United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 McGregor Hall
other names/site number 5EP3481

2. Location
street & number 930 North Cascade Avenue [N/A] not for publication
city or town Colorado Springs [N/A] vicinity
state Colorado code CO county El Paso code 041 zip code 80903

3. State/Federal Agency Certification
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this [ x] 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 [ x] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [ ] nationally [ ] statewide [ x ] locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments [ ]).

Signature of certifying official/Title
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
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 [ ].
McGregor Hall
El Paso / Colorado
County/State

5. Classification

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Name of related multiple property listing. (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)
Historic Resources of Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register. N/A

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

[X] 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.

[X] 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.

Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions)
EDUCATION
ARCHITECTURE

Periods of Significance
1903-1949

Significant Dates
1903

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

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Architect/Builder
Douglas, Walter F. and Hetherington, T. Duncan (architects)
Harmer, J.B. (builder)

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

Name of repository:
Special Collections Archives, Colorado College Library

Primary location of additional data:

[ X ] State Historic Preservation Office

[ ] Other State Agency

[ ] Federal Agency

[ ] Local Government

[ ] University

[ X ] Other:

Name of repository:
Special Collections Archives, Colorado College Library
McGregor Hall

Name of Property

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property  Less than one acre

UTM References
(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

A. Zone 13  Easting 515040  Northing 4299800
B. Zone  Easting  Northing
C. Zone  Easting  Northing
D. Zone  Easting  Northing
[ ] 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

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organization  Front Range Research Associates, Inc.
date  27 August 1999
street & number  3635 W. 46th Ave.
telephone  (303) 477-7597

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  The Colorado College, c/o Office of the President
street & number  14 E. Cache La Poudre
telephone  (719) 389-6700

city or town  Colorado Springs  state  CO  zip code  80903

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McGregor Hall is a collegiate dormitory on the Colorado College campus which meets the registration requirements specified in the Multiple Property Documentation form "Historic Resources of Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado." McGregor Hall is associated with the growth of the college during the administration of President William F. Slocum during the early twentieth century, the expansion in the number of women enrolled at the college and the development of physical education programs for women during that era, and with the Woman’s Educational Society of Colorado College. The building is associated with the historic context "The Growth of Colorado College During President Slocum’s Administration and the Impact of Cripple Creek Prosperity, 1888-1917." The building is significant as representative of the Dutch Colonial Revival style adapted to collegiate buildings, and is also notable for its construction of Colorado sandstone and its design by the architectural firm of Douglas and Hetherington. The property type represented is Residential and Social Collegiate Buildings. The building exhibits a high degree of historic integrity and is in good condition.

McGregor Hall is located on the western edge of a small landscaped open space, historically known as the Women’s Quadrangle, around which women’s residential buildings were erected at Colorado College during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The 1891 Montgomery Hall lies across the quadrangle to the northeast, while the 1898 Ticknor Hall is situated to the east. Bemis Hall, a women’s dormitory erected in 1908, forms the southern boundary of the quadrangle. McGregor Hall is a massive, three-and-a-half-story, rectangular, red sandstone and dark brown frame building with raised basement level (Photograph 1). The building has a side gambrel roof with eave return and plain trim boards, a third-story shed roofed dormer on the front, a center front gable ornamented with shingles and stucco and half-timbering, and projecting eaves which shelter the lower stories on the front and rear. The basement level and first two stories of the building are composed of rock-faced, Greenlee red arkosic sandstone laid inrandom ashlar with protruding mortar, while the upper two stories are frame, with walls clad with coursed wood shingles. At the corners of the building are stone quoins, and the foundation is also stone. Windows have very wide stone lintels and narrower stone sills. The land behind the building drops away sharply, descending to the college athletic fields, and providing an unobstructed view of Pike’s Peak in the distance and the surrounding landscape below the bluff.

The basically symmetrical front (east) of the dormitory features a central, one-story hipped roof porch with wood column supports atop a solid stone balustrade (Photograph 1). Stone podia flank the stone steps leading to the wood porch floor. Facing the porch is a center entrance with a door with a light with diamond panes flanked by glazed sidelights. A stone plaque adjacent to the entrance is inscribed "McGregor Hall." The south side of the porch has stairs leading to a basement level entrance. Windows on either side of the porch are one-over-one-light double-hung...
sash, principally arranged in groups of two. Basement windows are aligned below those of the first story. A cornerstone at the northeast corner is inscribed "1903."

The second and third story windows of the front of the building are aligned with the first story windows. Above the porch on the second and third stories are three evenly spaced windows which are sheltered by the gable eaves. The face of the gable is ornamented with stucco and half-timbering and has a single double-hung sash window at the apex. On each side of the gable is a narrow eyebrow dormer. There is a small, center brick chimney north of the gable.

The symmetrical north wall has three evenly spaced double-hung sash windows on the first story (Photograph 2). There are two above-ground basement level windows (one is boarded up and one has a security grille). The second story has a center entrance with nonhistoric door facing a metal fire escape and flanked by double-hung sash windows. The gambrel face is clad with coursed shingles. The third story has a center entrance with flush panel door which faces the fire escape and is flanked by double-hung sash windows. The windows have frame surrounds with lintels with drip caps. Near the apex of the gambrel is a door with rectangular light and adjacent to a double-hung sash window with shared lintel with drip cap which faces the fire escape.

The rear (west) of the building has a center entrance to the basement level sheltered by a hipped roof porch which has column supports atop a stone base and a modern metal balustrade (Photograph 3). A stairway leads to a modern metal door. The fenestration of the rear wall lacks symmetry. Above-ground basement level windows on either side of the porch are aligned with windows of the upper stories and are two-over-two-light double-hung sash. The first and second stories of the building have stepped windows above the porch. The seven bays of the rear wall are divided into groups of two windows and single windows. A shed roofed dormer projects above the second story, which is broken by a central through-the-cornice window. The third story is frame, clad with wood shingles, and has one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with wood surrounds. The windows of the third story are aligned with those of the second. A series of five shed roof, shingled dormers on the west roof slope have double-hung sash windows (Photograph 4). Toward the north end of the building is a large dormer with a central section which projects further forward than its flanking sections.

The south wall of the building is almost identical to the north, with the exception of the basement level windows which are rectangular two-over-two-light double-hung sash (Photograph 5). In addition, the door and window at the apex of the gable share a plain wood surround. A stone wall extends from the southeast corner of the building.
Alterations

Doors have been added at the gambrel apexes on the north and south, and modern fire escapes have replaced those originally included on the building. Doors facing the fire escapes are modern, as is the front door to the hall. Some basement level windows on the west are covered with plywood or security grilles. Some windows of the third story on the west have security bars on the lower sashes. At an unknown date, the roof of the porch was extended to the north and south (possibly to shelter a basement entrance on the south). The wall outside the building at the southeast corner is an addition. The interior of the building has been extensively altered.

The front (east) and south sides of McGregor Hall is shown in this undated historic photograph (view northwest). SOURCE: Special Collections and Archives, The Colorado College Library.
McGregor Hall, El Paso County, Colorado
(Historic Resources of Colorado College MPS)

McGregor Hall is significant under Criterion A, for its association with the growth of Colorado College during the administration of President William F. Slocum. The building is also significant for its association with the history of residential housing on the campus, having been erected as the college’s third women’s dormitory in 1903. Not only does the building represent the growth in the number of women students at the college during the early twentieth century, it is also associated with the development of programs relating to the education of women. As well as providing a residence for women, the building housed the first women’s athletic facility on the campus and was the location of the women’s physical education department after its completion. The building is further significant for its association with the Woman’s Educational Society, a Colorado College organization founded to assist women students. The Society provided guidance in the design and construction of the dormitory and raised funds for its interior decoration and furnishing.

The building is also significant under Criterion C, for its architecture, which represents early twentieth century collegiate dormitory design with Dutch Colonial Revival style elements. The building’s stone and shingled walls, eyebrow dormers, stucco and half-timbering, evenly spaced windows, and porch with column supports were elements found in varied combinations on the other residential buildings of the college and were influenced by residential architecture of the late Victorian era and by the other campus buildings. McGregor Hall is a significant element of the designed landscape of the campus, serving as the western boundary of the open space historically known as the “Women’s Quadrangle. The building is notable for its construction of Colorado Springs red sandstone. The building is also significant as representative of the work of the Colorado Springs architectural firm of Douglas and Hetherington, which designed two other women’s residences at Colorado College (Montgomery and Ticknor), as well as local public buildings and houses of numerous prominent citizens of Colorado Springs. Montgomery Hall, completed in 1891, was designed by Walter Douglas and constructed of the same Castle Rock ignimbrite as the college’s first building, Cutler Hall. In contrast, Ticknor Hall’s design featured Manitou Springs red and green dolostone, stucco, and half-timbering. Douglas and Hetherington were among the leading architects in the city during the early twentieth century. The Period of Significance for the building, 1903-1949, begins with the date of completion of the dormitory and extends through the historic period of its use by the college. The year 1949 was selected as the closing date for the Period of Significance because the building’s use by the college continues today, and no more specific date appropriately ends the historic period.

Colorado College erected two residential halls for women during the 1890s, Montgomery (1891) and Ticknor (1898). In the early 1900s, the number of women students attending the college increased steadily, taxing the institution’s existing housing facilities. The west wing of the nearby
Plaza Hotel (then referred to as "South Hall") and nearby private residences were rented to provide additional space. In 1902, Facts reported that "on every side the College is pressed for room." When the lease on the hotel wing expired, the college decided to erect a third women's dormitory, with the understanding that room rental fees could be used to help pay for the project. The use of college funds for the construction was viewed as an investment. In launching the endeavor, President William Slocum requested that the institution's Woman's Educational Society provide suggestions and support for the development plan.¹

The Woman's Educational Society had been founded at Colorado College in April 1889 under the leadership of Mrs. William Slocum to provide "physical, intellectual, and spiritual aid to young women" students. The first project the group undertook was to raise funds for the construction of the first women's residence hall on the campus, Montgomery Hall. The organization also obtained donations for the furnishing and decoration of Ticknor Hall, and was involved in the planning and design of that building. After hearing President Slocum's appeal for support, the group decided to solicit funds for the furnishing and decoration of the new building. The Society also provided guidance in the design and construction of the building, insuring that it had a home-like atmosphere appropriate for young women.²

The site of the new building was west of Montgomery and Ticknor halls, and its erection established the western boundary of the open space which came to be known as the "Women's Quadrangle." The location was described as "high land overlooking the College park with an unbroken view to [the] west and south of [the] Pike's Peak range and Cheyenne mountain." The three-story building was erected of Greenlee red arkosic sandstone from the Red Rock Canyon Quarry near Colorado Springs. J.B. Harmer was hired to build the new women's dormitory at a cost of about $23,000. Subcontractors included Frazer and Richardson, who performed the masonry on the building, and St. John and Barnes, who handled the plumbing and heating.³

The Colorado Springs firm of Douglas & Hetherington, who also worked on Montgomery and Ticknor halls, were the architects. Walter F. Douglas and T. Duncan Hetherington established one of the most prominent partnerships in the city. Both men received their architectural training in Scotland. Hetherington came to the United States at the age of twenty-three and settled in

²Reid, 39 and 49; Robert D. Loevy, Colorado College: A Place of Learning, 1874-1999 (Colorado Springs: The Colorado College, 1999), 100. The group continued to support the college in subsequent years, through such projects as the purchase and equipping of a building to serve as a student health center, establishing a women's scholarship program, and raising funds for the remodeling of college facilities.
³Colorado Springs Gazette, 24 March 1903, 5; Colorado College, Tutt Library, Special Collections and Archives, Clipping Files, McGregor Hall; Bruce M. Loeffler, Professor of Geology, to Elaine Freed, 14 October 1996.
Chicago before moving to Colorado for his health. He was chief assistant to architect Robert Roeschlaub for several years in Denver. Hetherington moved to Colorado Springs and became associated with Douglas in 1896. Douglas came to the United States in 1898, and lived in Florida and Denver before moving to Colorado Springs in 1888. The partnership of Douglas and Hetherington designed "many of the principal buildings in Colorado Springs," including several buildings at Colorado College, the Country Club, and several Broadmoor cottages. The firm designed the Unitarian Church, the Ute Park Hotel, the Odd Fellows Hall, and the McIntyre and Barnett Block. The partners were described as "prominent among the architects of the city who have contributed their genius and skill to beautifying the garden spot of Colorado." Following the departure of Douglas in 1914, Hetherington established a partnership with Thomas McLaren.4

Construction of the dormitory began in the spring of 1903, and the building was ready to be occupied when classes resumed in the fall. The Peachblow sandstone cornerstone of the building was laid at the northeast corner on 4 April 1903, with an attendant ceremony organized by the Woman’s Educational Society. The simple cornerstone laying services included a short speech by President Slocum and a hymn sung by the student body. Ministers from the First Baptist Church and the First Congregational Church led prayers.5

The building was named in honor of Marion McGregor Noyes, a popular member of the Colorado College faculty who had previously worked at Wellesley College. Miss Noyes served as President Slocum’s assistant in the Philosophy Department from 1891-1897, and also taught Latin. She had obtained several major contributions for the construction of the new building.6

The design of McGregor Hall reflected President Slocum’s strong support of the athletic program at Colorado College. The basement of the building contained a women’s gymnasium, the first athletic facility designed exclusively for women on the campus. The office of the women’s director of physical education was also in the building. The landscaping of the adjacent Women’s Quadrangle also reflected the increased emphasis on athletics: tennis courts were erected in the open space bounded on three sides by women’s residence halls.7

The building harmonized with the existing women’s residence halls in its stone construction,

5Colorado Springs Gazette, 24 March 1903, 5; and 4 April 1903, 5.
6Loey, 87.
7Loey, 87 and 100.
symmetrical composition with central porch, evenly spaced windows, wood shingles, and stucco and half-timber ornament. However, the massive rectilinear composition belied the building’s status as an institutional facility. The first floor included a parlor, an apartment for the mistress of the house, and a few sleeping rooms. The upper two stories included the remainder of the bedrooms, which totalled sixty. The building was occupied originally by junior and freshman women. No provision was made for kitchen or dining facilities; occupants took their meals in the other halls. When the dormitory opened, it was described as "a building of most attractive design."  

Like many other educational institutions, Colorado College suffered declining enrollments and reduced income during the early 1930s. When the number of women enrolled at the college dropped precipitously in 1933, McGregor Hall was closed. The college was able to reopen the building the following year. In the 1940s, the building accommodated forty-five women, as well as housing the women’s gymnasium. In its later years, McGregor was converted to a men’s dormitory, which is its present function.  

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Boundary Description

The nominated property consists of the perimeter (footprint) of the building plus fifteen feet on all sides, in Section 7 (SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4/ of the NW 1/4), Township 14 South, Range 66 West, Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property encompasses the entire extent of the building and excludes other buildings.
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### Photographic Index

The location and camera direction of photographic views are indicated on the Sketch Map. Information that is the same for all photographs:

- **Name of the Property:** McGregor Hall, Colorado College  
- **City and State:** Colorado Springs, Colorado  
- **Photographer:** Thomas H. Simmons  
- **Date:** May 1999  
- **Location of Original Negatives:**  
  Colorado College  
  14 E. Cache La Poudre  
  Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903

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