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**Fort Collins (Larimer), Colorado**

## **Botanical & Horticultural Laboratory Veterinary Science Annex Routt Hall**

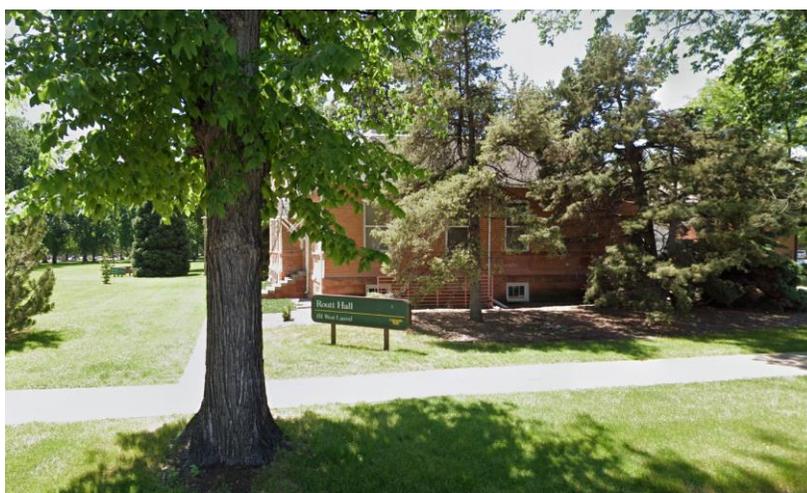
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**Added September 18, 1978**



East façade seen in March 1978 (left) and October 8, 2010 (right).

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Google Maps [from 113 W Laurel St], June 2023

**151 West Laurel Street, Colorado State University main campus, Fort Collins, Colorado**

The Botanical and Horticultural Laboratory building is one of the oldest remaining structures from the old Colorado Agricultural College campus. Founded in 1878 and presently known as Colorado State University, it was the first agricultural college in the state. This building has been utilized for many purposes over its nearly 135-year history including serving as the Veterinary Science Annex. It is presently named Routt Hall.

Located on the northeast corner of the main campus, the Laboratory was designed in the earliest architectural style of the Colorado Agricultural College campus by Otto Bulow of Pueblo, Colorado. The one-story dark red brick and stone structure with basement and initially with an attached greenhouse was constructed in 1890.

In 1894, the building was refurbished to house the first Domestic Economy Department in the state. The popular and serviceable “Ladies Course” had been instituted to meet the needs of education and equality for women. Eliza F. Routt, wife of the last territorial governor John L. Routt was the first female member of the State Board of Agriculture. She influential in supporting women’s education and was instrumental in securing the Botanical and Horticultural Building for use by the new Domestic Economy Department. When that department moved to a larger facility in 1910, the building was the Music Conservatory until it became a department in 1937.

When the Music Department moved in 1965, the College of Veterinary Medicine utilized the building for several years as the Veterinary Science Annex and sometimes referring to it as the “Anatomy Annex.”

After stabilization and renovation in May 1998, the State Department of Agriculture voted to officially and permanently rename the building Routt Hall in honor of Mrs. Routt.

Routt Hall now houses the offices of the College of Health and Human Sciences’ Institute for the Built Environment as well as graduate students in the Department of Construction Management.

#### MORE INFORMATION

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