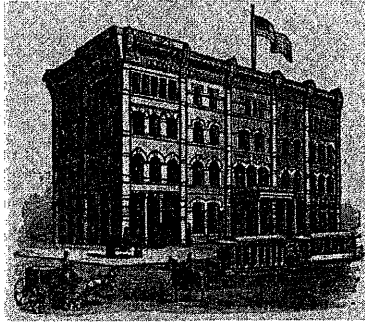


BARTH HOTEL / UNION WAREHOUSE
1514 17th Street
National Register 6/3/1982, 5DV.47.64



The Barth Hotel's Past

- Designed by F.C. Eberley, who also designed the Tivoli Student Union and The Mercantile on the Auraria Campus
- Built 1882, used as a warehouse for the Union Liquor Wholesale Company
- Converted to Union Hotel in late 1880's
- In 1892, *Illustrated Denver* noted the Union Hotel was an "elegant brick affair . . . with 100 rooms, all well lighted, perfectly ventilated, and furnished in the most elegant and most attractive manner."
- Renamed the Elk Hotel in 1905
- Irving Marcus bought Elk Hotel in 1926; lost it to foreclosure in 1929 ("Elk Hotel" inlaid in sidewalk in front of building)
- Bought by M. Allen Barth in 1930; renamed The Hotel Barth.
- Purchased by Senior Housing Options in 1980 for \$600,000 for use as single-room occupancy residence for seniors being displaced by downtown development and demolition of single-room hotels
- Added to Ntn. Registry of Historic Places in 1982.
- Extensive interior and safety renovations in 1983; building dedicated by Mayor Bill McNichols as an SRO-boarding house.
- The Hotel has original windows, pressed tin ceilings, oak mezzanine, & steel columns.
- In 2005 the Barth received 1.3 million dollar historic restoration of the windows and exterior.

Bringing History Into Use Today

- Licensed by the State of Colorado in 1987 as an assisted living residence.
- Currently The Barth is the permanent home to 62 people; all rooms are private and furnished; some have a bathroom and others share a bathroom.
- This historic building provides a safe, comfortable living space and caring supportive services to all who live there.

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