

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL7331**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **Davis House**
6. Current building name: **Sherwood / Larson House**
7. Building address: **704 Atwood Street**
8. Owner name: **Candace E. Sherwood & Mari E. Larson**
Owner address: **704 Atwood Street**
Longmont, CO 80501

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **2N** Range **69W**
SE¹/₄ of **SW¹/₄** of **NE¹/₄** of section **3**
10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **491907**
Northing: **44466534**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**
Year: **1968** (**Photorevised 1979**) **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **S¹/₂ 4** Block: **20**
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:

Bungalow

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: **880 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **One**
17. Primary external wall material
Wood / Horizontal Siding
18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Gabled Roof / Front Gabled Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Asphalt Roof / Composition Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply):
Chimney

21. General Architectural Description

The residence at 704 Atwood Street is a single-story, rectangular-shaped, wood-frame bungalow. Located on the east side of Atwood Street two houses north of Longs Peak Avenue, the structure measures 22' N-S by 40' E-W. The house is supported by a low painted yellow concrete foundation, and the exterior walls are clad with yellow horizontal wood siding. The house is covered by a moderately-pitched clipped front gable roof, covered with grey asphalt shingles, and with exposed rafter ends with painted yellow wood trim. A crumbling red brick chimney is located on the roof ridge. A set of paired 6-light casement windows is located at the south end of the facade, while two sets of paired casement windows are located at the west end of the south elevation. Windows elsewhere are primarily 3/1 (ribbon-style) double-hung sash with painted wood frames and surrounds. A non-historic painted blue paneled front door, with an aluminum storm door, leads into the house from a non-historic 3-step concrete porch near the south end of the facade. A non-historic glass-in-wood-frame atrium door opens from the dwelling's basement level on the east (rear) elevation onto a sunken flagstone patio.

The property has no garage; however, there is a gambrel-roof storage shed in the backyard.

22. Architectural style / building type:

Please see front page.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This house is located on the east side of Atwood Street, the second house north of Longs Peak Avenue, in Longmont's historic East Side neighborhood. Developed during the late 1800s and early 1900s, the East Side Neighborhood is an established area made up primarily of historic single-family homes. The Colorado and Southern Railroad tracks, which continue to carry freight trains, run down the center of Atwood Street, while the neighborhood overall features wide tree-lined streets, uniform house setbacks, and deep rectangular-shaped lots.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects

Shed

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction:
Estimate
Actual **1936**

Source of information:
"Town of Longmont, Colorado - Water Rent Collections" records; Longmont city directories.

26. Architect:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

28. Original owner:
Marvin S. Davis

Source of information:
"Town of Longmont, Colorado - Water Rent Collections" records; Longmont city directories.

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

Longmont water rent collection records, and Longmont city directories indicate that this Bungalow-style dwelling was constructed in 1936. There have been no additions to the original structure; although, a walkout basement-level entrance, opening onto a sunken flagstone patio, has been constructed on the dwelling's east (rear) elevation. The front porch has also apparently been replaced.

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**

35. Historical Background

Longmont water rent collection records indicate that the dwelling at 704 Atwood Street was constructed in 1936, and that it was originally owned by Melvin S. Davis. Several references pertaining to Davis were located in *Longmont Times-Call* newspaper files; however, no obituary for him was found indicating he may have moved from Longmont prior to his death. Davis married Chloe Broshar in Longmont in January 1934, and the couple evidently took up occupancy in this house two years later. Then, in March 1936 along with partner Urbe L. Davis, he purchased the Growler Cafe at 316 Main Street from G.H. Hamilton, renaming the establishment Mel's Cafe. Apart from his business enterprise in the restaurant business, Mr. Davis was also active socially and culturally. Among other endeavors, he was installed as master of the Masonic Lodge in December 1948, and in the early 1950s he served on the national Board of Directors for the Izaak Walton League.

The Davis family lived here until the early 1950s, and by the late 1950s the property had become the residence of James B. and Rosemarie Humbard. The Humbard family then lived and owned here until the late 1960s. Mr. Humbard worked as a salesman for Rawleigh Products for a time in the mid-1950s.

According to Longmont city directories, more recent owners or residents of 704 Atwood Street have included J. Watson (early 1970s); Candelario Trujillo (late 1970s); Don J. Ross (early 1980s); and Brian R. and Jennifer Hall (late 1990s - circa 2002). The directories also indicate that a family named Pelham lived here in the early 1990s, and that the property was unoccupied for a time in the late 1980s. The property's current owners (in 2003) are Candace E. Sherwood and Mari E. Larson.

36. Sources of Information

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

Longmont Times-Call, January 10, 1934, p. 1.

Longmont Times-Call, March 18, 1936, p. 1.

Longmont Times-Call, December 18, 1948, p. 1.

Longmont Times-Call, April 7, 1951, p. 1.

Polk's Boulder County 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 June 1930, and May 1956.

"Town of Longmont, Colorado - Water Rent Collections." On file at the Longmont Archives, Longmont Museum.

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;

xx 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.

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.

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: **1936-1953**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **XX**

42. Statement of Significance

This house is historically significant relative to National Register Criterion A for its association with Longmont's residential development during the period of significance, 1936-1953. The house is also architecturally notable, under Criterion C, for its representative Bungalow style of architecture. Finally, the property is potentially significant under Criterion B, for its association with Melvin S. Davis, a notable individual and local business owner. The property's significance in these regards is not to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the National or State Registers of Historic Places. The property also probably does not qualify to be listed as a local landmark by the City of Longmont. This property is located outside the boundaries of the Longmont East Side Historic District. If the district's boundaries were to be expanded, this house, however, would qualify as a contributing resource within the district's newly expanded boundaries.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property displays a somewhat above average level of historical integrity, relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society - setting, location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The house's physical integrity has been diminished by the removal of the original front porch, and by the construction of a sunken flagstone patio and walkout basement-level entry on the east (rear) elevation.

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 outside the boundaries of the East Side Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. If the district's boundaries were to be expanded, this house could be considered a contributing resource.**

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-32**

Frame(s): **4-6**

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 25, 2003**

50. Recorders: **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

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

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