

**Architectural Inventory Form**

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

1. Resource number: **5BL9172**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **Capp House; Atwood House**
6. Current building name: **Bridgeman House**
7. Building address: **723 Baker Street**
8. Owner name: **Andrew & Dawn Bridgeman**  
Owner address: **723 Baker Street**  
**Longmont, CO 80501**

**II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

9. P.M. **6<sup>th</sup>** Township **2N** Range **69W**  
**SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of **SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of **NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of **NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of section **3**
10. UTM reference  
Zone **13**  
Easting: **491965**  
Northing: **4446564**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**  
Year: **1968** (**Photorevised 1979**) **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **9, 10** 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:

**Late 19th and Early  
Twentieth Century  
Revivals / Classic Cottage**

**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: **1152 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **One**
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):  
**Chimney**  
**Porch**

**21. General Architectural Description**

Located on the west side of Baker Street five properties north of Longs Peak Avenue, the house on this lot is one story in height and has a rectangular-shaped plan that measures approximately 24' x 48'. The wood frame house rests on a stone foundation that rises about 4" above the ground and the exterior walls are finished with clapboard siding. The home was a hipped roof finished with asphalt shingles and boxed eaves. At the peak of the roof is a short brick chimney. A large gabled dormer with one louver is found on the east slope. This dormer is not original to the home. The windows on the home are predominantly 1/1 double hung sashes with wood frames and surrounds. The façade has two large fixed windows. The front of the home has a 3/4 –width projecting enclosed porch with a concrete stoop and stairs. This enclosure of the previously open porch is not original to the home. The front entry contains a metal screen door and a hollow core wood door with four triangular lights. On the rear elevation is a metal storm door. To the rear of the house at the alley is an old wood frame garage with weatherboard siding, a gabled roof, one overhead door, and a pair of wood swinging doors.

**22. Architectural style / building type:**

Please see front page.

**23. Landscape or setting special features:**

This house is located on the west side of Baker Street in the block between 7th and 8th Avenues, near the northeast end of 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 single-family homes.

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

Garage

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

25. Date of Construction:  
Estimate  
Actual **1906**

Source of information:  
**Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection records**

26. Architect:  
**unknown**

Source of information:  
**n/a**

27. Builder/ Contractor:  
**unknown**

Source of information:  
**n/a**

28. Original owner:  
**M.P. Capp**

Source of information:  
**Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection records**

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

The house at 723 Baker Street was constructed in 1906. Designed by an unknown architect, this home is a fine vernacular cottage typical of working-class housing of the period in terms of its size, materials and construction methods. In 1956, the rear of the house was expanded with a 14' x24' addition. In 1957, the garage at the rear alley was constructed. Finally, in 1959 the open porch on the front of the house was enclosed, significantly altering the home's historic appearance. No changes appear to have taken place since that time. Today the home is generally in fair condition, retaining and exhibiting just some of its historic appearance and materials dating to its period of construction.

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**

The house at 723 Baker Street was constructed in 1906 for M.P. Capp, who may also have been involved with the construction of the adjacent houses at 725 and 727 Baker Street (all three of these houses were originally identical). Capp was born in Monroe County, Missouri in 1868 and attended the St. Louis School of Pharmacy. He arrived in Longmont in 1904, where he purchased the Turrell Drug Store, which he operated through 1907. That year, he went into the real estate business with partner, A.F. Dworak. In 1908, Capp was elected to serve a four-year term as sheriff of Boulder County. He also served as secretary of the Longmont Real Estate Association and as a member of the school board. In 1913, Capp was appointed to serve as warden of the state juvenile reformatory in Buena Vista, a position he held until his death in 1927. It appears that Capp and his wife Susie resided in the home at 723 Baker Street from 1906 through 1914.

Between 1915 and 1940, the home was owned by Noah and Sarah Atwood, who evidently rented the house for several years prior to moving there. Around 1916, the house was occupied by Samuel and Letitia Hart, about whom nothing is known. Around 1918, the house was occupied by Ross and Pearl Gill, about whom little is known other than that Ross worked as a machinist with the Empson Packing Company. Between approximately 1920 and 1940, the home was occupied by Noah and Sarah Atwood, who appear to have moved to Longmont from Sterling. Little is known about the Atwoods other than that Noah worked as a mechanic for the Great Western Sugar Company.

Between approximately 1940 and 1943, the house was occupied by Paula and Lucille Morris, about whom little is known other than that Paul worked as a plumber. Between 1944 and 1946, the house was occupied by a widow named Augusta Johnson. From 1945 through 1949, the house was occupied by Ralph and Cecile Siglinger. Ralph was born in 1904 in Loveland and Cecile was born in 1910 in Nunn. The couple married in 1943 while Ralph was farming in the Niwot area. He soon left to serve in the military during World War II. After the war, the couple moved to Longmont and the house at 723 Baker Street, where Ralph worked as a steward at the Elks Club and Cecile was employed at Bi-Rite Drugs. Ralph later went on to work for the Boulder County Highway Department.

Around 1951, the home was occupied by Peter "Gus" and Anna Witt. Little is known about Gus. Anna was born in 1895 in Benninton, Nebraska and married Gus in 1913. The couple moved to Longmont in 1949. Finally, the house was occupied from 1953 through at least 1978 by Raymond and Clara Harnish. Raymond was born in 1909 in Sterling and Clara was born in 1908 in Kidder, Missouri before moving to Colorado in 1937. The couple married in 1951 in Boulder and settled in Longmont, where Raymond worked for years as a painter and paper hanger and Clara worked for the Colorado Creamery.

**36. Sources of Information**

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

City of Longmont Building Permit records for 723 Baker Street.

*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 June 1959.

Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records, 1906-1939.

"Warden M.P. Capp Killed by Electric Wire Near Boulder," *Longmont Ledger*, 25 August 1927, p. 1.

"Local Woman Dead on Coast," *Longmont Times Call*, 2 July 1946 p. 1.

"Ralph Siglinger," (obit.) *Longmont Times Call*, 14 October 1985, p. 13A.

"Cecile Roxie Siglinger," (obit.) *Longmont Times Call*, 29 September 1994, p. A12.

"Anna K. Witt," (obit.) *Longmont Times Call*, 28 July 1976, p. 8.

"Raymond Harnish," (obit.) *Longmont Times Call*, 6 February 1978, p. 12.

"Clara Bell Harnish," (obit. *Longmont Times Call*, 19 April 1991, p. 9A.

**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: **1906-1953**

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, 1903-1953. Prior to being altered in 1959, the house was also architecturally notable, under Criterion C, for its Classic Cottage style of architecture. 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. Furthermore, due to a loss of integrity, the property also does not qualify for local landmark designation 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 could possibly qualify as a contributing resource within the district's newly expanded boundaries.

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

This property displays below average 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 rear of the house was expanded with a 14' by 24' addition in 1956; the open front porch was fully enclosed in 1959, considerably altering the home's appearance.

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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: **x**

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, to include the entire neighborhood, this house could possibly 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-42**

Frame(s): **18, 32**

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: **May 30, 2003**

50. Recorders: **Ron Sladek**

51. Organization: **Tatanka Historical Associates**

52. Address: **P.O. Box 1909  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80522**

53. Phone number: **970/229-9704**