

**Architectural Inventory Form**

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

1. Resource number: **5BL6752**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **Hershey House**
6. Current building name: **Leise House**
7. Building address: **629 Kimbark Street**
8. Owner name: **Duane J. and Louise T. Leise**  
Owner address: **3210 Emerson Drive**  
**Boulder, CO 80303**

**II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

9. P.M. **6<sup>th</sup>** Township **2N** Range **69W**  
**NW<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: **4446450**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**  
Year: **1968** (**Photorevised 1979**) **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **25, 26** 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 Side 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):  
**Irregular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet **1040 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1.5**
17. Primary external wall material  
**Wood / Horizontal Siding**
18. Roof configuration (enter one):  
**Gabled Roof / Side Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material (enter one):  
**Asphalt Roof / Composition Roof**
20. Special features (enter all that apply):  
**Porch**  
**Chimney**  
**Fence**

**21. General Architectural Description**

The house at 629 Kimbark Street is a modest one-story wood frame dwelling. 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 planted grass front and back yards, with a narrow side yard to the south. The lot is partially enclosed by a non-historic picket fence. The house is supported by a sandstone foundation which has been reinforced with concrete at some places. A bulkhead cellar entrance is located on the north elevation. The building's exterior walls are comprised of painted blue horizontal wood siding, with painted white 1" by 4" corner boards. The roof over the original house is a moderately-pitched side gable with a shed-roofed extension to the west (rear). An early addition to the building's west (rear) elevation has a nearly flat roof. The roofs are covered with grey asphalt shingles and have boxed eaves. One red brick chimney is located on the roof ridge of the original house. The house has a prominent rectangular bay window located on the south elevation. The bay features three 2/2 double-hung sash windows, with painted white wood frames and surrounds, and with wood panels beneath the windows. Windows elsewhere on the dwelling are primarily 2/2 and 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted white wood frames and surrounds, and with exterior aluminum screens. A wraparound wood porch covers almost all of the façade (east elevation), and wraps around to cover the east end of the south elevation. The porch is covered by a shed roof, supported by turned columns and engaged columns, with decorative turned brackets. Two wood-paneled doors, each with one upper sash light, open onto the porch. One of the doors, located at the far south end of the façade, features a painted black wood screen door with decorative corner pieces. The other door is centered on the façade between two double-hung windows. A secondary entrance is located at the west end of the north elevation. Here, a wood-paneled door, with two slender upper sash lights with rounded tops, and with a white metal storm door, enters into a 5' by 15' enclosed shed-roofed porch.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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; "Water Ledger City of Longmont."**

26. Architect:  
**n/a**

Source of information:  
**n/a**

27. Builder/ Contractor:  
**unknown**

Source of information:  
**n/a**

28. Original owner:  
**unknown**

Source of information:  
**n/a**

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

Sanborn insurance maps, and City of Longmont water ledger records provide evidence that this residence was constructed between 1895 and 1900. As originally built, the dwelling consisted of a 24' N-S by 17' E-W side gabled residence, with a 24' by 14' shed-roofed extension to the west. Between 1900 and 1906, an enclosed shed-roofed porch, measuring 5' by 15' was built onto the north elevation of the shed-roofed extension. A few years later, a 14' by 20' addition was built onto the rear of the original structure. The 1911 Sanborn map shows that the building's configuration has not changed since that time. Sanborn maps also depict a garage located on the alley, near the northwest corner of the lot. The ruins of the garage's concrete foundation are still in evidence, however the garage itself is now gone.

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**

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### **35. Historical Background**

Constructed between 1895 and 1900, the building at 629 Kimbark Street has not served as a single-family dwelling for more than one hundred years. The home's earliest known residents were Mr. and Mrs. A. Scott Hershey, who moved here following their marriage in July 1904. Born in 1877, Abram Scott Hershey came to Longmont soon after the turn of the twentieth century, following service in the Spanish-American War. In July 1904, he was united in marriage to Nancy Johnson, the daughter of St. Vrain Valley pioneers Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Johnson. Following their marriage, A. Scott and Nancy Hershey had two children – son Colin born in April 1905, followed by daughter Jean (Rich). The Hershey family lived here until circa 1920, before moving to another Longmont location. A well-known businessman, Mr. Hershey was employed variously by the Longmont National Bank, as the manager of the Longmont Hospital, and as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Longmont Credit Association. Following a battle with poor health, Mr. Hershey took his own life in May 1930. Sometime after her husband's death, Mrs. Hershey moved to Denver where she eventually passed away in November 1963.

Following the Hersheys, the next owners of 629 Kimbark were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Venus. The Venus' owned and lived here between circa 1920 and 1931, during which time they operated the O.K. Billiard Parlor in Longmont. Emery E. and Nellie C. Slay were the next owners of 629 Kimbark, living here in the late 1930s. By the beginning of World War II, though, they had moved, as Mrs. Nora E. Jarmin was the resident here during the early 1940s.

In 1943, the property became the home of Miss Kathryn (Katie) Erickson. Born in Denmark on August 27, 1872, Miss Erickson immigrated to America at a young age, and was a longtime resident of Niwot before coming to Longmont in 1939. A member of the United Brethren Church, she lived at 629 Kimbark for six years, until her death in September 1949.

Following Miss Erickson's death, the property was acquired by Guy W. and Adeline Peeler who lived here through the 1950s and 1960s. Born in Fayette, Missouri, Mr. Peeler married Adeline Robertson of Cheyenne, Wyoming in August 1914. They moved to Longmont in 1946 and purchased this house three years later. Mr. Peeler was an insurance and real estate agent, and was also an auctioneer. In about 1970, the Peelers moved to another home on Ninth Avenue, where Mr. Peeler passed away in July 1983. Following the Peelers' tenure, 629 Kimbark evidently became a rental property. Residents here from the early 1970s to the early 1990s, included Thomas D. Eaton, Melvin J. Hart, Ronald M. Paull, and Jess E. Dale. The property's current (2001) owners are Duane J. and Louise T. Leise. They maintain the property as a rental, while residing in Boulder.

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

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

"Erickson Rites to Be Tuesday." (Kathryn Erickson obituary) *Longmont Times-Call*, September 12, 1949, p. 1.

"Former Longmont Resident Dies in Denver." (Nancy Hershey obituary) *Longmont Times-Call*, November 11, 1963, p. 6.

"Guy W. Peeler." (obituary) *Longmont Times-Call*, July 11, 1983, p. 10.

"Local Women Stricken When Enjoying Tour." (Mrs. J.W. Venus obituary) *Longmont Times-Call*, January 11, 1938, 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.

"Well-Known Longmont Businessman Takes His Life." (A. Scott Hershey obituary) *Longmont Ledger*, May 13, 1930, p. 1.

**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. 1898-1951**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **XX**

**42. Statement of Significance**

This house is historically significant for its association with Longmont's residential development, from circa 1898, until the middle of the twentieth century. The house is also architecturally significant as a representative example of a vernacular side gabled dwelling. Although the house displays a high degree of integrity, the property's significance is probably not to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The property does, however, qualify for individual designation as a City of Longmont local landmark. The property would also qualify as a 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 displays a high degree of integrity relative to the seven aspects of integrity identified by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society – location, setting, design, workmanship, materials, feeling, and association. The 1911 Sanborn insurance map provides evidence that there have been no additions to the building since that time. Alterations to the historic building have been very minimal.

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**VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT**

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible: **xx**

Not Eligible:

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, 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: **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-5; LONG-6**

Frame(s): **35-36; 1-2**

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**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

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

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