

**Architectural Inventory Form**  
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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

1. Resource number: **5BL6745**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **Longfellow House**
6. Current building name: **Dittrich House**
7. Building address: **613 Kimbark Street**
8. Owner name: **Evelyn and Gerald Dittrich**  
Owner address: **12648 Anhawa Dr.  
Longmont, CO 80503**

**II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

9. P.M. **6<sup>th</sup>** Township **2N** Range **69W**  
**SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of **NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of **SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of **NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of section **3**
10. UTM reference  
Zone **13**  
Easting: **491420**  
Northing: **4446370**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**  
Year: **1968** (**Photorevised 1979**) **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **34-36** Block: **27**  
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 (Intersecting Gables Stone 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 **1135 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material  
**Stone / Sandstone**  
**Stucco**
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**  
**Chimney**

**21. General Architectural Description**

This house, with an accompanying garage, is located on the west 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. The backyard is partially enclosed by a chain link fence, while the front yard is enclosed by a decorative vinyl picket fence. The house is supported by a sandstone foundation, and there is a full basement. The house has very distinctive stone walls, with painted white stucco in the upper gable ends. Flat stone arches, each with a central keystone, appear above the building's windows. Including the basement windows. The basement windows are 2-light hoppers, and the first story windows are primarily 3/1 (ribbon style) double-hung sash, with painted white wood frames and surrounds. The moderately-pitched intersecting gables roof is covered with red asphalt shingles, and has boxed eaves. A large stone chimney is located on the exterior of the north elevation. A non-historic, stained natural brown, glass-in-wood-frame entry door leads into a gabled vestibule on the façade (east elevation). The door opens onto a 5-step concrete porch and a handicapped ramp on the east elevation. A painted white wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, a flat stone arch, and with a silver metal storm door, opens onto a concrete stoop at the west end of the south elevation.

A wood-frame garage is located west of the house, near the alley. The garage is one-story, rectangular building, with a gabled roof, and with a gabled extension on its east end. The building has a concrete foundation and floor, and simulated brick concrete walls. The gable roof is covered with red asphalt shingles, and has boxed eaves, with an extended overhang. 1x1 horizontal siding windows, set in metal frames, are located on the north and south elevations. A metal roll-away garage door opens toward the alley on the west elevation. A single, wood door is located at the east end of the south elevation.

**22. Architectural style / building type:**

Please see front page.

**23. Landscape or setting special features:**

This building is located on the west 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**

Garage

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

25. Date of Construction:  
Estimate  
Actual **1948**

Source of information:  
**Boulder County Assessor records; Longmont City Directories**

26. Architect:  
**n/a**

Source of information:  
**n/a**

27. Builder/ Contractor:  
**unknown**

Source of information:  
**n/a**

28. Original owner:  
**Melvin E. and Winifred A. Longfellow**

Source of information:  
**Longmont City Directories**

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

Boulder County Assessor records list 1948 as this building's years of construction. This date is probably accurate as the address is 613 Kimbark Street first appears in the 1949 Longmont City Directory. Sanborn insurance maps corroborate that the building was constructed sometime after 1930, but before 1956. There have been no additions to the building subsequent to its original construction in 1948. Prior to 1948, this lot was undeveloped.

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**  
34. Site type(s): **Residence presently used as a Bridal Shop**

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### **35. Historical Background**

This house was constructed in 1948 as the new retirement residence for Melvin E. and Winifred A. Longfellow. The Longfellows were married on December 27, 1906 at Highland Lake, Colorado. They subsequently farmed south of Longmont for many years before retiring to this house in Longmont in the late 1940s. Winifred Longfellow passed away in Longmont in August 1964. She had been born to Mr. and Mrs. W.Y. Gregg, in LeRoy, Indiana on October 14, 1884. She came to Colorado with her family in 1889, and graduated from Longmont High School in 1902. Following their marriage in 1906, Melvin and Winifred had three children – a son, Jay and two daughters, Ramona and Shirley. After his wife's death in 1964, Melvin Longfellow lived here for a few more years before he apparently left Longmont – perhaps going to live with one of his grown children who were residing in Phoenix, Arizona, Farmington, New Mexico and Jonesboro, Tennessee.

Following the Longfellows tenure, this property was next owned by Roy E. Nemnich from the late 1960s into the 1990s. In March 1997, the property was acquired by Evelyn and Gerald Dittrich. The Dittrich's operate the "Bride 'N Tux Gallery" bridal shop in the building. Prior to 1992, Bride 'N Tux Gallery was located in the Lamplighter Mall, under different ownership. Evelyn and Gerald had come to Longmont from Iowa in 1972. Evelyn worked as a medical assistant, and was employed at IBM before she and her husband purchased the bridal shop business in 1993.

### **36. Sources of Information**

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

"Married" (Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Longfellow). *Longmont Ledger*, December 72, 1906.

"Mrs. Winifred Longfellow Dies After Short Illness." *Longmont Daily Times-Call*, August 20, 1964, p. 3.

*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.

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: **1948-1951**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **XX**

**42. Statement of Significance**

This building is architecturally significant for its rare (possibly even unique) stone construction within the City of Longmont. The property is also significant for its association with residential development in Longmont during the post-World War II years. Because its integrity has been compromised to a modest degree, the property is probably not individually eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The property, though, should qualify, individually, for local landmark designation, and it would also qualify as a contributing resource within either a local landmark or National Register historic district.

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

A small measure of this property's historic integrity has been lost by the construction of a handicapped ramp on the façade, by an addition built onto the garage, and by the erection of a white vinyl picket fence. Two signs advertising the Bride 'N Tux Gallery are located on the façade, but the house itself otherwise appears unaltered from its original construction.

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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: **xx**

Not Eligible:

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, a residential district listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The property is also located less than a block east of Main Street in downtown Longmont. Properties in this area on the west side of Kimbark Street have the potential to be incorporated into the existing East Side Historic District, or to be incorporated into a commercial district made up primarily of building's along Longmont's Main Street.**

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): **12-16**

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. Recorders: **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**