

**Architectural Inventory Form**

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

1. Resource number: **5BL8791**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **Frentz House; Richards House**
6. Current building name: **Schiraldi House**
7. Building address: **721 Emery Street**
8. Owner name: **Joe Schiraldi**  
Owner address: **721 Emery Street**  
**Longmont, Colorado 80501**

**II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

9. P.M. **6<sup>th</sup>** Township **2N** Range **69W**  
**NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of **SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of **NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of **NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of section **3**
10. UTM reference  
Zone **13**  
Easting: **491510**  
Northing: **4446590**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**  
Year: **1968** (**Photorevised 1979**) **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **N 1/2 8** Block: **17**  
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:

**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):  
**Rectangular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet **824 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material  
**Asbestos**
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**

**21. General Architectural Description**

This modest residence is located on the west side of Emery Street, near the middle of the 700 block, in Longmont's historic Eastside neighborhood. The house is set back approximately 68' from the curb at Emery Street to the east, where a wide grass strip separates the curb from the front sidewalk. (Other houses on the west side of the 700 block of Emery Street are set back approximately 43' from the curb) The lot features planted grass front and back yards, with a driveway along the north side of the house. The house is supported by a low poured concrete foundation, and there are single-light hopper basement windows. The building is of wood frame construction, but its exterior walls are covered with yellow asbestos shingles siding, while the asbestos shingle siding on the lower walls is in a faux stone pattern. The house is covered by a moderately-pitched side gabled roof, with a shed-roofed extension to the west (rear) elevation. The roof has brown asphalt shingles and boxed eaves. One red brick chimney is located on the west-facing roof slope. A non-historic bubble skylight is also located on the west-facing roof slope. Windows are primarily single, 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted turquoise wood frames and painted burnt orange color wood surrounds. The windows also have non-historic exterior metal storm windows. A stained natural brown wood-paneled door, with six upper sash lights, and with a wood storm door, opens onto a 2-step concrete porch, covered by a metal shed awning, located near the south end of the façade (east elevation). A solid wood door enters into the dwelling near the south end of the west elevation.

A garage is located adjacent to the alley near the northwest corner of the property. Featuring a basic rectangular plan, the garage measures 14' N-S by 18' E-W. It is of wood frame construction, and has painted yellow horizontal weatherboard exterior walls, with painted burnt orange color 1" by 4" corner boards. (The west elevation wall has been covered with corrugated metal.) The garage roof is flat, and there are stepped side gable parapet walls which extend above the roof line on the north and south elevations. One set of paired 4-light hopper windows are located on the south elevation. A single window opening on the north elevation is covered with wood planks. A painted green and burnt orange overhead garage door, on the garage's east elevation, opens onto a gravel driveway which extends along the north side of the house to Emery Street. A single wood-paneled door is located at the east end of the garage's 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 Emery Street, in one of Longmont's oldest core residential neighborhoods. For the most part, the area is still made up of single family homes, with a few duplexes and small apartment buildings.

**24. Associated buildings, features, or objects**

Garage

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

25. Date of Construction:  
Estimate **ca. 1903**  
Actual

Source of information:  
**Boulder County Assessor records; "Water Ledger City of Longmont 1907-1910"; Longmont city directories, 1903.**

26. Architect:  
**n/a**

Source of information:  
**n/a**

27. Builder/ Contractor:  
**unknown**

Source of information:  
**n/a**

28. Original owner:  
**E.J. Clark (probably)**

Source of information:  
**Longmont city directories**

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

Boulder County Assessor records list 1910 as this building's year of construction. City of Longmont water records dated 1907-1910, indicate that a five room dwelling existed at this location. Longmont city directories, moreover, begin listing the property's address, 721 Emery Street, in 1903. A 16' by 8' shed-roofed extension to the west (rear) elevation is likely not part of the home's original construction, however, it is clearly well over fifty years old.

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**

This residence was constructed circa 1903, and was originally occupied by Carl and Martha Frentz. Mr. Frentz's occupation is listed as laborer, in the 1903 Longmont city directory. City of Longmont water records from the very early 1900s indicate that the property was owned by J.B. Wellman. However, Wellman is not listed in city directories as residing here. Residents, and perhaps owners, of the home in the 1910s and 1920s include E.J. Clark, Mrs. Jane Wooley, and L.J. Hesser.

In the late 1920s or early 1930s, 721 Emery Street became the property of Daniel C. and Eunice (Birdsill) Richards. The Richards lived and owned here for about a decade, then for most of the 1940s, they leased the property to George W. and Tursey Pennington. The Richards again took up occupancy here circa 1950, remaining here until Mr. Richards' death in November, 1972. Daniel and Eunice Richards had three children, a son, Edward, and two daughters, Margaret and Maxine. Eunice Richards had been born at Zenda, Kansas on November 24, 1897, the daughter of Harry and Eva Birdsill. She moved to Longmont from Erie Colorado in 1929, where she was a homemaker and was a member of the First Baptist Church. She outlived her husband for more than a quarter century, finally passing away on June 23, 1998, at one hundred years of age.

George W. Pennington, who lived at 721 Emery Street in the 1940s, was also a coal miner. Born in Oklahoma on December 14, 1894, George was married to Tursey L. Talkington in Oklahoma. George and Tursey had two sons, Haskall O., and Herman L. The Pennington family came to Longmont in 1936, and moved into this house a few years later. Mr. Pennington worked in the Morrison and Eagle coal mines during the late 1930s and throughout the 1940s. In 1950, he began working for the Golden Transfer Company in Longmont. Just one year later, he tragically suffered a fatal heart attack while working for the company at the Colorado and Southern depot freight docks. At the time of his death, Mr. Pennington, was just fifty-six years of age. Tursey Pennington died five years later, in March 1956, at the age of sixty.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, 721 Emery was owned by Steven J. Geiger. The property's current owner and occupant is Josephy Schiraldi.

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

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

"Eunice H. Richards." (obituary) *Longmont Times-Call*, June 24, 1998, p. A-11.

"Heart Attach is Fatal For Longmont Man." (George W. Pennington obituary) *Longmont Times-Call*, March 10, 1951, p. 1.

"Local Woman Dies Suddenly." (Tursey L. Pennington obituary) *Longmont Times-Call*, January 18, 1956, 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.

"Water Ledger City of Longmont, 1907-1910." On file at the Longmont Archives, Longmont Public Library.

**VI. SIGNIFICANCE**

37. Local landmark designation:

Yes

No

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).

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. 1903-1951**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **XX**

**42. Statement of Significance**

This property is historically significant for its association with Longmont's residential development, from the time of its construction circa 1903, through the middle of the twentieth century. The house is also architecturally significant for its representative side gabled vernacular style of architecture. The property's combined levels of significance and integrity are 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. The property's garage dates from the period of significance, displays good integrity, and as a result would also be contributing resource within a potential historic district. The garage is particularly notable for its flat roof and distinctive stepped side gables.

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

This property displays above average historical integrity, relative to the seven aspects of integrity defined by the Colorado Historical Society and the National Park Service – location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The house's integrity has been diminished slightly by the construction of a small addition to the west (rear) elevation, and by the application of asbestos shingle siding.

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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: **The property is located in the block to the north of the East Side Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Properties in this area, in the 700 block of Emery Street do have the potential 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-16**

Frame(s): **30-35**

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: **December 6, 2001**

50. Recorders: **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

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

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