

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination  
(OAHF use only)

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- 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.1209.9** Parcel number(s): **131503303007**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Longmont**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Turrell House; Andrew House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Pirnack House**
- 7. Building Address: **864 4th Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name: **Pirnack, Scott D & Julia E**
- Owner Organization:
- Owner Address: **864 4th Avenue**  
**Longmont , CO 80501**

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:	<b>Not Eligible</b>
Local landmark eligibility field assessment:	<b>Eligible</b>

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## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **2N** Range: **69W**  
**NW ¼ of NW ¼ of NE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 03**
10. UTM reference  
 Zone: **13** **490935 mE** **4446185 mN** **(NAD83)**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont**  
 Year: **1968 (photorevised 1979)** Map scale: **7.5**
12. Lot(s): **W 104.1 Ft of S 73 1/3 Ft Lot 6 Blk 54**  
 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: 52 feet x Width: 36 feet**
16. Number of stories: **2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Horizontal Siding**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Cross Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Wood Roof/Shingle Roof**  
 Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Porch**  
**Chimney**  
**Tower**  
**Ornamentation/Decorative Shingles**  
**Balcony**  
**Roof Treatment/Finial**
21. General architectural description:  
**The late nineteenth century dwelling at 864 4th Avenue features an irregular plan, asymmetrical massing, and exhibits some elements of the Queen Anne style of architecture. Located at the northeast corner of Pratt Street and 4th Avenue, the original dwelling is covered by a steeply-pitched cross-gabled roof. An L-shaped, screened-in, front porch wraps around the southwest front corner, and a two-story square tower at the northwest corner is covered by a pyramidal roof with a finial extending from the roof peak. A flat-roofed enclosed sun porch addition has been built onto the original home's east elevation, and a small gabled laundry room addition has been built onto the original northeast corner.**

**The wood frame dwelling is supported by a low coursed sandstone foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with painted yellow horizontal wood siding. Diamond-shaped patterned wood shingles appear in the upper gable end on the south elevation. Fishscale patterned wood shingles appear in the upper gable end on the west elevation. Octagon-shaped patterned wood shingles appear in the upper gabled end on the east elevation, where there is a large stained glass oculus window. The cross gabled roof, and the pyramidal roof over the corner tower, are**

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covered with wood shingles, and the roof eaves are boxed. A painted white brick chimney, with a corbelled cap, is located on the roof ridge. Three non-historic skylights penetrate the south-facing roof slope.

Two canted hipped bays, each with three 1/1 double-hung sash windows, are located on the south elevation. Three 1/1 double-hung sash tripartite windows are located in the upper gable end on the south elevation. Elsewhere, the home's windows are predominantly 1/1 double-hung sash with painted wood frames and surrounds. The screened-in L-shaped porch which wraps around the front southwest corner measures 27' N-S by 15' E-W. It features a tongue-in-groove wood floor, wood frame knee walls, Tuscan columns, and a low-pitched hipped porch roof. A stained natural brown wood screen door leads into the porch near the west end of the south elevation. A painted white 10-light glass-in-wood-frame entry door leads into the flat-roofed sunroom addition on the east elevation. This door is topped by a transom light, as are three 1/1 windows which extend to the south of the entry door. The sunroom addition's flat roof also serves as a balcony accessed from the original dwelling's upper half story. A non-historic horizontal sliding glass bypass door, with flanking sidelights, opens onto the balcony from the original home's upper gable end on the east elevation.

22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian/Edwardian**  
 Building type:
23. Landscape or special setting features: **This property is located at the northeast corner of 4th Avenue and Pratt Street, within the boundaries of Longmont's Westside Historic District which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The property appears well-maintained, and is nicely landscaped with a variety of native trees, shrubs and plantings. Wide planted grass yards flank the house on its south and west sides, and there are wide grass strips between the front sidewalks and the curbs along 4th Avenue and Pratt Street.**
24. Associated buildings, features or objects:
- |    |           |  |               |
|----|-----------|--|---------------|
| 1: | Type:     | <b>Garage</b>  | Contributing? |
|    | Describe: | <b>A modest-sized wood frame garage is located just north of the house. It is supported by a concrete foundation, and has painted yellow horizontal wood siding with painted white 1" by 4" corner boards. Decorative wood shingles appear in the upper gable ends on the east and west elevations. The garage roof is a steeply-pitched front gable, covered with wood shingles, and with closed eaves. A single 1/1 window penetrates the garage's east elevation. A white metal-paneled roll-away garage door, located on the west elevation, opens onto a brick driveway which extends to Pratt Street to the west. A single entry door is located near the east end of the south elevation.</b> |               |

### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1892** Actual:
- Source of information: **Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records; Sanborn Insurance maps; Longmont city directory, 1892.**
26. Architect: **Unknown**  
 Source of information: **N/A**
27. Builder: **Unknown**  
 Source of information: **N/A**
28. Original owner: **Judson W. Turrell**  
 Source of information: **Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records; Longmont city directory, 1892.**
29. Construction history:

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Longmont water rent collection records, and the 1892 Longmont city directory indicate that this house was in existence by 1892. It was probably built not many years prior to that date. Sanborn Insurance maps indicate that the original house was enlarged to the rear (east elevation) between 1918 and 1930, and that there were also possible alterations to the original front southwest corner. In recent years, present owner Scott Pirnack (an architect) has modified the earlier additions into a rear enclosed sun porch and a laundry room, with a balcony above.

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

### 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:

**Judson Wade Turrell** - this house's original owner - was born in Montrose, Pennsylvania on August 16, 1843. He left Pennsylvania heading west for the Colorado frontier, at the young age of 22. Likely traveling down the Ohio River to Missouri, and then overland by covered wagon from St. Louis, Turrell arrived at the town of Burlington on the St. Vrain River, Colorado Territory in the fall of 1866. At Burlington, entered into a partnership with Reinzi (Rienzi?) Streeter, opening a retail store which they named "Streeter and Turrell, Drugs and Groceries." For a short time, they operated a store in Cheyenne, but after the arrival of the Chicago-Colorado Colonists, and after Longmont was founded in 1871, they returned to Longmont where they opened a new store on the east side of Main Street. When that business burned in 1879, Streeter and Turrell moved to a new location on the west side of Main Street. Streeter retired a few years later, leaving Turrell as the store's sole proprietor. The Turrell Pharmacy is advertised thusly in the 1892 Longmont city directory: "Drugs, medicines, fancy & toilet articles, trusses & surgical appliances, books, stationary, watches, clocks, jewelry, silver plated wares, paints \* oils, etc., Main betw, 3rd and 4th." Turrell was also involved in civic affairs. Among other endeavors, he was an influential member of the Grand Army of the Republic in the 1880s, served as Longmont's fire chief in the late 1880s, and was a delegate to Colorado's silver convention in 1889.

Turrell was married to Mary V.W. Tiffany, and the couple had five children - Neil, Mark (who died in 1894), Burke, Elizabeth, and Jennie. The Turrells purchased this lot in 1874, and some years later arranged for the construction of the house. The house's precise year of construction is unknown; however, Longmont water rent collection records and city directories document it was in existence by 1892. In February 1896, Turrell deeded the property to his daughter Elizabeth, and in June of that year she was wed to Dr. Charles Fisher Andrew. Judson Turrell died six years later, on November 21, 1902, at the age of 59. Some years later his widow, Mary (Tiffany) Turrell, married her second husband, J.A. Davis.

Dr. Charles F. Andrew, and Elizabeth (Turrell) Andrew lived in this house from 1896 until they were divorced in 1909. The son of John and Harriet (Fisher) Andrew, Charles had been born at New Salem, Illinois in 1876. He had his medical training at the Lombard College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago, and at the Missouri Medical College in St. Louis, where he graduated as class president in 1895. He then came to Longmont, taking over the medical practice of Dr. Joseph J. Topliff who had recently passed away. He and Elizabeth had a daughter, Dorothy, born in 1897, and a son, Donald, born in 1898. Dr. Andrew traveled to Europe in 1900 where he undertook post-graduate work in Vienna and Berlin. Upon his return, Andrew helped establish the Longmont Hospital and founded the Longmont Hospital Association, serving as the institution's president until his death in

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1926. Dr. Andrew was married to Sadie Whitney in 1910, a year after he and Elizabeth were divorced. Charles and Sadie had two children - Charles, born in 1911, and Harriett, born in 1919.

By 1916, this elegant home at the northeast corner of Pratt and 4th Streets had been become the home of John M. and Agnes Anderson. The Andersons (who are listed as "retired" in Longmont city directories) evidently resided here for but a few years, as by 1923 this house had become the Manse for the First Methodist Episcopal Church. Clergymen, and their spouses, who resided here during the ensuing four decades included Orville K. and Metta Maynard, Frank R. Hollenback, Benjamin H. and Hazel Christner, Monford L. and Leilah Jackson, Gabriel S. Upton, and Donald J. Grooters.

From the mid-1960s, through the 1970s, this house was the residence of Dr. Christian R. Amoroso, and his wife, Joanne. A prominent local physician, Dr. Amoroso was at the forefront of numerous wellness activities. In 1979, he was involved with the Longmont Racewalkers who were planning to undertake a one hundred mile race walk. In 1981, Dr. Amoroso was appointed to the State Council for Health Promotion and Physical Fitness, by Governor Lamm, and in 1982, as director of medical services for Kodak Company's Colorado Division, he received an award from the Governor's Council for Health and Fitness. Joanne Ambrose, among other notable endeavors, played a key role in the Amigos de las Americas program in Longmont in the early 1980s.

In 1980, this property was owned and occupied by John P. and Carol A. Phillips. In 1990., it was the residence of Roger L. Segler, a professor at the University of Colorado. The property's current (2005) owners are Scott D. and Julia E. Pirnack; they have lived here since the early 1990s. Scott is an architect; Julia is presently mayor of Longmont.

36. Sources of information:

Boulder County Assessor, Real Estate Appraisal Card - Urban Master.

Boulder County Assessor Property Records.

Sanborn Fire Insurance maps.

City of Longmont building permit files.

"The J.W. Turrell Pharmacy." Longmont Ledger, September 4, 1903.

Barker, Jane Valentine. Historic Homes of Boulder County. Boulder: Pruett Publishing Company, 1979, p. 115.

They Came to Stay: Longmont, Colorado 1858-1920. Longmont, Colorado: St. Vrain Valley Historical Association, 1971, pp. 11, 248.

"Died - Turrell" [Judson Wad Turrell obituary] Longmont Ledger, November 28, 1902.

Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records.

Longmont City Directories.

## 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;

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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: **N/A**

40. Period of significance: **N/A**

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

42. Statement of significance:

**This property is historically significant for its associations with Longmont's residential growth, and in particular for its associations with the notable Turrell and Andrew families, and for its long use as a Manse for the Methodist-Episcopal Church. The house is also architecturally significant for its very distinctive Late Victorian/Edwardian architectural characteristics (described above in section 21), and for its fine architectural details including a corner tower (also further described above in section 21). This property, therefore, may be considered individually eligible for local landmark designation by the City of Longmont. It is also a contributing resource within the Westside Historic District.**

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

**This property displays a reasonably 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. Modest rear additions and alterations to the historic dwelling are compatible with the house's overall construction.**

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### VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Eligible**  
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Eligible**
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No **N/A**  
 Discuss: **This property is located within the boundaries of Longmont's existing Westside Historic District. It is a contributing resource within the 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-2, Images 281-290,**
48. Report title: **Eastside and Westside Neighborhoods: Historic** **Department of Community**  
**Context and Survey Report** **Development, Planning**  
**Division**
49. Date(s): **September 10, 2005** **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

