

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL6751**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **Bennewitz House**
6. Current building name: **Dantea Enterprises LLC House**
7. Building address: **627 Kimbark Street**
8. Owner name: **Dantea Enterprises LLC**
Owner address: **627 Kimbark Street**
Longmont, CO 80501

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **2N** Range **69W**
NW¹/₄ of **NW¹/₄** of **SW¹/₄** of **NE¹/₄** of section **3**
10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **491420**
Northing: **4446440**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**
Year: **1968** (**Photorevised 1979**) **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **27, 28** 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 / 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):
Irregular Plan
15. Dimensions in feet **2647 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1.5**
17. Primary external wall material
Metal / Aluminum
Wood / Weatherboard
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
Chimney

21. General Architectural Description

Now used as professional office space, this former residence is located on the west side of Kimbark Street, between residences at 623 and 629 Kimbark Street to the south and north. The house is set back approximately 38 feet from the street, and the front sidewalk paralleling Kimbark is separated from the curb by a wide strip of grass. The lot features a planted grass front yard, with a narrow side yard to the north. As presently configured, the building consists of the historic dwelling, as well as a large rear addition which incorporated what was historically a detached garage located behind the house to the west. The addition dates to 1963. The original house is 1 1/2-stories tall, and is supported by a coursed sandstone foundation, penetrated by 3-light hopper basement windows. The house is of wood frame construction, but its exterior walls have been clad with horizontal aluminum siding. The roof features intersecting hipped and gabled forms, with grey asphalt shingles and boxed eaves. Two painted white brick chimneys, with corbelled caps, are located respectively on the roof ridge and on the north facing roof slope. Many of the home's windows have been altered from their original configuration. A very new gothic-arch window, with leaded glass panes, is located in the upper gable end on the façade (east elevation). Below this window, another non-historic single-light fixed-pane "picture window" overlooks the front porch. Windows elsewhere on the original house are a combination of 1/1 double-hung sash, and 1x1 horizontal sliders. A non-historic stained brown solid wood door, with a leaded glass oval light, opens onto a wraparound wood porch on the façade. The porch has a tongue-and-groove wood floor, wood-frame knee walls, and squared columns which support a low-pitched hipped roof.

The west end of the addition (historically a detached garage), measures 20' N-S by 25' E-W, is supported by a concrete foundation, and has painted cream yellow concrete block walls. The former garage is covered by a low-pitched gable roof, with boxed eaves, and with board-and-batten appearing in the upper gable ends. One 6-light industrial sash window is located on the former garage's south elevation. A single, painted white, wood-paneled door, with a silver metal storm door, enters the garage addition on the south elevation. A painted cream yellow wood-paneled roll-away garage door opens toward the alley on the garage addition's west elevation.

The east end of the addition (connecting the original house to the formerly detached garage), has a concrete foundation, painted cream yellow horizontal weatherboard walls, and a flat roof. Windows on this part of the addition are paired 6-light casements. A large glass-in-wood-frame door enters into the addition on 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 and 6th Avenue in Longmont's oldest core residential neighborhood. 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. 1898**
Actual

Source of information:
Sanborn Insurance maps, 1895, 1900; Longmont City Directories

26. Architect:
n/a

Source of information:
n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

28. Original owner:
J.T. and Lucy Wright

Source of information:
Longmont City Directories

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

Sanborn insurance maps indicate that this residence was constructed between 1895 and 1900, and then enlarged slightly in the years between 1911 and 1918. In 1963, a large addition was built onto the home's west elevation, connecting the original home to what had been a detached garage. In more recent years, the home's front entry door, and several window openings have been replaced. A shed-roofed addition has been built onto the original house's north elevation as well.

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): **Commerce and Trade / Professional**
34. Site type(s): **Attorney's Office; Former Residence**

35. Historical Background

Constructed between 1895 and 1900, the building at 627 Kimbark Street served first as the home of J.T. and Lucy Wright. John T. and Lucy Anna Wright were long-time Longmont citizens, having arrived in this community in 1881. Lucy A. Denning was born in 1849 at Watertown, Ohio. She spent her childhood on a farm near Barlow, Ohio, and taught for a number of years in the country schools of southern Ohio. In 1872, she married John T. Wright. About ten years later, the couple moved to Longmont. John and Lucy had one daughter, Florence. Lucy Wright passed away on May 13, 1914, at the age of 64. John Wright sold real estate for a time, and was very active in Longmont civic affairs. He served variously as an alderman, as chairman of the "police, license, and fire department" commission, and on the building permits and finance commissions. The Wrights supplemented their income by occasionally renting out rooms. In 1906, their boarder was Edith Douglas, a teacher in the local schools.

The next occupant at 627 Kimbark was H.S. Sullivan, followed shortly thereafter by Edward h. and Bessie Bennewitz. Ed Bennewitz was born in Warren, Minnesota in 1882, moving to Longmont as a young man. By 1906, Bennewitz was employed by the Longmont Lumber company. The following years, on March 14, he was united in holy matrimony with the former Bessie Gunning. The January 10, 1908 edition of the *Longmont Ledger*, announced the birth of a daughter, Rita Mae (Hines), to be followed by two sons, John and Donald. Mr. Bennewitz was one of the first to open a garage and auto agency in Longmont, and was a banker, associated for many years with the Longmont National Bank. Edward Bennewitz passed away in April 1963, at the age of 81. in all, the Bennewitz family lived at 627 Kimbark from the late 1910s through the 1940s.

By 1953, the home had been sold to Lawrence M. and Henrietta Oetken. The Oetkens raised at least one son, Larry Russell Oetken, in the home, which they owned for nearly twenty years. Larry R. Oetken married Janice Lynn Martensen in January 1972. By 1974, the property was owned by Herbert Bauer, who also purchased the home next door at 623 Kimbark. The Bauer family owned several Longmont income producing properties. During the 1970s and 1980s, the house served as the location of the Shamrock Beauty Salon. Longmont City Directories suggest that Herbert Bauer might have also lived here during this time, although this was not verified. In the 1990s, Bauer sold the property to Nark G. and Leonie Williams. Now used as professional office space, this former residence was purchased about a year ago by Tessa E. Alexander, and is held under the ownership of Dantea Enterprises LLC. In 2001, it is the location of Alexander's law practice.

36. Sources of Information

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

"Died: Wright." (Lucy Anna Wright obituary) *Longmont Ledger*, May 15, 1914, p. 3.

"Funeral services for Ed Bennewitz to be Saturday." *Longmont Times-Call*, April 12, 1963, p. 8.

"Obituary – Mrs. Lucy A. Wright." *Longmont Ledger*, May 22, 1914, 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.

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.

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. 1898-1951**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **XX**

42. Statement of Significance

This property was historically significant for its association with Longmont's residential development –from just before the turn of the twentieth century, through the early 1950s. The house was also architecturally notable as a representative example of a vernacular hipped and gabled roof dwelling. Unfortunately, due to a substantial loss of integrity, the house is no longer able to convey a sense of its historic past. As a result, this property should be regarded as ineligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and ineligible for individual designation as a local landmark by the City of Longmont. It would also be regarded as a non-contributing resource within either a City of Longmont local landmark historic district or a National Register historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This house has lost a large measure of its historic integrity dating to the period of significance. A large incompatible addition has been built onto the original west elevation; another addition appears on the north elevation; the original portion of the house has been sided with aluminum; the front entry door has been replaced; many of the home's windows, including two on the façade, are not historic.

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-5**

Frame(s): **30-34**

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, 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**