determined eligible for the
National Register
See continuation sheet [].
- determined not eligible for the
National Register.
- removed from the
National Register
- other, explain
See continuation sheet [].

for
Signature of the Keeper Date
Edson H. Beall 3/14/97

Golden High School
Name of Property

Jefferson County/CO
County/State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not count previously listed resources.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing.
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register.

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Function
(Enter categories from instructions)

Education/school

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Social/clubhouse

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Beaux Arts

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete
walls Brick

roof Asphalt
other Terra Cotta

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria
(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations
(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographic References

Bibliography
(Cite the books, articles and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
- # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record
- # _____

Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Periods of Significance

1924

Significant Dates

1924

Significant Person(s)

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above).
N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Groves, Eugene G.

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other:

Name of repository:
American Alpine Club/Colorado Mountain Club; 710 10th St., Golden, CO 80401

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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[] See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title John W. Jenkins, Historian
organization Colorado Frontier Research date 8/16/96
street & number 303 Iowa Drive telephone 303-279-7319
city or town Golden state CO zip code 80403

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name American Alpine Club/Colorado Mountain Club
street & number 710 10th Street telephone 303-384-0110
city or town Golden state CO zip code 80401

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DESCRIPTION

The 1924 Golden High School, constructed in the Beaux Arts style, is located at the northern end of downtown Golden, on an elevated site, across from Parfet Park which was also established during the 1920s. Although Golden's streets are laid out at approximately thirty degrees west of true north, the building's main entrance is generally thought of as facing south, onto 10th Street. The building is in good condition and is sited so that its south facade and west elevation are highly visible from Washington Avenue, Golden's historic "Main Street." Although there were additions to the building during the 1950s and 1960s, the 1924 Golden High School retains a high degree of integrity in terms of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. In 1991, the City of Golden Historic Preservation Board placed the property in its Local Register of Historic Sites and Districts.

The original two-story, beige brick building has a raised basement and a "T" plan. The brick is laid in a 5:1 common bond. In general, classrooms filled the crossbar with a gymnasium and auditorium extending to the rear. Over the central portion, there is a low pitched red-tiled hipped roof. The balance of the roof is flat, surrounded by a low parapet, and covered with asphalt. A small box-like structure sits on the roof just behind the hipped portion, and a brick chimney protrudes through the roof at the rear.

On the original building, the raised basement walls are of poured concrete faced with coursed, rusticated ashlar. They are capped by a terra cotta tile water table. At the southwest corner, facing south, is the cornerstone which was laid in 1923. Doors are wood panel or metal. Heat vents were installed on the exterior walls, at each level, at an unknown date. The building's wood framed windows were restored in 1995.

On the south, the main facade is highly ornamented. There is a wide frieze with terra cotta panels of blue and white. The facade is divided into five bays separated by paired, engaged pilasters with Corinthian capitals supporting an entablature with panels topped by an elaborate crown with scrolls and cartouche. The three central bays project slightly. Above the entrance architrave is a group of five, 6/2 windows, surrounded with terra cotta trim. The group of windows is flanked by two terra cotta plaques; one representing the arts and the other representing the sciences. On the first floor, flanking the entrance, are single 6/2 windows also surrounded with terra cotta. Groups of 6/2 windows, set in flat arches, are symmetrically placed on both floors on either side of the central entry bay.

The basement windows are smaller 4 lights, and are in groups of 4 on each side of the entrance, with 3 at each end. A brick walled stairwell, with two-sided access under the entry stairs, led directly to the basement level. The basement level doors have been sealed.

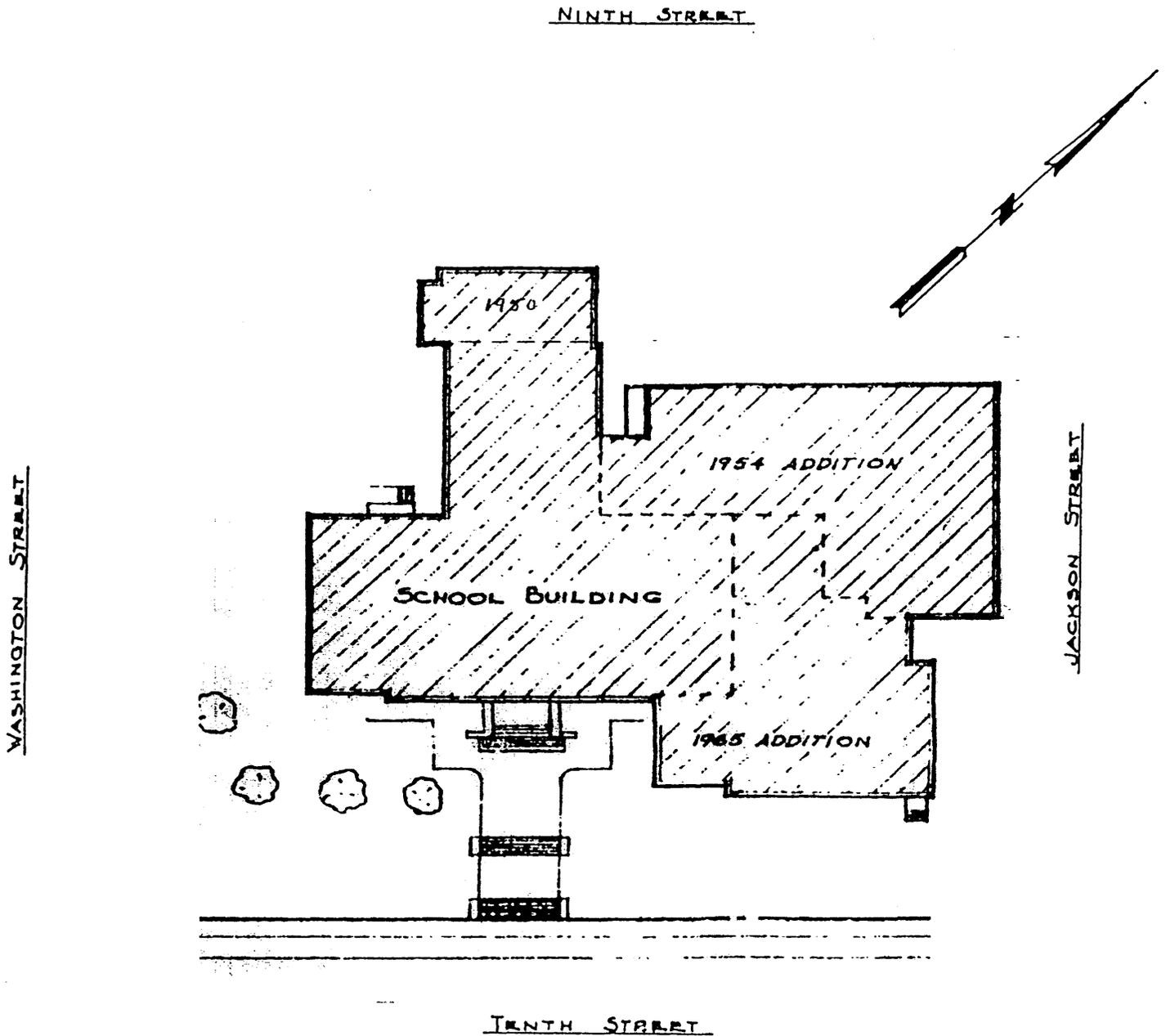
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The main entrance includes the greatest detail reflecting the Beaux Arts style. The entrance begins at street level with a grand stairway. There are three rises, and landings, before reaching the top. The stairway has brick sidewalls with colored terra cotta panels decorated with the Colorado state flower, the Columbine. On the top of the wall are large urns with sculpted fruit and floral swags. The recessed entrance is framed by engaged, fluted pilasters with Corinthian capitals and decorated entablature. Above the door, the frieze is decorated with blue vitruvian scroll ornamentation of ceramic tile. Dentils, and bead and reel, divide the flat arch of the entrance below and cornice above. The top of the cornice is decorated with a swan's neck on each side of a blue medallion. The steel door is divided by a central mullion. Above the door is a two-light transom.

On the east and west walls of the front portion of the building, there are groups of windows similar to those on the south facade. On the east, additions have obscured all but the windows on the second floor. On the west, along Washington Street, all three levels of the building are visible. A series of concrete steps, set in a concrete walkway, leads from the Washington Street sidewalk to a rear entrance. In the gymnasium/auditorium portion of the building, the windows have a center double-hung section, side lights and three transoms. The transoms open inward. At the basement level, the gymnasium window openings have been filled. On the east wall, there is a metal stairway that serves as a fire escape.

The auditorium occupies the first and second levels above the gymnasium. The floor of the auditorium is reinforced concrete that supports the large expanse of the auditorium and stage. There are no support columns underneath the floor.

On the interior, the auditorium remains much as constructed. The main entrance is through two double-wide wood doors located on the second floor. Most of the original wood seats, supported by ornate cast iron legs with the letters GHS, are still in place. When entering the auditorium the stage is seen at the north end. Each side is flanked by engaged Corinthian pilasters. Cast plaster Greek goddesses flank the pilasters on each side. The front of the stage has permanently installed risers along the front edge of the stage that were installed at an unknown date. Doors to the stage area are on the left and right sides of the stage. Above the stage is a cornice with medallion at the center. Curtains hang at the rear of the stage as a backdrop. Moveable curtains are in place at the front of the stage. Behind the stage is an addition which houses dressing rooms and offices. Along the south wall, midway between the entrance doors, is a projection room.

Other features of the interior include stairways with their original wrought iron railings, and recessed ceilings which have been covered by dropped ceiling panels to hide electrical wiring.

Description of Additions

A 1950, two-story addition, that includes an enclosed exterior stairwell to the west, is to the rear of the auditorium. It is of beige brick, laid in common bond. On the north, the addition has three groups of

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divided casement windows on both floors. The windows include a transom on top and hopper below. The asphalt roof is flat.

In 1954, an "L" shaped, beige brick addition added classroom space. It begins at the rear of the east side of the original building and extends east and north. It is one-story in height. The parapet surrounding the flat roof is capped with concrete. Toward the gymnasium, there is an entrance set back from the north wall with a wide steel door. On the east, an entrance accesses both the 1954 and 1965 additions.

There are two groups of seven casement windows on the east and north walls of this addition. These windows have top and bottom hoppers and two-light casements. A stone sill runs the entire length of the window groups, including the wall sections between. There is a stone drip course above the windows which wraps the entire length of the addition's north and east walls. A water table of brick surrounds the addition below the windows.

A 1965 addition was constructed as an auxiliary gymnasium, and while it is two stories in height, it does not extend above the first floor of the original 1924 building. This addition starts at the front southeast end of the original building, where its roof line reaches just above the bottom of the first floor windows. It extends to the south and east where it shares an entrance with the 1954 addition. Where exposed, the foundation is red brick, laid in 5:1 common bond that is topped by a stone water table. Above the water table, the brick is beige, laid in 5:1 common bond. There are no windows; the roof is flat and surrounded by a parapet capped with concrete.

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SIGNIFICANCE

Golden High School is significant under Criterion "C" as a well-executed Golden example of the Beaux Arts style. It is the only identified example of the style in Golden, and has been listed in the City of Golden's Local Register of Historic Sites and Districts. The original, 1924 building displays elements of the Beaux Arts through its low pitched, hipped roof; symmetrical facade; floral patterned, terra cotta ornamentation; engaged, double pilasters, with Corinthian columns; elaborate entrance; exposed, rusticated ashlar basement walls; and monumental entry stairway. The additions to the building were designed so that they do not detract from the original structure and are distinguishable from the original building. In particular, on the east end of the south facade, because of the way that the 1965 addition's roof line meets the original building, the historic view of the building along Washington Avenue is preserved.

The building is also a fine example of the work of noted Denver architect Eugene G. Groves (1882-1967). Born in Dana, Indiana, Groves won a scholarship to Harvard. Poor health brought him to Denver in 1914. He maintained an active practice for five decades and was responsible for the design of numerous educational and municipal facilities throughout Colorado. In Golden, he also designed the 1936, Art Deco style Mitchell Elementary school. Groves exhibited his design talent through a variety of architectural styles. For example, his 1927, Moderne style, Cañon City Municipal Building (5FN596) and his 1922, Italian Renaissance Revival, Ammons Hall (5LR472), located on the Colorado State University campus in Fort Collins, are list in the National Register. His 1929, Colonial Revival, Lowell School (5ME4001.1), located in Grand Junction, is a contributing building within a National Register District.

Groves was recognized for his expertise in the use of poured, cast, and reinforced concrete, and Golden High School is an excellent example of his efforts. His 1925, Cañon City High School made use of a similar floor plan and construction methods, but is executed in the French Renaissance Revival style. During the 1930s, Groves constructed several concrete houses in Denver. In at least one case at 330 Birch Street, even the kitchen cabinets, counters and breakfast nook seats are concrete. Groves had a long term association with Colorado State University where he was responsible for the design of numerous buildings and additions from the 1920s through 1950.

While it is unclear if Denver architect, Roland Linder (1893-1977) was directly involved with the construction of the 1924 Golden High School, he was on Groves' staff at the time of the school's construction. Subsequently, Linder was a partner in each of the firms that designed the additions to the building. Linder is credited with notable projects such as: the 1937, Loveland Community Building; the 1938, Fort Collins Library; the 1939, Denver Museum of Natural History Auditorium; and the 1948, wings of the museum.

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Historic Background

Beginning with the gold rushes of the late 1850s, many firsts for Colorado occurred in Golden. From 1860 to 1867, it was the first territorial capital. Some of the first trails, roads, and railroads to the rich mining regions to the west originated in Golden. The first school dedicated to the study of the science of mining, the Colorado School of Mines, was established in Golden, as well as an Industrial School to rehabilitate youthful offenders.

The first tuition supported grammar school in Jefferson County, and the second in the Territory, opened in Golden in 1860 with eighteen students instructed by Thomas Dougherty. Bell Dixon became the first public school teacher in September 1863, in a one-story brick school house at Washington and Third Avenue that became the Executive offices for Territorial Governor Alexander Cummings. A new school was built on 13th, east of Washington in 1866. South School was constructed in 1873 and also housed the high school grades. By 1878, population pressure required extra rooms be rented nearby. Completed in 1880, North School, north of Clear Creek, served 260 students in a building considered to be the best of schools up to that time in Colorado.

Almost as soon as classes began at North School it became apparent that overcrowding would overtake the facility, and a school devoted to the high school level would be needed. But, it was not until December 1921, that the citizens of Golden passed a bond issue for \$100,000 to construct a high school with an additional amount of \$30,000 passing in the fall of 1922. The rivalry which existed between the North and South schools intensified in 1923 as each vied to have the new building constructed near their school. North won out when the site of Guy Buckman's Eagle Corral and Feed Store was chosen.

The district purchased the site and hired Eugene G. Groves to design the school. The builders were Buckman and Axtell. Contracts called for completion by the beginning of the school term in the fall of 1923. Construction setbacks resulted in a delay until the winter term of 1924 before classes could begin. When the school was dedicated in March 1924, the Colorado Transcript proudly described it as ". . .the finest public school building in the entire country." The school was lauded for the permanence of its fireproof construction, convenience of its arrangement, completeness of equipment, and artistic finish. At the time of its completion, it was considered the "last word in high school construction" with its study hall and library, inset lockers, and a balcony in the gymnasium.

From 1924 to 1956, Golden High School served Golden, and the surrounding mountain communities, before being replaced by a new high school in south Golden. In 1956 the building became Golden Junior High until, in May 1988, the school was declared surplus by the Jefferson County Public Schools. The building remained vacant as local citizens attempted to save it from destruction. In 1993, after several years of negotiations, the building was acquired by the Colorado Mountain Club and American Alpine Club to serve as their headquarters.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary includes Lots 1 through 12 of Block 28, on the north side of Clear Creek in the City of Golden, Colorado.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the lots historically associated with the school building.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG:

The following information pertains to photographs 1 - 12:

Name of Property: Golden High School

Location: Golden, Jefferson County, Colorado

Photographer: John Jenkins, 303 Iowa Drive, Golden, CO 80403

Date of Photographs: July, 1996

Negatives: American Mountaineering Center, 710 Tenth St., Golden, CO 80401

1. View north, south facade, with 1965 gymnasium addition at lower right.
2. View north, south facade, main entrance grand stairway.
3. View north, south facade, details at main entrance.
4. View north, south facade, details at main entrance.
5. View north, south facade, urn at main entrance.
6. View east, west elevation, showing restored windows.
7. View southeast, with west elevation of auditorium at left.
8. View east, west elevation of auditorium, with 1950 addition at left.
9. View south, north elevation of 1950 auditorium addition.
10. View southwest, east and north elevations of 1954 addition.
11. View west, east elevation of 1965 gymnasium addition, with entrance at right.
12. View north, south elevation of 1965 gymnasium addition.

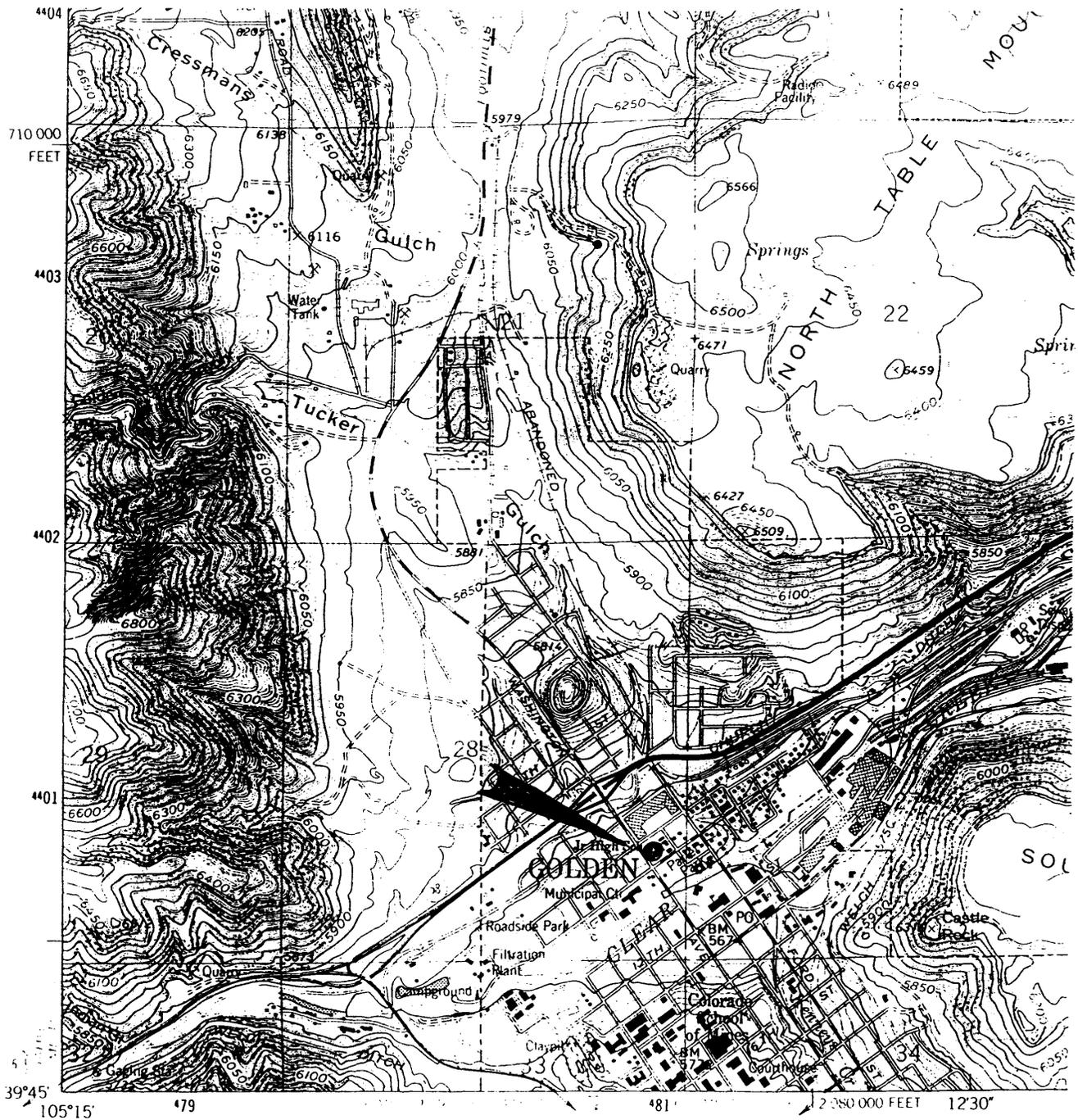
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USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP
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