

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination
(OAH P use only)

OAHP1403
Rev. 9/98

- Date _____ Initials _____
- Determined Eligible – National Register
- Determined Not Eligible – National Register
- Determined Eligible – State Register
- Determine Not Eligible – State Register
- Need Data
- Contributes to eligible National Register District
- Noncontributing to eligible National Register District



I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5BL.4928** Parcel number(s): **131503313003**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Longmont**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Craig-Baker Inc. Building; Harvey-Shryack Motors Building; Longmont Motor Co. Building**
- 6. Current Building Name: **St. Vrain Glass and Upholstery Building**
- 7. Building Address: **635 3rd Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name: **635 LLC**
- Owner Organization:
- Owner Address: **202 Main Street, Suite 4
Longmont , CO 80501**

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:	Eligible
Local landmark eligibility field assessment:	Eligible

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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **2N** Range: **69W**
SE ¼ of SE ¼ of NE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 03
10. UTM reference
Zone: **13** **491191 mE** **4445902 mN** **(NAD83)**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont**
Year: **1968 (photorevised 1979)** Map scale: **7.5**
12. Lot(s): **W 60.75 Ft of Lots 1-5 & ALL Lot 6 Blk 76**
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.
Metes and bounds?: Describe:

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): **Rectangular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **Length: 110 feet x Width: 60 feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick**
18. Roof configuration: **Flat Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
- Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Facade Treatment/False Front**
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21. General architectural description:

This former automobile dealership building measures 110' N-S by 60' E-W. Located at the southeast corner of 3rd Avenue and Coffman Street, the building's façade fronts directly onto the wide concrete sidewalk which parallels 3rd Avenue on the north elevation. The building is one story in height; however, there is a walk-out basement level on the south (rear) elevation. This is made possible because the ground slopes downward from the northwest to the southeast. The foundation walls are concrete, while the main walls are made of red bricks laid in common bond. A sign painted on the brick at the north end of the east elevation advertises the building's former business " St. Vrain Glass and Upholstering." The roof is flat, or nearly so, with stepped brick walls along the east and west elevations. The façade is symmetrical, with a tall false-front shaped gable in the center, flanked on either side by lower, flat, brick parapets. A distinctive painted green and white wood-paneled garage door, with vertically-oriented lights, is counter balanced, and when opened, the door rises into the space above. A band of four metal-framed storefront display windows penetrates the west half of the façade. A recessed entryway, with a glass-in-metal-frame door, with flanking sidelights and storefront display windows, penetrates the east half of the façade wall. Additional display windows penetrate the north end of the west elevation, facing toward Coffman Street. The west elevation is also penetrated by five sets of paired 2-light fixed-pane windows, and by a solid wood door which opens onto a small 6-step concrete dock. Four bands of 3-light basement-level windows penetrate the foundation wall along the west elevation as well. A large wood-paneled roll-away garage door enters the basement level on the south elevation, A band of four fixed-pane windows penetrates the main level on the south elevation, while sets of tripled and paired windows penetrate the basement level.

Another, smaller, brick building extends to the east from the south end of this building's east elevation. The extension appears to have perhaps been built in two sections; however, Sanborn maps indicate it was built at about the same time as the main building. The extension has an address of 615 3rd Avenue, and measures approximately 24' N-S by 60' E-W. It is supported by a concrete foundation, and its walls are made of red brick laid in common bond. The roof is flat, with stepped side-gables at the east end. Its east and north elevations are penetrated by multi-paned industrial sash windows. Two wooden horizontal sliding garage doors, which do not appear original, also penetrate the north elevation. A set of paired wood-paneled doors enter the building on the east elevation. A badly faded sign on the extension's upper façade wall advertises a former dry cleaning business.

22. Architectural style: **Late 19th And Early 20th Century American Movements/Commercial Style**

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features: **This building is located at the southeast corner of Coffman Street and 3rd Avenue, a block west of Main Street near the south end of downtown Longmont. The historic West Side residential neighborhood is located generally to the west and northwest.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects: **N/A**

1: Type:

Describe:

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: Actual: **1923**

Source of information: **Boulder County Assessor Property Records; Longmont city directories; Sanborn Insurance maps.**

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26. Architect: **Unknown**

Source of information: **N/A**

27. Builder: **Unknown**

Source of information: **N/A**

28. Original owner: **Unknown**

Source of information: **N/A**

29. Construction history:

Boulder County Assessor records list 1924 as this building's date of construction; however, its address (635 3rd Avenue) first appears in Longmont city directories in 1923. Built originally as an auto dealership garage, the building has been minimally altered over the years. Building permits for the property were obtained in May 1950, June 1960, February 1961, January 1964, and July 1982. The work done in 1950 is unknown; however, in 1960, contractor Ralph Faith obtained a building permit to "remove window and replace with door." This probably refers to a utility entry door on the west elevation. In 1961, a permit was obtained to "add office inside of building", and in 1964, Ralph Faith received another permit to "remodel two offices - frame construction." Finally, in 1982, a permit for a new roof was obtained by the St. Vrain Glass and Upholstery Company.

Prior to the construction of this building, a livery which had been built prior to 1890, was located on this property. The 1900 Sanborn map shows its name as the "White Elephant Livery." On other Sanborn maps (in 1890, 1895, 1906, 1911 and 1918) it is simply listed as "Livery."

30. Original location: Moved: _____ Date of move(s): _____

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store**

32. Intermediate use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store**

33. Current use(s): **Vacant/Not in Use**

34. Site type(s): **Former automobile dealership garage; former agricultural implement company building; former automobile glass and upholstery shop.**

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35. Historical background:

The building at 635 3rd Avenue was built in 1923 as an auto dealership garage. According to Longmont city directories, the building originally housed Craig-Baker, Inc., which featured "Dodge sales and service, storage, gasoline and oils." C.N. Frank was the manager. By 1926, Craig-Baker, Inc. had given way to Unger Motors, which was owned and operated by Ralph W. Unger. By the early 1930s, though, the business had changed again, as it had become Harvey-Shryack Motors, Inc., and by 1936 it had changed once again becoming the Longmont Motor Company. Managed by Roy T. Tidwell, Longmont Motors was a Dodge, Packard and Plymouth dealership.

By the end of World War II, the building was no longer an automobile dealership garage, but had instead become an agricultural implement business. Rehder Brothers, Inc. specializing in International farm and truck machinery, was located here in the late 1940s. This business was owned by the four Rehder brothers, named Henry, Jack, William and Walter. The brothers also owned a filling station located at 914 Main Street. Jack Rehder was the president, and Henry Rehder the vice-president of the implement company.

By 1951, Rehder Brothers had given way to another implement company named Selander-Parker, Inc., owned and operated by Wayne S. Parker and Edward J. Selander. By 1955, however, Selander was no longer involved with the implement business. Also, its name had changed to the Mountain Farm Equipment Company, which advertised: "see us for all your farm equipment needs." Wayne S. Parker was this company's President, while Richard S. Frisk was its Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer.

By the 1960s the building's use had changed once again, as during that decade it housed the Mills Company, a sheet metal business owned by Clifton W. Mills and Russell B. Bugas. City directories in the 1960s indicate that the Mills Company specialized in sheet metal manufacturing and installation, but that for a time it was also an electrical contractor.

From the late 1960s to circa 2002, St. Vrain Glass and Upholstering was located at 635 3rd Avenue, which was owned, at least for a time, by Earl H. Wertz. In 2006, the building was vacant and not in use.

36. Sources of information:

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

Boulder County Assessor Property Records.

Sanborn Fire Insurance maps.

City of Longmont building permit files.

Longmont City Directories.

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VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation: Yes No Date of designation:

Designating authority:

38. Applicable National Register criteria:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern 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 possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguished 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.

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.

39. Area(s) of significance: **Architecture; Commerce; Transportation/Road-related (vehicular)**

40. Period of significance: **1923; 1923-ca. 1959**

41. Level of significance: National: State: Local:

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42. Statement of significance:

This building is historically significant for its association with Longmont's commercial growth in the years following 1923. It is significant for its original use as a relatively early automobile dealership garage between 1923 and the mid-1940s, and for its later use as an agricultural implement business between circa 1946 and 1959. The building is also architecturally significant as a distinctive, intact, early 20th century commercial building. The counter-weighted vertically-rising wood-paneled garage door is an architecturally significant feature. The building's level of significance may be to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and in the State Register of Historic Properties. It is eligible for individual local landmark designation by the City of Longmont.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This building displays a high level of 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. There have been no additions, and only minimal exterior alterations, to the building's exterior.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Eligible**

Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Eligible**

45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No

Discuss: **This property is located in a transitional area between downtown Longmont's commercial center to the east, and the historic West Side residential neighborhood to the west. Historic properties in this area do not appear, collectively, to possess sufficient significance and integrity to form a National Register historic district.**

If there is National Register district potential, is this building: Contributing Noncontributing N/A:

46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it: Contributing Noncontributing N/A:

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph number(s): **CLG Grant #08-05-20407-027 -** Negatives filed at: **City of Longmont**
CD-3, Images 6-14

48. Report title: **Eastside and Westside Neighborhoods: Historic Context and Survey Report** **Department of Community Development, Planning Division**

49. Date(s): **01/07/06** **Civic Center Complex**

50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams** **350 Kimbark Street**
Timothy Wilder **Longmont, Colorado 80501**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

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

53. Phone number(s): **(970)493-5270**

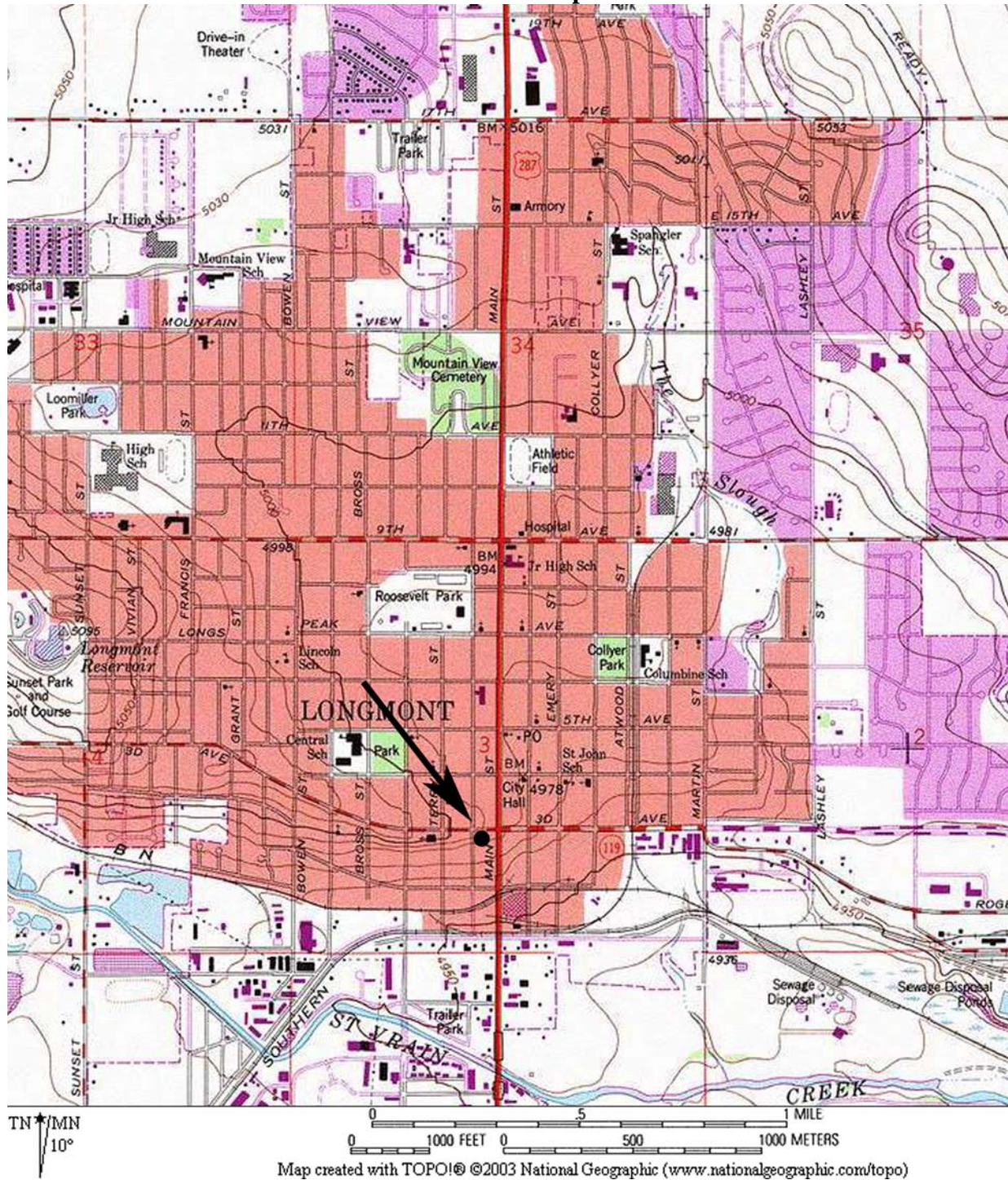
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Sketch Map



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Location Map



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