

Architectural Inventory Form
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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL8766**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **Newby House / Fisher House**
6. Current building name: **Williams House**
7. Building address: **722 Kimbark Street**
8. Owner name: **Paul Williams**
Owner address: **722 Kimbark Street**
Longmont, CO 80501

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **2N** Range **69W**
NE¹/₄ of **SW¹/₄** of **NW¹/₄** of **NE¹/₄** of section **3**
10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **491480**
Northing: **4446600**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**
Year: **1968** (**Photorevised 1979**) **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **3** 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:

Hipped-Roof Box

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 **1006 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material
Wood / Horizontal Siding
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):
Porch
Chimney
Flared Eave

21. General Architectural Description

This modest dwelling is located on the east side of Kimbark Street, near the middle of the 700 block, between other residences at 718 Kimbark Street to the south and 726 Kimbark Street to the north. The house is set back approximately 45 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 north. The house is a single-story structure, supported by a low coursed sandstone foundation, which has been painted grey. The building is of wood frame construction and its exterior walls are clad with painted white horizontal wood siding. The roof is hipped, with flared eaves, and is covered with red asphalt shingles. Two painted grey brick chimneys are located at either end of the roof ridge. Three non-historic 1x1 horizontal sliding windows, with metal frames, penetrate the south and west walls of a non-historic enclosed front porch on the west elevation (façade). A set of tripled 1/1 double-hung sash windows, with painted white wood frames and surrounds, is located on the south elevation. Windows elsewhere on the dwelling are entirely 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted white wood frames, and surrounds. A painted white wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, and with a brown metal storm door, opens onto a 3-step concrete stoop on the façade. This door opens from the non-historic 22' by 7' hipped roof addition, where the original open front porch was located. A non-historic redwood deck is located on the east (rear) elevation.

A garage is located to the southeast of the house. This structure is one story tall, and features a simple rectangular plan, measuring 14' N-S by 22' E-W. The garage is supported by a poured concrete foundation and floor, and its exterior walls are clad with painted white vertical wood planks. The garage roof is a steeply-pitched front gable, covered with red asphalt shingles, over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. A set of paired, painted white, vertical wood plank garage doors, open onto a concrete driveway on the garage's west elevation. This driveway extends along the south side of the house to Kimbark Street.

22. Architectural style / building type:

Please see front page.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This building is located on the east side of Kimbark Street in Longmont's oldest core residential neighborhood. The 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

Garage

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction:
Estimate **ca. 1905**
Actual

Source of information:
"Water Ledger City of Longmont 1907-1910"; Longmont City Directories

26. Architect:
n/a

Source of information:
n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

28. Original owner:
Kate Newby

Source of information:
"Water Ledger City of Longmont 1907-1910"; Longmont City Directories

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

Boulder County Assessor records list 1910 as this residence's date of construction. Longmont city directories, however, indicate that the residence was in existence by 1906. The building is also listed in the "Water Ledger City of Longmont 1907-1910," although this source does not provide a year of construction. The house, and the garage, are both depicted on Sanborn Insurance maps published in 1930 and 1956. The garage has had no additions since its original construction. The house's original open front porch has been enclosed and converted to interior living space, probably within the past thirty years.

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

Built circa 1906, the residence at 722 Kimbark Street served as the residence of Mrs. Kate Newby until the mid-1930s. In 1936, according to that year's Longmont city directory, the property was occupied by Mrs. Leo Gray, and by Eunice O. Gray, a teacher. In 1940, the property's owner and resident was Delbert R. Witham, followed in 1943 by Oland P. Rhoades.

In about 1945, the property was acquired by William A. and Mina A. Fisher, who lived here during their later retirement years. Born August 5, 1872, at Cedar Falls, Iowa, William Fisher moved to White City, Kansas as a young man, where he became an auctioneer. On March 3, 1898, he was united in marriage with Mina Ingmire, who had been born in Morris County, Kansas on February 21, 1879. Following their marriage, William and Mina continued to reside in Kansas, where they raised a family of one son and four daughters – Harold, Ina, Hazel, Pearl and Grace. During the 1910s, the Fishers took several vacation trips to Colorado, and in 1918, the family made the decision to relocate to Longmont, Colorado. In Longmont, Mr. Fisher continued his career as an auctioneer, but in 1932, he was appointed superintendent of the county farm and hospital. Socially, Mr. Fisher was a member of the Modern Woodmen, and the family belonged to the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Fisher was also a member of the Royal Neighbors and Philathea Class of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in their Kimbark Street home on March 3, 1948. William Fisher passed away three years later, on May 26, 1951. Mina (Ingmire) Fisher died in January 1958.

Following the Fishers, 722 Kimbark Street was owned and occupied by the Eugene Webber family between circa 1959 and 1968. For most of the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s, the property was maintained as a rental. The Pooh Corner Pre-School was located here for a short time in the early 1970s. Presently in 2001, the home is owner occupied by the Paul Williams family.

36. Sources of Information

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

"Fisher Services To Be Friday." *Longmont Times-Call*, January 9, 1958, p. 4.

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.

"W.A. Fisher Dies Following Stroke; Funeral Today." *Longmont Times-Call*, May 28, 1951, p.1.

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

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.

xx 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. 1905-1951**

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 during the first half of the twentieth century. The house was also architecturally notable as a representative example of a hipped-roof box dwelling. Due to a rather substantial loss of integrity, though, the property is no longer able to strongly convey a sense of its significance, and as such, the property is individually ineligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The property is also individually ineligible for designation as a Longmont landmark. The property, though, would qualify as a contributing property within either a National Register historic district, or a City of Longmont designated historic district. The garage dates from the period of significance, and displays above average integrity. As a result, this structure would also be a contributing resource within a potential historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property's historical integrity has been diminished by the enclosure of the original open front porch, by the addition of a redwood deck on the east elevation, and by the alteration of some window openings.

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 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): **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. Recorders: **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

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

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