

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5BL1356**
- 2. Temporary number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Longmont**
- 5. Historic building name: **Armstrong House**
- 6. Current building name: **Trevarton House**
- 7. Building address: **421 Baker Street**
- 8. Owner name: **P.W. and Mary E. Trevarton**
 Owner address: **421 Baker 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: **491972**
 Northing: **4446005**
- 11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**
 Year: **1968** (**Photorevised 1979**) **7.5'**
- 12. Lot(s): **N¹/₂ 10** Block: **47**
 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 Side 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: **546 square feet**
- 16. Number of stories: **One**
- 17. Primary external wall material
Wood / Horizontal Siding
- 18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Gabled Roof / Side Gabled Roof
- 19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Asphalt Roof / Composition Roof
- 20. Special features (enter all that apply):
Porch

21. General Architectural Description

Located on the west side of Baker Street, five lots north of 4th Avenue, the small rectangular wood frame cottage on this property is one story in height, and measures approximately 20' by 26'. The exterior walls are finished with clapboard siding. The roof is side gabled on the front (east elevation), with an intersecting saltbox gable to the rear (west elevation). The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and finished along the perimeters with boxed eaves along the front eave, and with exposed rafter ends along the rear eave. The windows on the house are mostly 1/1 double-hung sash, with wood frames and surrounds, and with metal storm windows and screens. Smaller single-light fixed, and 2-light horizontal sliding or casement windows, are also found on the north, south, and west elevations. Projecting from the facade, is a full-width open porch with a shed roof, concrete floor, and ornamental metal supports. The main entry consists of a wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, along with a metal screen door. The rear of the house also has a shed-roofed open porch, with a concrete floor, and decorative metal supports. The rear entry contains two wood-paneled doors, both with single upper sash lights. Behind the house at the alley is an old two-part wood-frame shed, with drop siding, that appears to have been moved from elsewhere.

22. Architectural style / building type:

Please see front page.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This house is located on the west 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

Shed

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction:
Estimate
Actual **1894**

Source of information:
"Town of Longmont, Colorado - Water Rent Collections, 1892-1899."

26. Architect:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

28. Original owner:
F.C. Armstrong

Source of information:
"Town of Longmont, Colorado - Water Rent Collections, 1892-1899." On file at the Longmont Archives, Longmont Museum.

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

The house at 421 Baker Street was constructed in 1894. Designed by an unknown architect, the small home is a simple vernacular cottage, typical of working-class housing of the period in terms of its size, materials, and construction methods. No significant changes were made to the house during the period between 1906 and 1918. Sometime between 1918 and 1930, the house was expanded to the west, and a porch was added to the facade. Following that, the only changes made since 1930 involved alterations to the front and rear porches, and the removal of the brick chimney. The shed at the rear alley was moved to this property from 943 Emery Street in 1955, and attached to a smaller pre-existing garage.

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 421 Baker Street was constructed in 1894 for F.C. Armstrong, about whom no information was uncovered. Over the following years, the house was occupied by C.H. Brie, W.J. and Sarah Holt (Mr. Holt worked as a miner and as a painter), and B.B. Lockhart (a farmer). For several years around 1910 the property was owned by the Longmont Realty Company. Circa 1916, the house became occupied by John and Cannie Joy. Mrs.N.M. Belcher (a widow), and William Jordan (a student) lived here in the early 1920s. Then, in 1928, Charles and Elsie Huson were the home's residents. (Mr. Huson was employed at the Motor Market in Longmont.) During the 1930s, the house was occupied at different times by Peter and Lunetta Brown, (Mr. Brown worked as a laborer), by Howard and Gladys Wells (Mr. Wells was a pipe fitter), and by Fred and Mildred Burger (Mr. Burger worked as an auto mechanic).

36. Sources of Information

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

City of Longmont Building Permit records for 421 Baker Street.

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 May 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

xxA. 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;

xxC. 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: **1894-1953**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **xx**

42. Statement of Significance

This house is historically significant relative to National Register Criterion A for its association with Longmont's residential development during the period of significance, 1894-1952. The house is also architecturally significant, under Criterion C, for its vernacular side gabled plan and wood frame construction, dating from the mid-1890s. The house's level of significance is probably not to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places, nor would it likely qualify to be listed as a local landmark by the City of Longmont. This property is located outside the boundaries of the Longmont East Side Historic District. If the district's boundaries were to be expanded, this house could qualify as a contributing resource within the district's boundaries.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This house is in good condition, and has retained much of its historic appearance, exhibiting a modest degree of historic integrity. Aspects of the front porch date from the period of significance, although they are not original. The saltbox addition to the rear, while also not original, does date from the period 1918-1930, and may be considered historic. The home's chimney was removed at some point in time.

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): **15, 27**

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**