

## COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

**Architectural Inventory Form**

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**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.10117** Parcel number(s): **131503412004**  
 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**  
 3. County: **Boulder**  
 4. City: **Longmont**  
 5. Historic Building Name: **Hovard House; Bostwick House**  
 6. Current Building Name: **Aragon House**  
 7. Building Address: **342 Baker Street**  
 8. Owner Name: **Antonio T. & Deborah J. Aragon**  
 Owner Organization:  
 Owner Address: **342 Baker St**  
**Longmont , CO 80501**

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|---|--|
| 44. National Register eligibility field assessment: | <b>Not Eligible</b>  |
| Local landmark eligibility field assessment:        | <b>Contributes to designated or potential designated historic district</b> |

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### II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **2N** Range: **69W**  
**SW ¼ of NE ¼ of NE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 03**
10. UTM reference  
 Zone: **13** **491971 mE** **4446089 mN** **(NAD83)**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont**  
 Year: **1968 (photorevised 1979)** Map scale: **7.5**
12. Lot(s): **N 1/2 Lot 3 Blk 69**  
 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: 36 feet x Width: 25 feet**
16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Metal/Aluminum Siding**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Front Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
- Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Porch**  
**Chimney**  
**Window/Glass Block**
21. General architectural description:  
**The residence at 342 Baker Street is a 1.5 story wood frame dwelling consisting of a main clipped front gable section which measures 22' N-S (across) by 26' E-W (deep), and a 25' by 10' single-story shed-roofed extension on the east (rear) elevation. The house is supported by a low sandstone foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with horizontal aluminum siding. The roof is moderately-pitched, and is covered with green asphalt composition shingles. A large non-historic stone fireplace chimney is located on the south elevation. The house features a symmetrical façade, with a centered front entry door which leads into the residence from an 18' by 6' hipped-roof front porch. The entry door is flanked on either side by double-hung sash window which overlook the porch. The porch itself is approached by non-historic flagstone steps with flanking knee walls, and features aluminum clad half walls, painted white wood posts, and the low-pitched hipped porch roof. The home's windows elsewhere are primarily single double-hung sash with painted wood frames. The shed-roofed extension to the east elevation features distinctive siding, with its lower portion faced with brick. The rear entry here is topped by glass block transom lights, and there is a glass block sidelight as well. The rear of the house is also penetrated by two (probably) 1x1 horizontal sliding windows, and by several distinctive small square panes near the top of the wall. A shed-roofed rear patio also serves somewhat as a balcony, as a non-historic 1x1 horizontal sliding glass bypass door opens onto the roof from the home's upper half story.**
22. Architectural style: **Late 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Movements**  
 Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features: **This property is located on the east side of Baker Street, near the south end of Longmont's historic East Side residential neighborhood. The property features planted grass front and back yards, with well-maintained mature landscaping.**
24. Associated buildings, features or objects:
- |    |           |  |                |              |
|----|-----------|--|----------------|--------------|
| 1: | Type:     | Garage   | Contributing?  | Contributing |
|    | Describe: | A wood frame garage, which measures 14' by 18', is located near the rear of the lot. This structure appears to be in deteriorated condition. Its exterior walls are clad with deteriorating grey asphalt shingle siding, and it is covered by a gable roof with asphalt composition shingles. A set of paired, vertical wood plank garage doors, side-hinged with metal strap hinges, open toward the alley on the east elevation. |                |              |
| 2: | Type:     | Shed   | Contributing?: | Not assessed |
|    | Describe: | A small wood frame shed is located in the back yard along the north property line. This apparently is the shed referenced in a 1941 building permit application calling for the construction of a "12' by 10' by 8' frame" structure to be built by owner Walter Hill.   |                |              |

### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: Actual: **1902**  
 Source of information: **Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records; Longmont city directories; Sanborn Insurance maps..**
26. Architect: **Unknown**  
 Source of information: **N/A**
27. Builder: **Unknown**  
 Source of information: **N/A**
28. Original owner: **Sarah A. Hovard**  
 Source of information: **Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records.**
29. Construction history:  
**Longmont water rent collection records, Longmont city directories, and Sanborn Insurance maps all indicate that this house was built in 1902. Sarah A. Hovard was the original owner. The original dwelling measured 22' N-S (across) by 26' E-W (deep), with an approximately 12' by 10' extension at the north end of the east (rear) elevation. Sanborn maps indicate that a front porch, which measures 18' N-S by 6' E-W, was added between 1906 and 1911, and that a rear mud porch, which measures approximately 13' by 10', was built onto the south end of the east elevation between 1911 and 1918.**
- In June 1941, owner Walter Hill received a building permit for a frame building to measure 12' by 10' by 8' high, to be built at a cost of \$100.00. This apparently refers to a wood frame shed with corrugated metal siding, located in the back yard near the north property line. In 1974, owner Antonio Aragon obtained a building permit for new exterior siding. Metro Aluminum Discount Company was the siding contractor. Sanborn maps indicate the garage did not exist here until after 1930; however, no building permits were found related to its construction.**
30. Original location:  Moved: Date of move(s):

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### 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 house was built in 1902, and was originally owned and occupied by Sarah A. Hovard. The widow of John Hovard, Sarah had been born in Canada in 1850, and had immigrated to the United States in 1891. George E. Hovard (presumably Sarah's son) was also living here in the very early 1900s. According to census records, George had been born circa 1886, and after living in Longmont, he later moved to Jefferson County. Sarah Hovard lived here until sometime in the late 1910s when she apparently moved away. No obituary for her was found in Longmont newspaper obituary indexes. In addition to Sarah and George Hovard, the 1906 city directory also lists J.H. and Nellie Neiman at this address. They were apparently boarders, perhaps living in a basement apartment.

Subsequent city directories indicate that the house was occupied by several families through the mid-1940s. Residents during these years included: Fred Hunt (early 1920s); Dr. James A. Vaughan (late 1920s - early 1930s); Archie W. and Margaret Conover (late 1930s); and Ira O. (or Oren I.) Caldwell (early 1940s). A physician, Dr. Vaughan lived here with other family members, Delbert (employed as a radio serviceman), and Virginia (a student). His medical practice was at 615 4th Avenue. The 1932 city directory also lists Laurence A. and Leona I. Johnson at this address, perhaps living in a basement apartment. Laurence worked as a miner.

The house's longest tenured resident was Joseph W. Bostwick, who owned and lived here from the mid-1940s to the mid-1960s. Born July 1, 1883 in Craig, Missouri, Mr. Bostwick moved to Niwot, Colorado from Woodruff, Kansas in 1916. He farmed in the Niwot area until 1925 when he moved to the Longmont area where he operated a dairy. He was later employed by the Kuner-Empson Company for eleven years. Joseph and his wife Anna(?) moved into this house in the mid-1940s. She died on April 16, 1954, and in July 1956 Joseph married his second wife, Ethel. Joseph Bostwick passed away in March 1967 at the age of 83. He was survived by his wife, Ethel, a son, Carl, and five married daughters, Grace (Jones), Merry (Ardourel), Mildred (Dayhoff), Florence (Young) and Murle (Sorenson).

During the late 1960s and early 1970s, the house was next owned and occupied by the Mrs. Stella E. Mahalick family. From circa 1973 to the present (2006), the property has been owned and occupied by the Antonio T. Aragon family.

36. Sources of information:
- "J.W. Bostwick Dies of Illness." Longmont Times-Call, March 23, 1967, p. 3.
- Boulder County Assessor Property Records.
- (Boulder County) "Real Estate Appraisal Card – Urban Master." On file at the Boulder Carnegie Library.
- City of Longmont building permit files.
- Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records.
- Longmont City Directories.
- Sanborn Fire Insurance maps.

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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:    **Not Applicable**

40. Period of significance:    **Not Applicable**

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

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42. Statement of significance:

**This house is historically significant, to a modest extent, for its association with Longmont's residential development during the early 1900s. Built in 1902, it predates the opening of Longmont's Great Western Sugar Company by one year. The house is also architecturally notable, again to a modest extent, for its vernacular wood frame clipped front gable plan, and for its typical hipped-roof front porch. Due to some loss of integrity, though, the property's ability to convey a sense of its historic and architectural integrity has been diminished. At any rate, the property's level of significance is not to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places, or for individual local landmark designation by the City of Longmont. The property, though, probably does retain enough integrity to qualify as a contributing resource within a potential National Register designated or locally designated historic district.**

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

**This property exhibits a somewhat below-average level of integrity, relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society - location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The house was sided with aluminum in the 1970s; a large non-historic stone chimney is located on the south elevation; a non-historic horizontal sliding glass bypass door penetrates the upper half story on the east elevation; and the rear of the home has undergone extensive renovations, probably in the 1970s or more recently.**

### VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Eligible**

Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Contributes to designated or potential designated historic district**

45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes  No

Discuss: **This property is located outside the boundaries of Longmont's existing Eastside Historic District. There is potential that the district's boundaries could be extended south to 3rd Avenue to include this block. This property would qualify as a contributing resource if it were located within the district's boundaries.**

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 89-91, 109-111**

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  
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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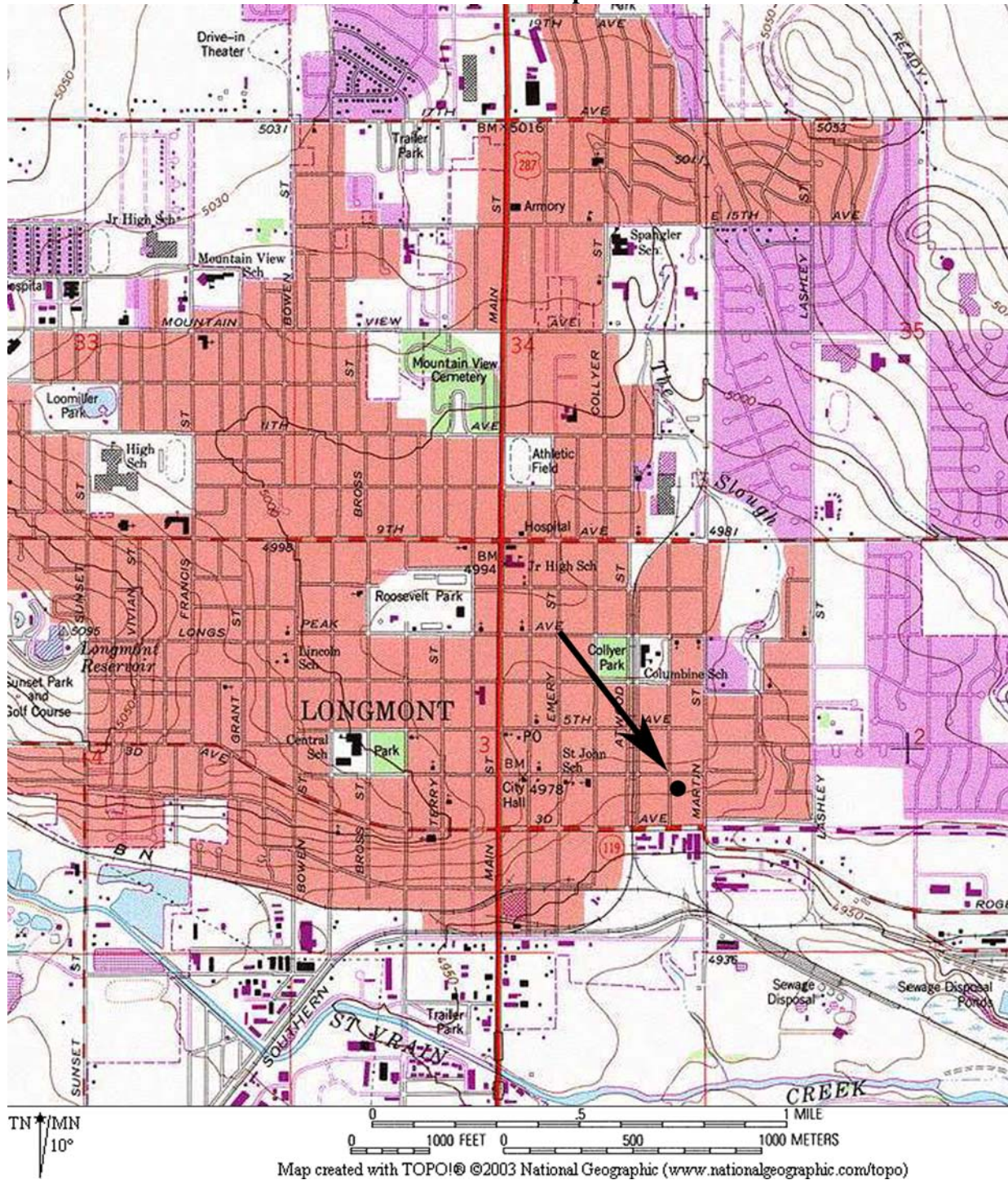
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## Sketch Map



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## Location Map



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