Laramie 19\textsuperscript{th}-20\textsuperscript{th} Century Architecture: 

*Lessons from the Past*

Judy Knight, Collection Manager
Laramie Plains Museum
OBJECTIVES

• Identify works of architects, designers, builders; roles of each
• Summarize the built environment as society related to it
• Identify leaders in shaping spaces—creating wellbeing for public
• Structures as problem-solving spaces; constraints and/or components
• Aesthetics / Function: compatible?
• Architects/planners’ role in creating livable communities
Laramie, 1868: A Wide-open Wild Town With mobile housing—“Keystone” was in Cheyenne first--Thomas Magee breakfasted in Laramie tent, June, 1868 UPRR photo by Andrew J. Russell
POST RAILROAD FOLK
S. “A” (Ivinson) near 2nd St.
KUSTER HOTEL
104-110 S. “A”
CHARLES & ROWENA HUTTON HOUSE, 1872
Early Laramie Architects/Builders

1871: James Adams; Blackburn & Metcalfe
1876: Charles Klingerman; B.J. Bristol, Jno. Davis, L.W. Schroder

C. 1871  310 S. 10th Street
GOTHIC REVIVAL
Holt/ Knight/Chambers House
S. “B” & 10th St., 1871-1925
Turned c. 1925 by Prof. Sam Knight
CLASSIC REVIVAL—1873
Marsh House: 509 S. “A”
Albany County Courthouse
1930 (Hitchcock/Dubois)
LARAMIE, 1887
COLLEGIATE TUDOR/ITALIANATE
Old Main c. 1900
Fredrick Hale, Denver Architect
$50,000 in 1886
Tower removed, 1915—cracked
LARAMIE EXPANSION
1932, looking north—9th St.
Lower right, Laramie High
Left: East Side School, 1878
2018 Laramie Civic Center
3rd St. and Ivinson Ave., NW corner: 1905-1960 Laramie Post Office Beaux Arts Style
SPANISH ECLECTIC STYLE—A CLOSE CALL
Cooper House, 1921, UW 1988
Wilbur A. Hitchcock, Architect
1892 House Plan
Laramie Boomerang
Sept. 12, 1892
First showing bath
7 bedrooms
Above, Loveland, CO; Below: Laramie, 1035 Boswell Drive, both 2018
ART MODERNE STYLE
Left, 1415 Custer, 1940
Below, 1420 Grand, 1935
IMH: Wilbur Hitchcock, 1915
1936 & 1950 additions
2018 UW parking lot
Notable Laramie Architects 19th – 20th C.

Walter E. Ware 1861-1949

Wilbur Arthur Hitchcock 1886-1930

Gus Hollo 1905-1999

Eliot Hitchcock 1915-1996

Clinton Hitchcock 1919-2003

Peter R. Hanson 1926-1991
1892 Ivinson Mansion
603 Ivinson Ave.
1972, Laramie Plains Museum

Walter Ware
• Active in Laramie after 1888
• 1st architect admitted to AIA in Salt Lake City
Wilbur A. Hitchcock

- Civil Engineering UW, 1908
- Designed houses for professors while a student
- Married Gladys Corthell, 1914, she died in 1925
- Grad student at UW, MS at CU in Civil Engineering, 1916
- UW faculty and campus planner until 1922
- 1922-30 private practice, 206 Grand Ave.
- Remarried 1930, Verna Johanessen
- Died on honeymoon in Los Angeles, 11 days later, age 44
- Left over 578 plans, 454 at American Heritage Center, UW
McWhinnie Hall, UW Campus, 1920
1909 Bode House
200 S. 10th St.

c. 1920, Kappa Sigma House
Fraternity Mall, UW
Dr. Price Home, 1917
1117 Grand Ave.

Ivinson Home for Ladies, 1930
2301 Grand Avenue

NO GARAGES ON FAÇADE
Charles Gustav Hollo

- Sheridan, WY, youngest of 3 children
- Attended 3 colleges, graduated from none
- Married Frances Heathcote, English pianist in Paris
- 1927-1928, L’ecole d’Beaux Arts in Paris
- Apprenticed to City Engineer in Sheridan
- Became licensed Wyoming engineer
- Moved to Laramie in 1936, in private practice
- FHA in Casper after 1945
- Cheyenne, c. 1950, Morris Kemper his draftsman
- Chief of planning for US naval bases on Pacific Coast, 1950-1976

1942 Northen home
1722 Rainbow St.
1937 Hollo’s “Experimental” poured concrete home for Duncan Williams, Mgr. of Laramie’s Monolith Portland Cement Co. Sold in 1948 to Jim and June Boyle. 706 South 14th St.
1937 Hollo’s design for Frances and himself, “Upside down house” because kitchen and living room are on the top floor, bedrooms on first. 1610 Rainbow
Eliot & Clinton Hitchcock

- Oldest sons of W.A. Hitchcock
- UW Civil Engineering grads
- Eliot: MS Iowa State College
- Eliot: Apprenticed with Hollo
- Both: Army service in WWII
- Eliot practiced alone 1946+
- Hitchcock & Hitchcock 1948-1987
- Plans archived at UW AHC with their father’s

66 Corthell Rd., Duplex 1958
Peter Hanson

- North Platte NE native
- Cheyenne H.S. Graduate, 1944
- US Navy
- UW 1946-50, Civil Engineering
- Married Mary Louise 1951
- Worked for Hitchcocks 1951-1958
- Independent practice, 1958-1962
- UW faculty, Engineering 1962-1986

1883? Meldrum home
Remodeled 1920 by W.A. Hitchcock
Hanson home, c. 1958-present
701 (703) Ivinson Ave.
c. 1970 High Plains Stoves Building, 415 S. 5th St.

c. 1975 Lutheran Campus Center, 1309 Grand Ave.
c. 1958 Hanson’s Flittie House, now UW guesthouse
220 Corthell Road
CAPE COD ‘WHOLE HOUSE’ STYLE
1922 Fred “Bunk” Porter,
Cheyenne Architect
Thurman Arnold home, 318 S. 15th St.