

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL1342**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **Wooley House; Gwin House**
6. Current building name: **Stratton House**
7. Building address: **433 Baker Street**
8. Owner name: **James E. and Janice L. Hamilton**
Owner address: **P.O. Box 357**
Longmont, CO 80502

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: **491972**
Northing: **4446050**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**
Year: **1968** (**Photorevised 1979**) **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **8** 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 / Vernacular
Wood Frame Gabled-L
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):
L-shaped Plan
15. Dimensions in feet: **996 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1½**
17. Primary external wall material
Metal / Aluminum
18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Gabled Roof / Cross 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, three houses south of 5th Avenue, the small L-shaped dwelling on this property is 1½ stories in height, and measures approximately 29' by 37'. The wood frame house rests on a stone foundation and the exterior walls are finished with aluminum siding. The roof consists of intersecting gables covered with asphalt shingles and finished along the perimeters with boxed eaves. A large brick exterior wall chimney has been added in recent decades to the south elevation. The windows on the house are predominantly 1/1 double-hung sashes with wood frames and surrounds. Projecting from the east elevation is an enclosed porch characterized by a closed rail, large fixed-pane windows, aluminum siding, a metal storm door, and a shed roof. The rear of the house has an open porch with square posts and a shed roof. A glass door is also present.

Behind the house at the alley is a deteriorating 19' by 24' wood frame shed with board-and-batten siding, a gabled roof, and an old wood sliding barn door. The garage at the alley is modern and poorly constructed.

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; Garage

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction:
Estimate
Actual **1899**

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:
Thomas and Jane Wooley

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

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

The house at 433 Baker Street was constructed in 1899 and remained essentially the same through at least 1918. Sometime between 1918 and 1930 the house was minimally expanded to the west, and it then remained largely the same through the 1950s. In 1966, the exterior was refinished with aluminum siding. The screened front porch appears to have been remodeled and enclosed around that time. The exact date of the exterior fireplace chimney is unknown; however, it appears to date from the past few decades. The shed at the rear alley was constructed between 1918 and 1930, and the garage was installed after the late 1970s. Designed by an unknown architect, this small home is a simple cottage, typical of working-class housing of the period in terms of its size, materials, and construction methods. The house is in generally good condition, although with some significant changes to its original appearance.

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 433 Baker Street was constructed in 1899 for Thomas and Jane Wooley, who lived there until 1918. Thomas Wooley was born in Litchfield, Staffordshire, England in 1845. The family immigrated to Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1864 where Thomas met and married his wife, Jane Monroe. In 1869, they moved to Pennsylvania and then arrived in Erie, Colorado in 1881. Thomas entered the coal mining industry and found success as the owner of the White House Mine and lessee of the Reliance Mine. After Thomas' death in 1904, Jane continued to live in the house until 1918 with several of her children and a number of boarders. Among these boarders were Jimye and Leora Blackwood (teachers), Christbell Hubbard (a music teacher), Sonie and Tila Thompson (a plumber), Donald Gambell (an employee of the sugar factory), and R.D. Roney (an employee of Elite Bakery).

From 1919 to 1924, the house was owned by Henry and Mary Hallberg. Henry Hallberg was born in Helbo, Sweden in 1861. By the 1880s he was in Peoria, Illinois, from where he migrated to Colorado in 1888. Henry was in Aspen by 1891, where he met and married his wife, Mary. Mary was born in Sweden in 1862. The couple moved to Longmont in 1907 and in 1912 opened a grocery store. After running the store for a number of years, Henry entered the real estate business as a broker. It is possible that he owned but did not live in the house at 433 Baker Street since the occupants listed in the city directories for the years 1918 and 1923 were matt Kremer and M.B. Nolan, about whom nothing is known.

Finally, from 1926 through the 1970s the house was occupied by James and Florence Gwin. James Gwin was born in 1883 in Appleton City, Missouri and came to Longmont in 1910. He worked for the Great Western Sugar Co. for 33 years and retired as a foreman in 1949. During his later years he worked as a janitor at Longmont Hospital before his death in 1965. Florence was born in 1889 in Longmont and married Ralph Gwin in 1917. She worked as a homemaker and continued to live in the house at 433 Baker Street until her death in 1977. The Gwins' daughter Maxine became the wife of neighbor Everett Stratton (427 Baker Street).

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 427 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 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: **1899-1953**

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, 1899-1953. The house is also architecturally notable, under Criterion C, for its representative vernacular gabled-L architectural plan. The property's level of significance is not to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the National or State Registers of Historic Places. Moreover, due to some loss of integrity, the property also does not qualify to be individually 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 far north, this house would probably not qualify as a contributing resource within the district's newly-formed boundaries.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This house is in relatively good condition, but exhibits a somewhat below average degree of historic integrity. The house has been most notably altered after the period of significance by the construction of a large brick fireplace chimney, by the enclosing of the original screened-in front porch, and by the application of aluminum siding in the 1960s. A modern garage at the rear of the property also detracts somewhat from the integrity of setting.

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 non-contributing resource.**

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

Contributing:

Noncontributing: **xx**

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-30**

Frame(s): **19, 33**

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: **February 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**