

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL9151**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **Douglas House; Turner House**
6. Current building name: **Raubeson House**
7. Building address: **531 Atwood Street**
8. Owner name: **Gary D. Raubeson**
Owner address: **531 Atwood Street**
Longmont, CO 80501

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **2N** Range **69W**
SW¹/₄ of **NW¹/₄** of **SE¹/₄** of **NE¹/₄** of section **3**
10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **491800**
Northing: **4446240**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**
Year: **1968** (**Photorevised 1979**) **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **S¹/₂ 8** Block: **43**
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):
L-Shaped Plan
15. Dimensions in feet: **800 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **One**
17. Primary external wall material
Asphalt
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

This house is located on the west side of Atwood Street, the third house south of 6th Avenue. The dwelling is one story in height, is of wood frame construction, and is supported by a low concrete foundation. The exterior walls are clad with undulated asphalt shingle siding, and the roof features intersecting gables, finished with black asphalt shingles and with painted green boxed eaves. Two non-historic single-light fixed-pane windows penetrate the facade (east elevation), and two non-historic vertically-oriented fixed pane windows penetrate the south elevation wall. Elsewhere, the windows are primarily the original single 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted white wood frames and painted green wood surrounds. A non-historic, 6' by 14', shed-roofed, enclosed front porch is located at the east end of the south elevation. Another non-historic entry door, with flanking sidelights, is located toward the west end of the south elevation.

A shed is located in the backyard, behind the house to the west. This structure was perhaps constructed in 1959.

22. Architectural style / building type:

Please see front page.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This house is located on the west side of Atwood Street, the third house south of 6th 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

Shed

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction:
Estimate
Actual **1907**

Source of information:
"Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records, 1907-1910."

26. Architect:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

28. Original owner:
Elizabeth Douglas

Source of information:
"Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records, 1907-1910."

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

Longmont water rent collection records indicate that this house at 531 Atwood Street was built originally, as a 4-room dwelling, in 1907. Elizabeth Douglas was the original owner. Sanborn Insurance maps indicate that the building was extended to the rear sometime prior to 1930. The structure has undergone changes in more recent years as well. An enclosed front porch has been built onto the east end of the south elevation; a new entry door has been cut into the south elevation; and the window openings on the south and east elevations have been altered. These alterations appear to postdate the period of significance; however, no building permits relating to them were found in the property's Longmont building permit file. Building permits for the property that are on file include one for the construction of a garage in 1932, and one for the construction of a tool shed in 1959. The garage is no longer extant.

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 residence at 531 Atwood dates to 1907. The earliest owner of record, as indicated by the Longmont Water Tap Records was Elizabeth Douglas of 3319 Grover Street in Denver. The records indicate that the dwelling located on the south have of Lot 8, Block 43, was a four-room house. Elizabeth Douglas continued to be the owner of record through 1914. In 1915, the ownership of the home had been transferred to Mrs. Alice Turner. Mrs. Turner was the widow of Henry Turner, of which little is known. Mrs. Turner supported herself after her husband's death in part by sharing the home with another widow, Mrs. Ethel Ash. Mrs. Ash was married to Emmett Ash. She worked as a dressmaker doing sewing and alterations for many of Longmont's citizens. Following Alice Turner's death in August 1933, Ethel Ash remained in the Atwood Street home. At one point in the 1940s, Longmont city directories indicate that Mrs. Ash was also renting out part of the house. In circa 1950, Ethel Ash sold the property to Ulrich and Katherine Tholen. Ulrich T. (Pete) Tholen was a custodian for the Kuner Empson plant. He was born in Victoria, Kansas, on February 6, 1886 to Theodore and Margaret Tholen. He married Katherine Muehlenkamp on November 4, 1916 in Grinnell, Kansas. Katherine Muehlenkamp was born April 18, 1897 at Belpre, Kansas. She was one of eleven children of Bernard and Katherine (Bruggemann) Muehlenkamp. In 1922, the Tholens moved to Longmont where they raised one son, Bernard, and four daughters, Rosina, Frances, Mary and Margaret. Before purchasing this home at 531 Atwood Street in circa 1950, the Tholen family had lived at 108 Gay Street. The couple remained in their home at 531 Atwood Street until Pete Tholen passed away at the age of 94 n May 30, 1980. Katherine lived to be 90 years old, passing away on September 28, 1987. Following the Tholens, Boulder County Assessor's records indicate that the home was purchased in April 1984 by Ricky Vigil. The city directory shows Mr. Vigil as the home's occupant in 1985 followed by a series of renters through the 1990s. The current occupant of the property is its owner, Gary D. Raubeson.

36. Sources of Information

[Alice Turner obituary] *Longmont Times-Call*, August 15, 1933, p. 1.

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

City of Longmont Building Permit file for 531 Atwood Street.

"Katherine Muehlenkamp Tholen." *Longmont Times-Call*, September 30, 1987, p. 13-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.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, dated June 1930, and June 1959.

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

"Ulrich T. Tholen." *Longmont Times-Call*, June 2, 1980, p. 20.

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: **1907-1953**

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, 1907-1953. To a small degree, the house is also architecturally notable, under Criterion C, for its vernacular gabled-L architectural plan. The property's 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, because the property displays below average integrity, it 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 could possibly qualify as a contributing resource within the district's newly expanded boundaries.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property displays well below average 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 home's physical integrity has been diminished by the construction of an enclosed front porch addition, by the construction of a new entry door on the south elevation, by the alteration of the original window openings on the south and east elevations, and by the application of asphalt shingle siding, in place of the original horizontal wood siding - all following the period of significance.

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 could 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-34**

Frame(s): **27-29**

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 2, 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**