

FORT LOGAN WALKING TOUR

1 Parade Ground The 32-acre Parade Ground was laid out in 1888 by Captain Lafayette E. Campbell, the first Quartermaster. There were no trees in the immediate area, and small saplings were planted after the first buildings were erected. Originally the Parade Ground was irrigated by flooding; the diagonal ridge across the field was a cinder path, separating two sections of the land for watering. Today it is used for soccer fields and other outdoor activities.

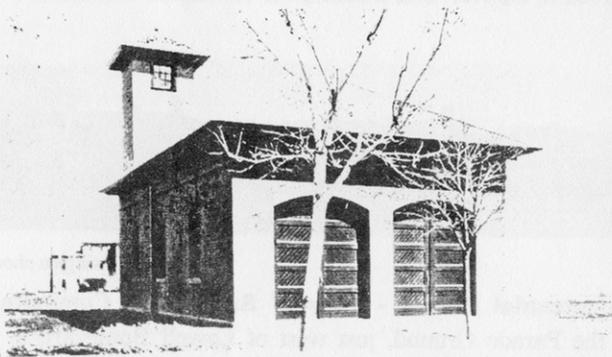
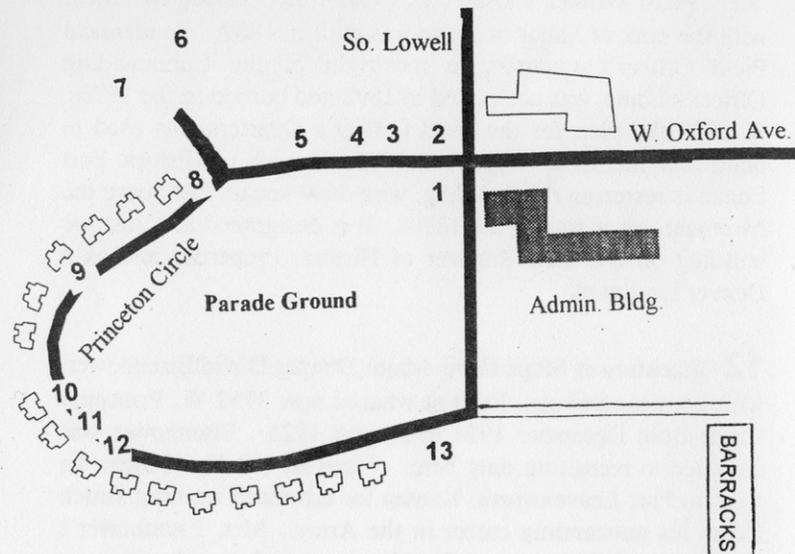


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2 Administration Building The Administration Building was completed in 1889, and was used until the post closed in 1946. The building was demolished in the 1970s. All that remains is the semicircle drive, which was in front (east side).

3 Flagpole Although no records are available regarding the cost and date of construction, the 110-foot high flagpole is the original pole, similar to those installed at other military posts of the period. With lights for nighttime visibility, the American and Colorado flags fly 24 hours a day.

4 Guard House (3685 W. Oxford Ave.) The original Guard House, used as a jail for soldiers, was built in 1889. After a fire in 1893m the building was repaired and an additional large room was added on the right. The Work Therapy program of the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan now uses it. The open porch has been enclosed to offices for the work activities.



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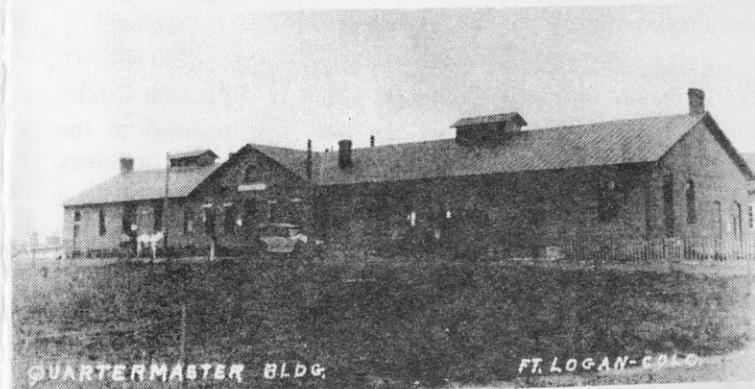
5 Fire House (3785 W. Oxford Ave.) Another 1889 structure, the Fire House originally had two big doors on the front for entrance and exit of the hand-pulled or horse-drawn fire fighting equipment. In the 1940s, a larger fire station was built, but it was torn down after the present hospital opened, to make room for new construction. This old fire house is now used for the Work Therapy Service.

Proceed on Oxford Avenue as it turns to the right, and pass the sign indicating no outlet ahead. Go to the gate posts where the Walking Tour numbers are posted. Buildings #6 and #7 are to the left.



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6 Commissary The red brick building to the left of the roadway is the Commissary, which was the "supermarket" for servicemen and their dependents. First build in 1889, it was extended at a later date. A spur of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad went past the Commissary, with a platform to unload merchandise at the building.



7 Quartermaster and Supply Building This is another 1889 structure, used by the Quartermaster Department. Inside in the supply area was an elevator, operated by a rope over a pulley, to take supplies to the basement or up to the first floor. At the left end of the building was a scale to weigh wagons or trucks. It is now a shop for the maintenance department.

Now return to the corner by the Officers' Quarters, #8, across from the Parade Ground.



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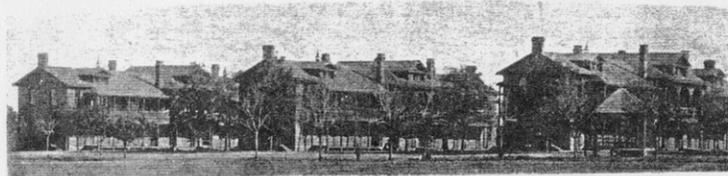
8 "Officers' Row" (At the corner next to 3894 W. Princeton Circle) Construction of buildings at Fort Logan began in July, 1888. Frank James Grodavent, FAIA, a civilian architect, designed the residences, barracks and other structures. Those on the south side of the parade ground were built first, with these on the north side coming later. By the late 1890s the officers' quarters were completed, and sixteen of the original eighteen residential buildings for officers now remain.

9 Bachelor Officers' Quarters (3824 W. Princeton Circle) This largest residence for officers was not included in the original plans for the grounds, and an unknown architect designed it for construction in 1897. Small apartments with a sitting room with fireplace, bedroom and bath were in the section of the building to the left. Behind the front porch was the bachelor officers' mess, or dining area. The ballroom to the right was added in the 1940s.

10 Commanding Officer's Quarters (3762 W. Princeton Circle) This residence for the Commanding Officer was completed in 1891, two years after the row of houses to the left were built. There were three single-family officers' quarters, of modified Queen Anne design, each with six bedrooms and a bathroom on the second floor, and servants' quarters on the third floor. The Commanding Officer's residence is distinctive with the center tower and the porch across the front of the building. A walkway for the Commanding Officer still remains in the Parade Ground across the street.

11 Field Officer's Quarters This residence for an officer with the rank of Major or above was built in 1889. An identical Field Officer's Quarters to the right of the Commanding Officer's home, was completed in 1898 and burned in the 1970s. In 1897 the plan for the Field Officer's Quarters was used to build four houses at West Point. The Friends of Historic Fort Logan is restoring this building, with 3640 square feet above the basement, as it was in the 1890s. It is designated as a historic building on the State Register of Historic Properties and as a Denver Landmark.

12 Eisenhower Slept Here Major Dwight David Eisenhower, with his wife and son, lived at what is now 3732 W. Princeton Circle from December 1924 to August 1925. Eisenhower was assigned to recruiting duty here. When he left Fort Logan, he went to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas for advanced training which led to his outstanding career in the Army. Mrs. Eisenhower's family lived in Denver, and Eisenhower visited the city often.



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13 Centennial Plaque - View of Barracks Continuing around the Parade Ground, just west of Lowell Boulevard is a plaque which was installed by the hospital on October 31, 1987, the 100th anniversary of the opening of Fort Logan. Looking to the east across Lowell, one barracks building stands at the far end of the block. Each barracks housed 65 men, and included a kitchen and mess hall. There were six barracks on that strip of land, but only one remains.

Return to Starting Place - View of NCO Quarters Now follow Lowell Boulevard north to the corner of Oxford Avenue, where this tour began. From that corner you can look east across the parking lot and see some of the eleven duplexes built for Non-Commissioned Officers in the 1930s. These buildings now house offices for state agencies and other organizations.

Walking Tour

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