

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.10186** Parcel number(s): **131503113010**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Longmont**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Longfellow House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Finn House**
- 7. Building Address: **2 Longs Peak Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name: **Finn, Luke Francis & Barbara**
- Owner Organization:
- Owner Address: **2 Longs Peak Ave**  
**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**  
**SE ¼ of SE ¼ of NE ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 03**
10. UTM reference  
 Zone: **13** **492042 mE** **4446731 mN** **(NAD83)**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont**  
 Year: **1968 (photorevised 1979)** Map scale: **7.5**
12. Lot(s): **E 1/2 of Lot 12 Blk 21**  
 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): **Irregular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **Length: 41 feet x Width: 32 feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Horizontal Siding**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Cross Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**  
 Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Porch, Chimney**
21. General architectural description:  
**The residence at 2 Longs Peak Avenue is a single-story wood frame dwelling which overall measures 41' N-S (deep) by 32' E-W (across). The main portion of the house features a gabled-T plan, with a side-gabled front (south) section, and an intersecting gabled section to the rear (north). However, there is a shed-roofed extension at the north end of the west elevation, and two shed-roofed extensions to the north elevation, thus; overall, the house has an irregular plan. The dwelling is supported by a low sandstone foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with painted cream yellow horizontal wood siding, with painted green 1" by 4" corner boards. The roof is covered with green asphalt composition shingles, and the eaves are boxed with painted green wood trim. A red brick chimney is located on the roof ridge. The house features a symmetrical façade on the south elevation, where 1 6' by 16' front entry porch is flanked on either side by a 1/1 double-hung sash window. A painted white wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light and covered by a painted green wood screen door, leads from the porch into the house. The porch is approached by four concrete steps, flanked by black wrought iron railings, and features a tongue-in-groove wood floor, two set of paired wood posts, and a gable roof with returns. A hipped-roof boxed bay, with four 1/1 double-hung windows, is located near the south end of the east elevation. A large 12/1 window, flanked on either side by a narrower 9/1 double-hung window, is located near the north end of the east elevation. Windows elsewhere are primarily 1/1 double-hung sash with painted white frames and painted green wood surrounds. The house's rear entry door enters the shed-roofed extension near the north end of the west elevation.**

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22. Architectural style: **No Style**  
 Building type:
23. Landscape or special setting features: **This property is located at the northwest corner of Longs Peak Avenue and Martin Street, at the east end of Longmont's historic East Side neighborhood. A planted grass lawn, with mature landscaping, surrounds the house. A wood privacy fence encloses a portion of the yard, behind and west of the house. A garage, which is located behind the house, is accessed from Martin Street to the east.**
24. Associated buildings, features or objects:
- |    |           |  |               |                     |
|----|-----------|--|---------------|---------------------|
| 1: | Type:     | <b>Garage</b>  | Contributing? | <b>Contributing</b> |
|    | Describe: | <b>This property's wood frame garage measures 16' N-S by 20' E-W. It is supported by a concrete foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with board-and-batten. The front gabled garage roof is covered with asphalt composition shingles, laid over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters, A wood-paneled overhead garage door, located on the east elevation, opens onto a ribbon concrete driveway which leads to Martin Street to the east.</b> |               |                     |

### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: Actual: **1907**  
 Source of information: **Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records**
26. Architect: **Unknown**  
 Source of information: **N/A**
27. Builder: **Unknown**  
 Source of information: **N/A**
28. Original owner: **William J. Longfellow**  
 Source of information: **Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records.**
29. Construction history:  
**Town of Longmont water rent collection records, Sanborn Insurance maps, and Longmont city directories all indicate that this house was built in 1907. W.J. Longfellow is listed as the original owner in the water records. The property appears minimally altered from its historic appearance. In April 1976, a building permit was obtained to "remodel [the] residence" although it is not clear what work was actually carried out at that time. In June 1984, owner Beth McClain received a permit to erect the cedar fence.**
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**

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35. Historical background:

The first recorded owners of this property at 2 Longs Peak Avenue (previously 7th Avenue) were William J. and Harrietta Longfellow. William Johnson Longfellow was born in Franklin County, Indiana on December 30, 1842. He grew up near Eureka, Illinois. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted in the Grand Army of the Republic, as a private in Company A, 86 Illinois Volunteers. He marched with General Sherman on his famous march to the sea, and by the end of the hostilities, had been promoted to the rank of Commissary Sergeant. He returned to Eureka following the war, where he attended college, receiving his A. B. degree. He then taught school for several years. In 1870, he married Harrietta Orton. The couple had three children, Joseph O., Elizabeth M., and Melvin E. The family moved from Illinois to Kansas in 1883, and ten years later settled in Longmont. In 1898, the family was living at the northwest corner of the intersection of 2nd Avenue and Kent Street. In 1907, the Longfellows moved into this newly built five-room dwelling, where they lived for a decade. Circa 1917, the couple moved, possibly going to live nearby with son Melvin and his wife Winifred, and the home became the residence of Thomas Jordan. Harrietta Orton Longfellow passed away in 1926; William Johnson Longfellow died on July 17, 1928, at the age of 85.

During most of the early 1920s, this property was the home of James C. and Florence E. Gwin. By 1930, it had been sold, and its new owners were Patrick T. and Myrtle C. Carey. Members of the Carey family were to remain in the home for the next sixty years, where they raised their five children, two sons and three daughters. Mr. Carey worked for the Great Western Sugar Company for most of his life. He passed away at age 69, in March 1965. Following his death, his wife, Myrtle, stayed in the family home through the late 1980s.

Since the early 1990s, this property has been owned by Frank and Barbara M. Finn and their family. The Finns are famous locally as owners of the Gold Hill Inn restaurant and Blue Bird Lodge, located in the historic mining camp of Gold Hill, west of Boulder. Frank Finn was born in Greenwich, Connecticut in 1927. Barbara was born and raised in Syracuse, New York. The couple met at the YMCA in Syracuse, where Frank was working as a lifeguard. In New York, Barbara worked as a research chemist, and Frank as a social worker for the YMCA. The couple decided to move west to raise their young family, and settled on Colorado in 1955.

Circa 1962, the Finns acquired the Blue Bird Lodge and adjacent Gold Hill Inn, and moved into the inn on April 21, 1962. Constructed in 1873 as the Wentworth Hotel, the Blue Bird Lodge is an impressive log structure and the largest building in Gold Hill. In the early 1920s, the hotel was purchased by the Holiday House Association of Chicago, an organization for professional working women. They renamed the hotel the Blue Bird Lodge. In 1926, the Holiday House Association had the Gold Hill Inn constructed as a social center. Frank and Barbara Finn operated the Blue Bird Lodge as a bed and breakfast until the early 1990s. They now rent it for weddings, and murder mysteries are performed there on weekends in the summer. The Gold Hill Inn is now a restaurant, operated by the Finn's sons, Chris and Brian.

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36. Sources of information:

**Longmont City Directories.**

**"Old-Time Citizen Claimed by Death." Longmont Ledger, July 20, 1928.**

**Sanborn Fire Insurance maps.**

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

**Polk's Boulder County Directories, and Polk's Longmont City Directories [generally published annually, 1892-2004], Denver, Kansas City, and Salt Lake City: R.L. Polk and Company Publishers. On file at the Boulder Carnegie Library, and at the Longmont Public Library.**

**"Carey, Patrick T." (obituary) Longmont Times-Call, March 11, 1965, p. 3.**

**Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records.**

**Boulder County Assessor records.**

**City of Longmont building permit files.**

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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.

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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:

42. Statement of significance:

**This house is historically significant for its association with Longmont's residential development during the early 1900s. Built in 1907, it is representative of East Side neighborhood houses, built as part of a housing boom which followed the opening of Longmont's Great Western Sugar Company in 1903. The house is also architecturally significant for its distinctive vernacular wood frame gabled-T plan, and for such features as its intact front porch and bay window on the east elevation. The property's level of significance in these regards is not to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places. However, it may be considered eligible for individual local landmark designation by the City of Longmont. It would also rate as a contributing resource within a National Register or locally designated historic district.**

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

**This property exhibits a high 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. There have been minimal exterior alterations to either the house or garage following their original 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
- 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 east to Martin Street 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 161-166**
48. Report title: **Eastside and Westside Neighborhoods: Historic** **Department of Community**  
**Context and Survey Report** **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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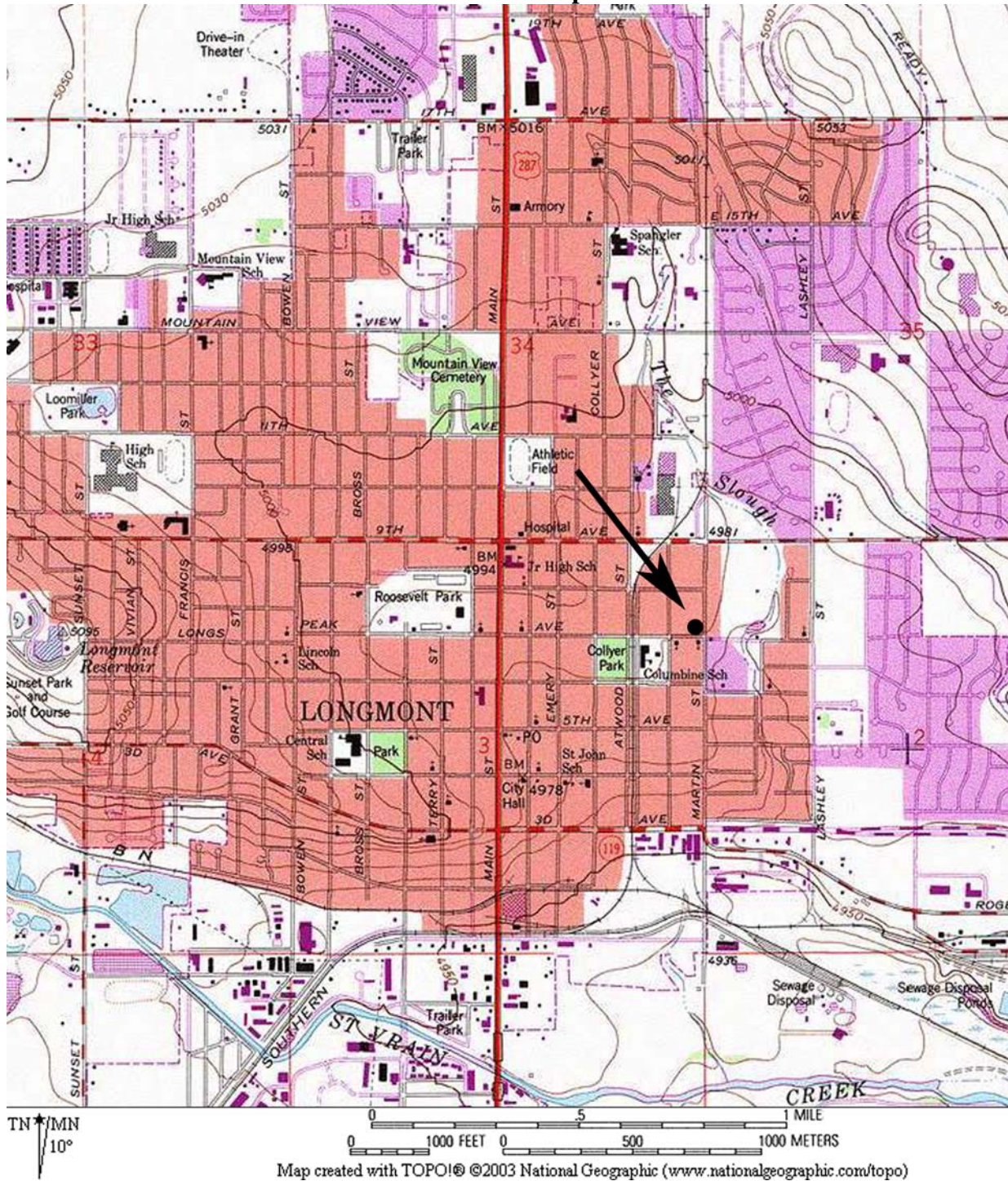
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## Sketch Map



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## Location Map



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