

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL1328**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **Duee House**
6. Current building name: **Jensen House**
7. Building address: **500 Atwood Street**
8. Owner name: **Joyce Jensen**
Owner address: **500 Atwood Street**
Longmont, CO 80501

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **2N** Range **69W**

SE¹/₄ of SW¹/₄ of SE¹/₄ of NE¹/₄ of section 3

10. UTM reference

Zone **13**

Easting: **491896**

Northing: **4446138**

11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**
Year: **1968** (**Photorevised 1979**) **7.5'**

12. Lot(s): **6** Block: **44**

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.**

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):
Irregular Plan
15. Dimensions in feet: **876 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1½**
17. Primary external wall material
Wood / Horizontal Siding
Wood / Shingle
18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Gabled Roof / Hip-on-Gable Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Asphalt Roof / Composition Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply):
Decorative Shingles
Porch

22. Architectural style / building type:

Late Victorian
/ Queen Anne

21. General Architectural Description

Located at the northeast corner of Atwood Street and 5th Avenue, the house at 500 Atwood Street is a 1½ story wood frame dwelling which has been appreciably altered from its historic appearance. The house is set back approximately 42 feet from Atwood Street to the west, and approximately 54' from 5th Avenue to the south. The irregularly-shaped dwelling is supported by a low coursed sandstone foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with painted blue horizontal wood siding, with painted cream yellow 1" by 4" corner boards. Multi-colored, variegated, patterned wood shingles appear in the upper gable ends on the north, west, and south elevations. The home is covered by a steeply-pitched hip-on-gable roof, covered with brown asphalt shingles, and with boxed eaves. There are presently no chimneys. The original windows are predominantly single 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted cream color wood frames and surrounds. An enclosed, L-shaped, front porch, at the dwelling's southwest corner, was historically an open wraparound front porch, which historically had a corner entry, and which was covered by a large corner tower with a pyramidal roof. In its present configuration, the porch features horizontal wood siding on its upper wall surface, a red brick veneer on its lower wall surface, single-light fixed-pane windows, and a low-pitched hipped roof. A historically screened-in porch at the east end of the south elevation has also been fully enclosed.

Two garages are located northeast of the house, set in a few feet from the north property line. The first garage (closest to the house) measures approximately 20' N-S by 30' E-W, has a concrete foundation, painted blue narrow horizontal wood siding, and a low-pitched hipped roof with brown asphalt shingles over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. One red brick chimney is located on this garage's north elevation. There are several window openings, all with painted red wood frames and painted cream yellow wood surrounds. These include: two 4-light hopper or fixed-pane windows on the north elevation; one 1/1 double-hung sash window on the south elevation; and two 1/1 double-hung sash windows on the west elevation. Two painted cream yellow color wood-paneled roll-away garage doors, located on the south elevation, open onto a flagstone and concrete driveway which extends to 5th Avenue to the south. A single, painted blue and cream yellow, wood-paneled entry door is located at the west end of the south elevation.

The second garage is located approximately 12' east of the first garage, and is set in approximately 6' from the alley. This garage measures approximately 36' N-S by 22' E-W, is supported by a concrete foundation, has painted blue narrow horizontal wood plank walls with 1" by 4" corner boards, and a low-pitched hipped roof with brown asphalt shingles over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. one 4-light window is located on the south elevation; three 4-light windows are located on the north elevation; two 4-light windows are located on the west elevation; all of the windows have painted red wood frames and painted cream yellow wood surrounds. Two large vertical wood plank, horizontal sliding, garage doors, located on the east elevation, provide vehicular access to the alley. A single, painted blue, red, and cream yellow, door is located at the west end of the south elevation.

22. Architectural style / building type:

Please see front page.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This property is located at the northeast corner of Atwood Street and 5th Avenue, in 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 historic single-family homes. The Colorado and Southern Railroad tracks run down the center of Atwood Street, while the neighborhood overall features wide tree-lined streets, uniform house setbacks, and deep rectangular-shaped lots.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects

two garages; shed

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction:
Estimate
Actual **1901**

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

26. Architect:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

28. Original owner:
John Peter Duee

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):

Longmont water rent collection records provide documentation that this house was constructed in 1901. John Peter Duee was the original owner. The property remained essentially the same until 1957, when the corner tower over the front porch was removed, and both the open front porch and screened-in rear porch were fully enclosed. The construction dates of the garages are unknown; however, Sanborn Insurance maps indicate that the garage closest to its house was built sometime between 1930 and 1959, and that the garage closest to the alley was erected at its current location sometime after 1959.

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

Longmont Water Tap records indicate that this five-room dwelling, at 500 Atwood Street, was constructed in 1901. The first owners of record are John and Anna Duee. John Peter Duee was born in Denmark on January 4, 1869. John married twice. His first marriage produced a son, John Duee II. He later married Anna Carlson. Anna Carlson Duee was born in Nygaard, Denmark on February 22, 1864. The couple had resided in Longmont since 1900, following two years in Lyons. John and Anna operated a farm south of Longmont for a period of time, before John went to work for the Great Western Sugar Company. He later was employed by the City of Longmont municipal street department. The couple owned this home on Atwood Street through the late 1940s. John Duee died of a sudden heart attack in December 1938, just a few days shy of his 70th birthday. Anna Duee passed away September 1951, at the age of 87. Following the Duees, Joseph P. and Ruby E. Mulhall purchased the home. Joseph P. (Billie) Mulhall was born on April 19, 1910, in Clarkson, Kentucky, the son of Albert and Jessie (Perry) Mulhall. He was raised in Kentucky, where he met his future bride, Ruby Ellen Vick. Ruby was born on May 24, 1913, in Big Clifty, Kentucky, one of six children of Arthur L. and Delia (Clark) Vick. She also was raised in Kentucky, where she married Billie Mulhall on December 24, 1932. The couple had two daughters, Patricia and Doris, and two sons, Donald and Walter. In 1942, the family moved to Longmont. Billie was an electrician by trade. In Longmont, he first worked for the city as a meter reader then started an electrical contracting business with his sons. It was during the Mulhall's ownership of 500 Atwood that the home's distinctive corner tower was removed and the porch enclosed. In 1970, the Mulhalls retired. The couple moved to Las Vegas Nevada, where they lived for nearly twenty years before returning to Longmont in 1989. Ruby lived to be 80 years old, passing away on June 25, 1993. Billie died just 4 ½ months later, on November 5, 1993, at the age of 83. Boulder County Assessor's records and Longmont City Directories show that following the Mulhall's tenure the property was sold in August 1979 to Kenneth Miller. It may then have been briefly owned by David M. Pierce, before being purchased in November 1987 by the home's current owner/occupant, Joyce Jensen.

36. Sources of Information

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

City of Longmont Building Permit file for 500 Atwood Street.

"John P. Duee." [obituary] *Longmont Times-Call*, December 10, 1938, p. 1.

"Joseph P. (Billie) Mulhall." [obituary] *Longmont Times-Call*, November 8, 1993, p. 11-A.

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.

"Resident of Longmont for 50 Years Dies." [Anna Duee obituary] *Longmont Times-Call*, September 11, 1951, p. 1.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, dated April 1906, June 1911, March 1918, June 1930, and June 1959.

"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.

2.56.040-A (3) The structure or district is identified with a person or group of persons who had some influence on society.

xx 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: **1901-1953**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **XX**

42. Statement of Significance

The Duee House is historically significant relative to National Register Criterion A for its association with Longmont's residential development during the period of significance, 1901-1953, and for its long association with the Duee family who lived and owned here throughout the first half of the twentieth century. At one point, the house was also architecturally notable, under Criterion C, for its representation of the Queen Anne style of architecture. The property's level of significance in these regards is not to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the National or State Registers of Historic Places. Moreover, due to a substantial 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 house would be considered a non-contributing resource within the district's newly expanded boundaries.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property displays a below average 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 property's sense of integrity was substantially reduced when the front and rear porches were enclosed, and when the distinctive corner tower over the front porch was removed. Other notable architectural details, including gable ornaments in the upper gable ends, and two tall brick chimneys with corbelled caps, have been removed as well. The property is being very well maintained by its present owners.

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, this house would probably not be considered a 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-37**

Frame(s): **16-22**

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: **April 24, 2003**

50. Recorders: **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

52. Address: **1607 Dogwood Court
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525**

53. Phone number: **970/493-5270**