

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL1196**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **First Baptist Church**
6. Current building name: **First Baptist Church**
7. Building address: **701 Kimbark Street**
8. Owner name: **First Baptist Church**
Owner address: **701 Kimbark Street**
Longmont CO 80501

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **2N** Range **69W**
SW¹/₄ of **SW¹/₄** of **NW¹/₄** of **NE¹/₄** of section **3**
10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **491420**
Northing: **4446520**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**
Year: **1968** (**Photorevised 1979**) **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **10** Block: **16**
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:

Classical Revival

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 **5529 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **2**
17. Primary external wall material
Brick
18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Hipped Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Asphalt Roof / Composition Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply):
Stained Glass
Chimney
Porch

21. General Architectural Description

A local expression of the Classical Revival style of architecture, Longmont's First Baptist Church is located at the northwest corner of Kimbark Street and Longs Peak Avenue, one block east of Main Street. Oriented to the east, toward Kimbark, the church features a modified rectangular plan, with overall dimensions of 68' N-S by 94' E-W. The building is two stories in height, and is supported by a 5' high concrete foundation. Basement windows are 3/3 double-hung sash, with painted white wood frames and surrounds, and with exterior wood screens. A course of red bricks, laid as rowlocks, forms a watertable and visually separates the foundation from the church's exterior walls. The exterior walls are made of wire-cut red brick, laid in running bond, and the church's roof is a low-pitched hip, covered with grey asphalt shingles and with boxed eaves. The church features a symmetrical façade, located on the east elevation. Two sets of paired, glass-in-steel-frame, entry doors are centered on the façade. The doors open onto a concrete porch, beneath a projecting gabled hood. Eleven concrete steps, flanked by red brick and sandstone kneewalls, and with a center rail, descend from the porch to the sidewalk along Kimbark. A non-historic, but nicely-compatible, concrete and brick handicapped ramp leads to the porch from the south end of the façade. The church entrance is flanked on either side by single stained glass windows, with flat brick arches and brick rowlock sills. On the façade's second story, there are two single 1/1 windows, which flank two sets of paired 1/1 windows, all with pedimented brick arches, and brick rowlock sills. Windows elsewhere on the building also feature pedimented brick arches and brick rowlock sills. Secondary entrances are located on the church's south (side) elevation, facing toward Longs Peak Avenue. Here, an 11-step concrete porch, covered by a flat hood, leads to a stained natural brown wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, and with flanking sidelights. Below this entrance, eight concrete steps descend to a basement-level entry door. One other entrance is located on the north elevation, where a painted white solid wood door opens onto a 9-step concrete porch.

22. Architectural style / building type:

Please see front page.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

The First Baptist Church is located on the northwest corner of Kimbark Street and Longs Peak 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
Actual **1921**

Source of information:
Cornerstone

26. Architect:
Mr. Martin, of East Liverpool, Ohio

Source of information:
"Proposed New Baptist Church." Longmont Ledger, February 4, 1921, p. 1.

27. Builder/ Contractor:
Carlow Brothers, Gravel; Arthur Dalby Cement; members of the Baptist Church congregation.

Source of information:
"Contracts for Baptist Church." Longmont Ledger, August 19, 1921, p. 1.

28. Original owner:
First Baptist Church

Source of information:
"Contracts for Baptist Church." Longmont Ledger, August 19, 1921, p. 1.

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

The First Baptist Church was constructed in 1921 on this site which had formerly been owned by A.D. Lane, and known as the Harris property. According to newspaper accounts of the day, the church was designed by a Mr. Martin, an architect from East Liverpool, Ohio. Carlow Brothers of Longmont was awarded a contract to furnish gravel, and Arthur Dalby was awarded a contract for cement. Most of the labor to construct the building was furnished by members of the congregation. The church's cost was estimated at between \$40,000 and \$48,000. The church's mortgage was paid off in October 1928. Earlier, the Baptists had congregated at another church building which had been built at the northeast corner of Main and 6th, a few years prior to 1900.

30. Original location: **yes**
Moved **no**
Date of move(s) **n/a**

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Religion / Church**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Religion / Church**
33. Current use(s): **Religion / Church**
34. Site type(s): **Church**

35. Historical Background

A Baptist Church congregation was organized in Longmont in the winter and spring of 1890. Following a series of meetings, Longmont's Baptist Church was formally organized in early April of that year, with the Reverend W.J. Hatch acting as chairman, and Mr. S.G. Ratliff as clerk. Within a few years, the Baptists had purchased land and erected a house of worship at the northeast corner of Main Street and 6th Avenue.

The Baptists worshipped at that location for the next two decades, but by the late 1910s, the congregation had outgrown the building. In December 1911, the Baptist Church purchased this lot at Kimbark Street and 7th Avenue from A.D. Lane. A house which was located here was removed, and construction of the extant church building was begun in 1921. According to newspaper accounts in the *Longmont Ledger*, the church was designed by a Mr. Martin, an architect from East Liverpool, Ohio. Carlow Brothers of Longmont was awarded a contract to furnish gravel, and Arthur Dalby was awarded a contract for cement. Most of the labor to construct the building was furnished by members of the congregation, under the supervision of the Reverend Edward G. Lane, the church's pastor. The church's cost was estimated at between \$40,000 and \$48,000. To pay for the handsome new edifice, the Baptists raised over \$32,000 in pledges, and they sold their old church building at 6th and Main to the Salvation Army. A mortgage was obtained for the balance, which was paid off in October 1928. The church, which today appears little changed from its original construction, has served continuously as Longmont's First Baptist Church from 1921 to the present.

36. Sources of Information

"A Baptist Church was organized..." *Longmont Ledger*, April 11, 1890, p. 3.

"A meeting was held... of persons interested in the organization of a Baptist Church in Longmont..." *Longmont Ledger*, February 28, 1890, p. 2.

"The Baptists Have Rally." *Longmont Ledger*, February 25, 1921, p. 1.

"Baptists Raise Over \$32,000." *Longmont Ledger*, February 25, 1921, p. 1.

"Baptists Rejoice Over Burning of Mortgage." *Longmont Ledger*, October 1,2 1928, p. 1.

"Contracts for Baptist Church." *Longmont Ledger*, August 19, 1921, p. 1.

"For a New Baptist Church." *Longmont Ledger*, December 26, 1919, 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.

"Proposed New Baptist Church." *Longmont Ledger*, February 4, 1921, p. 1.

"Salvation Army Busy Baptist Church." *Longmont Ledger*, September 16, 1921, p. 1.

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

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.

xx 2.56.040-A (2) The structure or district is the site of a historic event with an effect upon society.

xx 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.

xx 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 ; Religion

40. Period of Significance: **1921-1951**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **XX**

42. Statement of Significance

The First Baptist Church is historically significant for its association with the theme of religion, and for its association with Longmont's socioeconomic development during the first half of the twentieth century. The church is also architecturally significant as a somewhat modest, yet locally notable, example of the Classical Revival style of architecture. The church building accrues additional significance because its history is exceptionally well documented. Displaying a high degree of historical integrity, the First Baptist Church is individually eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C. The property is also eligible for individual designation as a City of Longmont local landmark.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

The First Baptist Church displays a high degree of historical integrity, relative to the seven aspects of integrity identified by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society – setting, location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. There have been no additions to the building, and minimal exterior alterations, subsequent to the church's original construction in 1921. A handicapped ramp, located at the south end of the façade, was designed superbly well to blend in with the original structure.

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 to the northwest 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-6**Frame(s): **1-4**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 24, 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**