

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL6739**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **Stonex House / Sharkey House**
6. Current building name: **Elite Electrology Esthetics Building**
7. Building address: **526 Kimbark Street**
8. Owner name: **Wendell and Helen Morse Walker**
Owner address: **526 Kimbark Street**
Longmont, CO 80501

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **2N** Range **69W**
SE¹/₄ of **NW¹/₄** of **SW¹/₄** of **NE¹/₄** of section **3**
10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **491460**
Northing: **4446260**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**
Year: **1968** (**Photorevised 1979**) **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **6, 7** Block: **41**
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:

Other Style (Hipped and Gabled Roof Brick Masonry 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):
Irregular Plan
15. Dimensions in feet **~2350 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material
Brick
Wood / Shingle
18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Hipped Roof / Gable-on-Hip Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Asphalt Roof / Composition Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply):
Porch
Decorative Shingles
Chimney
Segmental Arch

21. General Architectural Description

Located on the east side of Kimbark Street, this historic residence has been significantly altered within the past years by an exceptionally large addition built onto the east elevation. The original 946 square-foot house is supported by a coursed sandstone foundation. The exterior walls are red brick, laid in common bond with a course of bricks laid as headers every eighth course. Multi-colored variegated wood shingles appear in the upper gable ends. The roof is an intersecting hip and gable with black asphalt shingles and boxed eaves. There are no dormers. One red brick chimney is located on the roof ridge. The original windows are primarily 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted white wood frames, and painted blue wood surrounds, and with segmental brick arches. A painted burgundy color wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, and with a segmental brick arch header, opens onto a 4-step porch at the south end of the west elevation (façade). The porch features a concrete floor, an open wood balustrade, and a flat, pergola style roof. The very large 2 1/2 –story addition, built onto the house’s original east elevation, dates to 2000. Made up of four apartment units, the addition features red brick veneer first story walls, horizontal weatherboard second story walls and hipped and gabled roofs.

22. Architectural style / building type:

Please see front page.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This building is located on the east side of Kimbark Street in one of Longmont’s oldest core residential neighborhoods. The area, which was platted in 1872 as part of Longmont’s original townsite, is now home to a mixture of single-family residences, small retail shops, professional offices, and a few small apartment buildings.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects

n/a

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

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

Source of information:
1900 and 1906 Sanborn maps

26. Architect:
n/a

Source of information:
n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

28. Original owner:
George W. Stonex

Source of information:
"Water Ledger City of Longmont 1907-1910."

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

Sanborn insurance maps and City of Longmont water records document that this house was constructed between 1900 and 1906. The 1900 Sanborn map for Block 41 shows lots 6 and 7 as undeveloped, while the 1906 Sanborn depicts the current residence (minus the addition), along with a small outbuilding located near the northeast corner of the property. A garage was built near the alley, along the south property line, sometime between 1918 and 1930. The small outbuilding at the property's northeast corner was removed sometime between 1930 and 1956. In 2000, the garage was removed as well, and a large 2 1/2-story addition was built onto the rear of the original house.

30. Original location: **Yes**
Moved
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): **Commerce and Trade / Specialty Store; Domestic / Multiple Dwelling**
34. Site type(s): **Residence**

35. Historical Background

This house was constructed circa 1903, and served as a single-family residence for nearly a century. The home's first owners and residents were the Stonex family – George H., his wife, Ida May and daughter Marjorie. George H. Stonex was born July 14, 1854 in Porter County, Indiana, where he came of age. His future wife was born Ida May Welton in Illinois, on November 19, 1854. George and Ida met in Illinois, where they were married in January 1889. The couple moved to Longmont in 1991, and remained here for the rest of their lives. The 1892 Longmont City Directory lists the Stonex family as residing on Collyer Street, between 7th and 8th Avenue. George Stonex's occupation is given as "laborer." George's brother, Walter Stonex, who later moved to Hollywood California, was also living with the family at that time. By 1906, the Stonex family had moved into this handsome new residence on Kimbark Street. George Stonex became the Longmont City Clerk in about 1898, and he continued to hold the position for the next twenty-six years, until shortly before his death. He passed away in October 1925, at the age of 71. Ida May, his widow, continued to reside here for another three years, until her death in March 1928.

From the late 1920s to the late 1940s, a number of people lived in this home, most for relatively brief periods of time. The 1932 and 1940 city directories list Mrs. Frances Burdick as the home's owner and resident. The 1936 city directory, though, lists Clare H. and Evelyn B. Leet as the occupants of 526 Kimbark. Clare Leet, at the time, was employed as a chef at Williams' Café.

In the late 1940s, this property became the residence of Theodore (Theo) and Nellie L. Sharkey. Mr. Sharkey was employed as a City of Longmont utility worker in the 1960s. The Sharkeys lived here until the late 1990s, when the property was sold to its current owners, Wendell and Helen Morse Walker. The Walkers had a large addition built onto the house in 2000. The addition comprises four apartment units, while Mrs. Walker operates "Elite Electrology Esthetics," (specializing in "electrology, facials, permanent make-up, skin care / face and body") in the original house.

36. Sources of Information

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

"Died." (George H. Stonex obituary) *Longmont Leger*, October 9, 1925, p. 5.

"Mrs. Ida M. Stonex, Widow of Late City Clerk Stonex, Dies." *Longmont Ledger*, March 21, 1928, p. 1.

Polk's Longmont City Directory, [generally published annually], Denver, Kansas City, and Salt Lake City: R.L. Polk and Company Publishers.

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Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, dated December 1890, September 1895, November 1900, April 1906, June 1911, March 1918, June 1930, and May 1956.

"Theodore B. Sharkey Retires as City Utility Worker." *Longmont Times-Call*, June 30, 1968, p. 1.

Walker, Helen Morse. Interview with Carl McWilliams, March 9, 2001

"Water Ledger City of Longmont, 1907-1910." On file at the Longmont Archives, Longmont Public Library.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation:

Yes

No **xx**

Date of Designation: **n/a**

38. **Applicable National Register Criteria**

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;

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).

xx Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

City of Longmont Standards for Designation

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.

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.

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.

xx Does not meet any of the above City of Longmont Standards for Designation.

39. Area(s) of Significance:

Architecture; Community Planning and Development; Ethnic Heritage / European

40. Period of Significance: **ca. 1903-1951**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **XX**

42. Statement of Significance

This property is historically significant for its association with Longmont's residential development through the first half of the twentieth century. It is also significant for its long association with the Stonex family, in particular, George H. Stonex who served as the Longmont City Clerk for twenty-six years. The house is architecturally significant as well, for its vernacular brick style. Unfortunately, though, due to a substantial loss of integrity the building is no longer able to convey a sense of its historic past. As a result, this property is ineligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, and ineligible for designation as a local landmark. The property also would be considered a non-contributing property within either a National Register historic district, or a City of Longmont designated historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

The historic integrity of this property was profoundly impacted when a very large 2 ½-story addition was built onto the east elevation in 2000. The addition dwarfs the original house, and is badly incompatible with the original building in terms of its size, massing, materials, and workmanship. The addition is also badly incompatible with the neighborhood's overall architectural character.

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 one block west of the East Side Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Properties in this area along Kimbark Street do have the potential to form a historic district of their own, or to be incorporated into the existing East Side Historic District.**

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-3**

Frame(s): **4-9**

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: **March 9, 2001**

50. Recordors: **Carl McWilliams and Karen McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

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

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