

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL1368**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **Miller House**
6. Current building name: **Walsh House**
7. Building address: **424 Baker Street**
8. Owner name: **Geraldine R. Walsh**
Owner address: **5411 Olde Stage Road**
Boulder, CO 80302

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **2N** Range **69W**
SW¹/₄ of **SE¹/₄** of **SE¹/₄** of **NE¹/₄** of section **3**
10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **492028**
Northing: **4446043**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**
Year: **1968 (Photorevised 1979) 7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **S¹/₂ 3** 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:

**Late 19th and Early Twentieth
Century Revivals / Classic Cottage**

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: **960 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **One**
17. Primary external wall material
Brick
18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Hipped Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Asphalt Roof / Composition Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply):
Porch
Chimney
Flared Eaves

21. General Architectural Description

Located on the east side of Baker Street seven lots north of 4th Avenue, the small rectangular cottage on this property is one story in height, and measures approximately 24' by 42'. A coursed sandstone foundation rises to a height of approximately 20 inches above the ground, and is finished with rock facing. Above the sandstone, the exterior walls are finished with running bond bricks, which have been painted. The hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and finished along the perimeters with boxed eaves. The eaves are flared. Two brick chimneys are present - one on the roof's central peak, and the other at the center of the rear roof slope. A hipped roof is found on an early rear addition. All of the windows are 1/1 double-hung sash with wood frames and surrounds, along with wood-framed screens. The facade contains a projecting open porch with a wood floor, hipped roof, low wood rail, brick piers, and four Tuscan columns, and two engaged columns. Four concrete steps drop down to an old sandstone sidewalk that runs from the porch to the front of the lot. The main entry contains an old wood-paneled door with a single light in the upper sash. The rear of the house has a metal storm door. An old wood frame garage is located at the rear alley.

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

Garage

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction:
Estimate
Actual **1900**

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:
David and Belle Miller

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 424 Baker Street was constructed in 1900. Designed by an unknown architect, this house is the only brick residence on the block, yet it is typical of working-class housing of the period in terms of its size, materials, and construction methods. Few significant changes were made to the house during the period between 1906 and the present. The only alteration of note is the removal of the screened-in porch walls, apparently circa 1950, leaving the remainder of the open porch in place. The small garage at the rear alley was built sometime between 1918 and 1930.

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 424 Baker Street was constructed in 1900 for David and Belle Miller. David Miller was born in Wilkesville, Ohio in 1844, and arrived in Colorado Territory in 1865. He moved to Longmont at the turn of the twentieth century, and worked as a farmer until his death in December 1917. Belle (Douglas) Miller was born in 1850, came to Longmont with her husband, and died in June 1915.

Following the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, the house at 424 Baker Street was occupied by a series of owners and tenants, including the Miller's son, Roy, who was also a farmer. Other residents over the years included F.H. Sissons, Homer and Eula Sigler (Mr. Sigler was a painter), David and Lela Ward (Mr. Ward worked as a salesman), Claude and Lottie Wilson (Mr. Wilson was employed by the water department), Ed, Judy and Wade Neal, Carrie Johnston, Jack and Nona Davies (Mr. Davies was a foreman with Libby, McNeill & Libby), Jack Dougherty, and Nellie Baird.

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 424 Baker Street.

"Died - Miller." [Belle (Douglas) Miller obituary] *Longmont Ledger*, June 25, 1915, p. 5.

"Died - Miller." [David Miller obituary] *Longmont Ledger*, December 14, 1917 p. 5.

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

- 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: **1900-1953**

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, 1900-1953. The house is architecturally significant as well, under Criterion C, for its representative expression of the Classic Cottage architectural style. The house is also notable for its brick masonry construction, and for its flared eaves. The house's level of significance is not to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places. However, this property may 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 to include the entire East Side residential neighborhood, this house would qualify as a contributing resource within the district's boundaries.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Overall, this property exhibits a high degree 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. The only notable alteration is that the home's front porch was originally screened-in. The home is in good condition, and has retained a large measure of its historic appearance.

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: **xx**

Not Eligible:

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): **19, 31**

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**