

**Architectural Inventory Form**

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

1. Resource number: **5BL1339**  
2. Temporary number: **N/A**  
3. County: **Boulder**  
4. City: **Longmont**  
5. Historic building name: **Madison House; Lay House**  
6. Current building name: **Sharp House**  
7. Building address: **509 Baker Street**  
8. Owner name: **James W. Sharp**  
Owner address: **1017 6th Avenue**  
**Longmont, CO 80501**

**II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

9. P.M. **6<sup>th</sup>** Township **2N** Range **69W**  
**NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of **SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of **SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of **NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of section **3**
10. UTM reference  
Zone **13**  
Easting: **491972**  
Northing: **4446163**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**  
Year: **1968** (**Photorevised 1979**) **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **11** 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.**

22. Architectural style /  
building type:

**No Style / Vernacular**  
**Wood Frame Cross**  
**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):  
**Cross-Shaped Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **864 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1½**
17. Primary external wall material  
**Wood / Horizontal Siding**  
**Wood / Shingles**
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**  
**Decorative Shingles**  
**Chimneys**

**21. General Architectural Description**

Located on the west side of Baker Street three houses north of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the cruciform-shaped house on this property is one story in height and measure approximately 16' x 44'. The wood frame house rests on a coursed ashlar stone foundation that rises about 16" above grade and the exterior walls are finished with clapboard siding. The roof consists of intersecting gables covered with asphalt shingles and finished along the perimeters with boxed eaves. Fishscale shingles and ornamental bargeboards are found in the east-facing gable. Two brick chimneys are located along the ridge line. The windows are predominantly 1/1 double hung sashes with wood frames and surrounds. Small fixed windows are found in the attic. The main entry is found on the south elevation near the southeast corner of the home. At this location is an open porch with a wood floor, open rail, turned posts, spindlework, shed roof, and four concrete steps down to the sidewalk. The entry contains a wood screen door along with a wood door with ten lights. A small rear addition on the southwest corner of the house has a metal storm door, 4/4 double hung sash windows, a shed roof, and wood paneling.

**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 5th and 6th 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**

n/a

#### **IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

25. Date of Construction:  
Estimate **1903**  
Actual

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:  
**James Madison**

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 509 Baker Street was constructed around 1903, and appears to have remained essentially the same through for the past century. According to records, the home has certainly been unchanged since 1930. Designed by an unknown architect, this home was a simple cottage, typical of working-class housing of the period in terms of its size, materials, and construction methods.

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 509 Baker Street was constructed around 1903 and occupied primarily by the Madison family through the late 1920s. It appears, however, that the family of George and Jeannette Barkdoll, along with their daughter Bessie, was associated with this house for a short time around 1906. Little is known about this family other than that Bessie died of tuberculosis in 1907. They appear to have left town shortly afterward. James and Wilhelmina Madison were more solidly associated with this home during its early years. James was born in 1853 and moved to Colorado in 1872. Wilhelmina was born in Denmark in 1855 and came to Longmont in 1885. The couple moved into the house at 509 Baker Street around 1904 while James worked as an area rancher. James died in 1917 and Wilhelmina continued to live in the home until her death in 1928. By 1932, the house was occupied by Thomas and Nina Lay. Little is known about Thomas Lay other than that he worked as a laborer, trucker and farmer, and that he died of a heart attack in 1957. Nina was born in 1881 in Ottumwa, Iowa, lived for years in Missouri, and married Thomas there in 1899. The family arrived in Longmont in 1928 and before long settled in the house at 509 Baker Street, where they lived through the 1940s. Starting around 1950, the home was occupied by Julius and Agnes VanSteelandt through the late 1970s. Julius was born in Belgium in 1902 and came to Longmont around 1917, where he worked for the city streets department.

### **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 509 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.
- 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. 1903-1953**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **xx**

**42. Statement of Significance**

This property is historically significant relative to National Register Criterion A for its association with Longmont's residential development during the period of significance, 1915-1953. The house is also architecturally notable, under Criterion C, for its wood frame construction and representative vernacular cross gabled architectural plan. The property's level of significance in these regards is not to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the State or National Registers of Historic Places. Moreover, the property also probably does not qualify for individual designation 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 east, this house would probably be considered a non-contributing resource within the district's newly-formed boundaries.

**43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:**

The house at 509 Baker Street was constructed around 1903 and appears to have remained essentially the same for the past century. According to records, the home has certainly been unchanged since 1930. The house is in excellent condition and exhibits a high degree of historic integrity.

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**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 probably 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-35**

Frame(s): **2, 23**

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 1, 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**