

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL6744**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **Kreuger House / Slee House**
6. Current building name: **Bartkus House**
7. Building address: **612 Kimbark Street**
8. Owner name: **Anthony R. and Kari L. Bartkus**
Owner address: **612 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: **491470**
Northing: **4446370**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**
Year: **1968** (**Photorevised 1979**) **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **14, 15** Block: **26**
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 (Wood Frame Hipped and Gabled Roof 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):
Rectangular Plan
15. Dimensions in feet **1344 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1.5**
17. Primary external wall material
Synthetics / Vinyl
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):
Porch
Decorative Shingles
Chimney

21. General Architectural Description

This house, with an accompanying garage, is located on the east side of Kimbark Street. The house is set back approximately forty feet from the street, and the front sidewalk paralleling Kimbark is separated from the curb by a wide grass strip. The house is surrounded by a planted grass yard, with mature landscaping, and the backyard is enclosed by a picket fence. The house rests on a painted blue coursed sandstone foundation. The exterior walls are clad with pale blue horizontal vinyl siding, with vertical white vinyl pieces at the corner. A steeply-pitched roof, with intersecting hips and gables, is covered with grey asphalt shingles and has boxed eaves with returns. The molding on the roof eaves are painted bright purple, and there are painted pink and purple variegated wood shingles in the upper gable ends. Two red brick chimneys, both with corbelled caps, are located on the roof ridge. The house's windows are primarily 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted white wood frames and surrounds. A canted, hipped roof, bay, with three 1/1 double-hung sash windows, is located on the south elevation. A single-light fixed-pane window, with a gabled pediment, is located in the upper gable end on the façade (west elevation). A stained brown wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, and with a glass-in-metal-frame storm door, opens onto a tongue-and-groove wood porch which extends nearly the full length of the façade. The porch is covered by a low-pitched hipped roof, supported by turned columns and with an open wood balustrade, with turned balusters. An enclosed hipped-roof rear porch at the east end of the south elevation wraps around to cover the east end of the south elevation. A stained brown 15-light glass-in-wood-frame door, with a transom light, leads from the porch into the house's interior.

A garage is located near the alley, about 35 feet east of the house. The garage is one-story rectangular-shaped building which measures 15' N-S by 20' E-W. It has a poured concrete foundation and floor, and cream yellow undulated asbestos shingle siding exterior walls over wood frame construction. The roof is a moderately-pitched front gable, with brown asphalt shingles over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters, with a fascia board. One single-light fixed-pane window, with a painted blue wood frame, is located on the garage's south elevation. Paired, painted cream yellow, vertical wood plank garage doors, side hinged with metal strap hinges, open onto the alley on the east elevation. A single, painted cream yellow, wood-paneled door is located at the south end of the west elevation.

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 Longmont's oldest core residential neighborhood. Platted as part of Longmont's original townsite in 1872, this area 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 Insurance maps; "Water Ledger City of Longmont, 1907-1910."

26. Architect:
n/a

Source of information:
n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

28. Original owner:
C.M. Kreuger family

Source of information:
"Water Leger City of Longmont, 1907-1910." Longmont City Directories

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

Sanborn Insurance maps, and City of Longmont water records, reveal that this house was constructed between 1900 and 1906. The 1900 Sanborn map shows this lot as undeveloped, while the 1906 Sanborn map depicts the house, and two outbuildings located near the alley. The house originally had a wrap-around front porch, however, the south end of the porch was enclosed sometime between 1930 and 1956. The enclosed rear porch may have originally been open, but its dimensions are unchanged from the house's original construction.

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): **Domestic / Single Dwelling**
34. Site type(s): **Residence**

35. Historical Background

This house was built a few years after the turn of the twentieth century, and until 1910s it was the residence of the Kreuger family. (The name is spelled "Kruger" in some City Directories, however, the correct spelling is probably Kreuger.) A.H. Kreuger is listed in the "Directory of Farmers for Boulder County in 1892" as the owner of 480 acres of land in sections three and four of Township 3 North, Range 69 West, about five miles north of Longmont. The Kreguers are not listed in the 1892 Longmont City Directory, however they are listed at this address on Kimbark Street in the 1906 Directory (the next year available). Members of the Kreuger family living here in 1906 included A.H. Kreuger, his wife C.M. Kreuger, along with Anna, Mary, and George S. Kreuger. Mr. Kreuger's occupation is listed as "farmer", and George is listed as a "student." The 1916 Longmont City Directory lists this as the residence of William P. Kruger.

From circa 1920 to the late 1930s, a number of people lived here, each for a relatively brief time. These included Archibald Taylor, the Reverend G. W. South, Frank L. Johnston, and John J. Higgins. In about 1938, this property was purchased by longtime Longmont resident Mrs. Bertha b. Slee, and she continued to own and live here until her death in April 1952. Mrs. Slee had been born at Garfield, Minnesota on June 6, 1877. She graduated from the Normal School at Moorhead, Minnesota, and taught school for two years before her marriage to Albert B. Slee of Longmont. Mr. Slee, who worked as rural mail carrier in the Longmont area for many years, died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in July 1927.

Following the death of Mrs. Slee, this property was acquired by Conrad E. and Evelyn Gier. Mr. Gier passed away in February 1966 at the age of sixty. L Mrs. Gier continued to live and own here in to the 1990s. The home's current owners and residents are Anthony R. and Kari L. Bartkus.

36. Sources of Information

"Auto Collision at Wisecup Corner Thursday Night." *Longmont Daily Times*, June 24, 1927, p. 1.

"Bertha B. Slee Taken by Death." *Longmont Times-Call*, April 28, 1952, p.1.

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

"Car Accident is Fatal to Albert Slee; Death Comes Suddenly Today." *Longmont Daily Times*, July 6, 1927, p. 1.

Polk's Longmont City 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.

"Rites Set for Conrad E. Gier." *Longmont Times-Call*, February 8, 1966, p. 8.

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

"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**

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: **ca. 1903-1951**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **XX**

42. Statement of Significance

This property is historically significant for its association with residential development in Longmont during the first half of the twentieth century. The house is also notable for its architecture, as a good representative example of a vernacular dwelling dating from the turn of the twentieth century. Due to some loss of integrity, the property should be considered ineligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and for local landmark designation. The property, though, would qualify as a contributing resource within either a National Register historic district, or City of Longmont designated historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This house, and accompanying garage, have retained much of their historical integrity. In recent years, the house has been cladded with vinyl siding, and in earlier years (between 1930 and 1956), the south end of the front porch was enclosed. Otherwise, the house's exterior appears unaltered from its original construction. The garage has been cladded with asbestos shingle siding (probably in the 1950s), but it still has the look and feel of a small garage dating from the early part of the twentieth century.

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 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: **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-4**

Frame(s): **6-11**

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 14 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**