

During our courtship, we looked at houses throughout the metropolitan region, but decided to settle in Denver's Cory-Merrill neighborhood to build a house at the same location where Scott was living...1695 South Monroe Street.

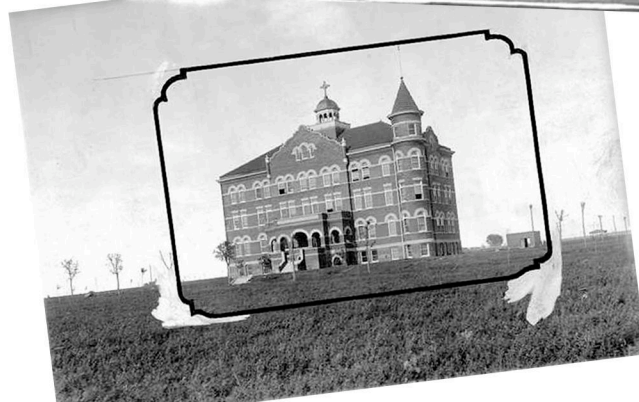




We love Cory-Merrill. It's close to everything and has a great history.



Named after the schools in the area, Cory-Merrill was once part of the Town of South Denver (which had boundaries along the South Platte River, Alameda Avenue, Colorado Boulevard and Yale Avenue). It was founded in 1858 to be a *dry town* because its citizens didn't like the saloons that had taken over Denver.



**MIDDLE and BELOW:** The seminary (1920)



The Town of South Denver included polo grounds south of Cherry Creek, the University of Denver and the seminary which was surrounded by land that later became the Bonnie Brae, Belcaro and Cory-Merrill neighborhoods. **ABOVE:** Louisiana between York and Elizabeth. The seminary is in the distance. (1914)





By the 1920's, the future Cory-Merrill neighborhood had been annexed by Denver. It was dotted with farms, orchards and cattle. Area kids caught snakes in an area called *The Swamp* (now Interstate-25). Colorado Boulevard had nurseries. **RIGHT:** The area's first school was Coronado School at Jackson and Florida.





In the late 1940s, Mr. Armstrong (who lived on Steele Street) donated his farm land to Denver Public Schools to replace the aging Coronado School. The school district built Cory Elementary (left) and Merrill Junior High (right) - named after John J. Cory and Louise A. Merrill, two influential Denver educators.





At the same time, developer Les Tremblay purchased plots around the schools to build tract homes for World War II soldiers coming home. In 1949, he sold a house at 1695 South Monroe Street for \$8200. It was 623 square feet. This house (as well as the others along Monroe) were called *Les Tremblay Small Houses*.





These single-story *Les Tremblay* houses became the Cory-Merrill neighborhood. However by the beginning of the 21st Century, many of these homes were too small and old for families. New developers started replacing them with larger homes - a process that we now call *scraping*.





Today, our Cory-Merrill neighborhood is changing rapidly. Eight of the 24 homes on our block have already been scraped. Also the five-year rebuild of Interstate-25 is finished, giving the neighborhood light rail service. Cory-Merrill's central location between downtown and the Tech Center has made it hot!