

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL1367**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **Buckman House**
6. Current building name: **Smith House**
7. Building address: **420 Baker Street**
8. Owner name: **James B. Smith**
Owner address: **715 Main Street**
Longmont, CO 80501

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **2N** Range **69W**
NW¹/₄ of **NE¹/₄** of **NE¹/₄** of section **3**
10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **492028**
Northing: **4446029**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**
Year: **1968 (Photorevised 1979) 7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **N¹/₂ 4** Block: **46**
Addition: **Longmont Original Town** Year of Addition **1872**
13. Boundary Description and Justification: **This legally defined parcel encompasses but does not exceed the land historically associated with this property.**

22. Architectural style /
building type:

No Style / Wood Frame
Front Gabled Dwelling

Official Eligibility Determination

(OAHP use only)

- Date _____ Initials _____
____ Determined Eligible - National Register
____ Determined Not Eligible - National Register
____ Determined Eligible - State Register
____ Determined Not Eligible - State Register
____ Needs Data
____ Contributes to eligible National Register District
____ Noncontributing to eligible National Register District

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape):
Rectangular Plan
15. Dimensions in feet: **620 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **One**
17. Primary external wall material
Wood / Horizontal Siding
Synthetics
18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Gabled Roof / Front Gabled Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Asphalt Roof / Composition Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply):
Porch
Chimney

21. General Architectural Description

Located on the east side of Baker Street six lots north of 4th Avenue, the small rectangular wood frame cottage on this property is one story in height, and measures approximately 20' by 34'. The exterior walls are finished with mid-century siding, along with faux masonry on the lower facade wall (west elevation). The gabled roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and is finished along the perimeters with boxed eaves. A metal chimney is located at the peak of the roof. All of the home's windows are 1/1 double-hung sash with wood frames and surrounds, along with metal screens. The facade contains a projecting open porch with a wood floor, hipped roof, and modern turned wood posts. Running from the porch to the front of the lot is an old sandstone sidewalk. The main entry is a wood-paneled door with a single upper sash light, which is centered on the symmetrical facade. A wood-paneled rear entry door, with a metal screen door, is located on the east elevation. Two old wood frame sheds are located in the rear yard, behind the house to the east.

22. Architectural style / building type:

Please see front page.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This house is located on the east side of Baker Street, in the block between 4th and 5th Avenues, near the east end of Longmont's historic East Side neighborhood. Developed during the late 1800s and early 1900s, the East Side Neighborhood is an established area made up primarily of single family homes.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects

Two sheds

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction:
Estimate
Actual **1902**

Source of information:

"Town of Longmont, Colorado - Water Rent Collections, 1899-1904." On file at the Longmont Archives, Longmont Museum.

26. Architect:
unknown

Source of information:

n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:
unknown

Source of information:

n/a

28. Original owner:
H.S. and Bessie Dewey

Source of information:

"Town of Longmont, Colorado - Water Rent Collections, 1899-1904."

29. Construction History (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions)::

The house at 420 Baker Street was constructed in 1902. Designed by an unknown architect, the dwelling is a simple one-story vernacular cottage, and is typical of working-class housing of the period in terms of its size, materials, and construction methods. Originally, the house was slightly smaller during the years between 1902 and 1918. Between 1918 and 1930, it was expanded somewhat to the east, bring the house to its current shape. Finally, it appears that the siding was replaced in 1942, and that faux stonework was placed on the lower facade wall. The turned posts on the front porch were installed at an unknown time to replace the home's original Tuscan columns. The two old sheds behind the house were built or moved there by the early 1940s.

30. Original location: **yes**
Moved **no**
Date of move(s) **n/a**

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Domestic / Single Dwelling**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Domestic / Single Dwelling**
33. Current use(s): **Domestic / Single Dwelling**
34. Site type(s): **Residence**

35. Historical Background

The house at 420 Baker Street was constructed in 1902 for H.S. and Bessie Dewey. (Mr. Dewey was employed as a laborer, and later as a painter. Charles and Maggie Buckman moved into the house by 1907. Charles Buckman was born in Ohio in 1849, and arrived in Longmont in the mid-1880s. Following a career as a farmer, Charles died in 1910. Maggie was born in Columbus, Ohio in 1861, and came to Longmont with her husband following their 1877 marriage. After Charles' death, Maggie continued to reside in this home at 420 Baker Street, until her own death in 1935.

By 1938, the house at 420 Baker Street was occupied by Clarence and Elsie Ison. (Mr. Ison worked as a stonemason with Draper Smith Monuments. During the 1940s, the house's residents included Ed Nichols, Raymond Pearson, and Harold Steensma (a carpenter). During the 1950s, the house's occupant was Florence Prince, a public stenographer and owner of the Prince Letter Shop.

36. Sources of Information

(Boulder County) "Real Estate Appraisal Card - Urban Master." On file at the Boulder Carnegie Library.

City of Longmont Building Permits for 420 Baker Street.

"Died - Buckman." [Charles Buckman obituary] *Longmont Ledger*, November 18, 1910, p. 5.

"Obituaries - Buckman." [Maggie Buckman obituary] *Longmont Ledger*, June 21, 1935, p. 4.

Polk's Boulder County Directory [generally published annually], Denver, Kansas City, and Salt Lake City: R.L. Polk and Company Publishers.

Polk's Longmont City Directory, [generally published annually], Denver, Kansas City, and Salt Lake City: R.L. Polk and Company, Publishers, 1966-1997.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, dated December 1890, September 1895, November 1900, April 1906, June 1911, March 1918, June 1930, and March 1956.

"Town of Longmont, Colorado - Water Rent Collections." On file at the Longmont Archives, Longmont Museum.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation:
Yes
No **xx**
Date of Designation: **n/a**

38. Applicable National Register Criteria

- xx**A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;
- B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
- xx**C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;
- D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory;

Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual).

Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

City of Longmont Standards for Designation

- xx** 2.56.040-A (1) The structure or district has character, interest or value, as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the city, state or nation.
- 2.56.040-A (2) The structure or district is the site of a historic event with an effect upon society.
- xx** 2.56.040-A (3) The structure or district is identified with a person or group of persons who had some influence on society.
- 2.56.040-A (4) The structure or district exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historic heritage of the community.
- 2.56.040-B (1) The structure or district portrays the environment of a group of people in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style.
- xx** 2.56.040-B (2) The structure or district embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen.
- 2.56.040-B (3) The structure or district is the work of an architect or master builder whose individual work has influenced the development of Longmont.
- 2.56.040-C (1) The structure or district, because of being part of or related to a square, park or other distinctive area, should be developed or preserved according to a plan based on a historic, cultural or architectural motif.
- 2.56.040-C (2) The structure or district, due to its unique location or singular physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community or the city.

Does not meet any of the above City of Longmont Standards for Designation.

39. Area(s) of Significance:

Architecture; Community Planning and Development

40. Period of Significance: **1902-1953**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **xx**

42. Statement of Significance

Based upon the history and architecture of this home, it appears that it would likely be considered a contributing element of a future local historic district. Changes have been made to the house over the decades; however, most of these alterations were completed before 1950 and may themselves be considered historic. Overall, the home is in good condition, and has generally retained its historic appearance, exhibiting a modest degree of historic integrity. The property is an unlikely prospect for individual local landmark designation by the City of Longmont. It is similarly very unlikely to be eligible for individual designation through the State or National Registers of Historic Places.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property displays a generally modest level of historical integrity - relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society, setting, location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. Most of the home's alterations date from the period of significance. The exterior siding was replaced, apparently in 1942, and faux stone siding was placed on the lower facade wall at the same time. The front porch originally had Tuscan columns, which have been replaced with turned wood columns.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible:

Not Eligible: **xx**

Need Data:

City of Longmont Local Landmark eligibility field assessment:

Eligible:

Not Eligible: **xx**

Need Data:

45. Is there National Register district potential?

Yes: **xx**

No:

Discuss: **This property is located outside the boundaries of the East Side Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. If the district's boundaries were to be expanded, to include the entire neighborhood, this house would be considered a contributing resource.**

If there is National Register district potential, is this building:

Contributing: **xx**

Noncontributing:

46. If the building is in an existing National Register district, is it:

Contributing: **n/a**

Noncontributing: **n/a**

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph numbers:

Roll: **LONG-27**

Frame(s): **20, 32**

Negatives filed at:

**City of Longmont
Department of Community Development, Planning Division
Civic Center Complex
350 Kimbark Street
Longmont, Colorado 80501**

48. Report title: **East Side Neighborhood: Historic Context and Survey Report**

49. Date: **January 21, 2003**

50. Recorders: **Ron Sladek**

51. Organization: **Tatanka Historical Associates**

52. Address: **P.O. Box 1909
Fort Collins, Colorado 80522**

53. Phone number: **970/229-9704**