

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL1371**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **Hogsett House; Pyles House**
6. Current building name: **Seamon House**
7. Building address: **444 Baker Street**
8. Owner name: **Deborah and Douglas R. Seamon**
Owner address: **444 Baker Street**
Longmont, CO 80501

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: **4446097**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**
Year: **1968** (**Photorevised 1979**) **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **N¹/₂ 1** 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:

Bungalow

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: **1094 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1½**
17. Primary external wall material
Wood / Horizontal Siding
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 at the southeast corner of Baker Street and 5th Avenue, the rectangular wood frame Bungalow on this property is 1½ stories in height, and measures approximately 22' by 48'. The house rests on a concrete foundation, faced with rusticated stone blocks, that rises about 24" above the ground. The exterior walls are finished with clapboard siding. The roof consists of intersecting gables, covered with asphalt shingles, and finished along the perimeters with exposed rafter ends and wood brackets. A non-historic metal chimney rises from the roof of the enclosed front porch. A historic brick chimney is found on the main roof's ridge line. The windows are a combination of 5/1, 7/1 and 8/1 double-hung sashes with wood frames and surrounds. A projecting front porch dominates the facade, and wraps around the northwest corner of the house. The porch is constructed of running bond brickwork, battered piers, wood panels, metal storm windows, a metal storm door, a side gabled roof, and exposed rafters. Five concrete steps drop down to the front sidewalk. A small garage and a shed are located in the rear yard. Both of these old structures are wood-framed with gabled roofs.

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; Shed

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction:
Estimate **1921**
Actual

Source of information:

"Town of Longmont, Colorado - Water Rent Collections, 1901-1931." On file at the Longmont Archives, Longmont Museum.

26. Architect:
unknown

Source of information:

n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:
Walter Hogsett (probably)

Source of information:

"Town of Longmont, Colorado - Water Rent Collections, 1901-1931."

28. Original owner:
Walter and Elsie Hogsett

Source of information:

"Town of Longmont, Colorado - Water Rent Collections, 1901-1931."

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

The house at 444 Baker Street was constructed about 1921. Designed by an unknown architect, this home is a high-quality example of middle-class housing of the period in terms of its size, materials, and construction methods. The only noticeable or recorded change made to the house since it was constructed is the enclosure of the front porch with storm windows rather than screens. The garage behind the house was moved to this location from 9th Avenue and Kimbark Street in 1925.

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 444 Baker Street was constructed around 1921 on a lot previously occupied by a smaller home. The earlier L-shaped house was constructed in 1900 by Joseph Mumford, a pioneer and real estate investor, who owned numerous houses and commercial buildings in town. About 1921, the small house was removed to make way for the house now located there, which was built by Walter and Elsie Hogsett. Walter Hogsett was born in LaPrairie, Illinois in 1884. Elsie Hogsett was born in 1888 in Clayton, Illinois. The couple married in 1908 and moved to Niwot two years later. Walter then started the Hogsett Lumber & Mercantile Co., which quickly expanded with additional lumber yards in Lyons, Broomfield and Erie. In 1922, the Hogsetts moved to Longmont and the business expanded further over the following decades with new lumber yards in Boulder and Longmont. Walter was active in several Longmont fraternal societies, served on the Chamber of Commerce board of directors, and sat on the city council for eight years. The Hogsetts lived in the home at 444 Baker Street during the early and mid-1920s.

From 1926 through 1931, the house was occupied by William and Julia Pyles. William was born in Buchanan County and Julia was born in Platte County, Missouri in 1859. They came to Longmont to retire in 1917 after years of farming and moved into the house at 444 Baker Street. William died in the house in 1929 and Julia died there two years later.

From 1932 through about 1937, the home was occupied by Harrison and Vina Pedigo. Harrison was born in Bellvue, Colorado in 1895 and came to Longmont in 1904. Vina was born in Nolan, Colorado in 1892. In 1912 they were married in Boulder and then settled in Longmont. From 1919 through 1953, Harrison worked as the managing steward of the Longmont Elks Home. From 1938 into the 1940s, the house was occupied by Alexander and Catherine Crawford. Alexander was born in 1864 in Glasgow, Scotland. Catherine was born in 18654, also in Glasgow, and married Alexander there in 1887. They moved to Denver in 1921 and Alexander worked as a machinist in the Colorado & Southern Railroad shops in Denver until his retirement in 1937. The couple then moved to the Baker Street house in Longmont, where they lived for a number of years. During the 1950s and into the 1960s, the house was occupied by Leonard and Ethel Brown. Leonard was born in 1901 in Fort Morgan and moved to Longmont in 1946. He worked as the manager of the Western Union office.

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 444 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

- 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.
- xx** 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: **ca. 1921-1953**

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, circa 1921-1953. The house is also historically notable for its association with its original owner, Walter Hogsett, who was an important businessman, a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and an eight year member of the Longmont city council.

The house is architecturally significant as well, under Criterion C, for its excellent representation of the Bungalow style of architecture. The house's level of significance may be to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the State or National Registers of Historic Places. The property is also a likely prospect for individual local landmark designation 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 new boundaries.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property exhibits a high 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. The high quality of this Bungalow is clearly the result of the commercial success and connection to the building trades of Walter and Elsie Hogsett, owners of a chain of lumberyards in the region. No significant changes have occurred to the building following its original construction.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible: **xx**

Not Eligible:

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-30**

Frame(s): **15, 27, 28**

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**