

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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Official Eligibility Determination
(OAHF use only)

OAHF1403

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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.10129** Parcel number(s): **131503401014**
 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
 3. County: **Boulder**
 4. City: **Longmont**
 5. Historic Building Name: **Bates House; Laib House; Surmeier House**
 6. Current Building Name: **Gomez House**
 7. Building Address: **423 Martin Street**
 8. Owner Name: **Gomez Raymond P**
 Owner Organization:
 Owner Address: **4 Beckwith Pl**
Longmont, CO 80501

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| 44. National Register eligibility field assessment: | Not Eligible |
| Local landmark eligibility field assessment: | Eligible |

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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **2N** Range: **69W**
NE ¼ of NE ¼ of NE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 03
10. UTM reference
 Zone: **13** **492026 mE** **4446235 mN** **(NAD83)**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont**
 Year: **1968 (photorevised 1979)** Map scale: **7.5**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 10 Blk 46**
 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): **T-Shaped Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **Length: 30 feet x Width: 28 feet**
16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**
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 original portion of this 1.5 story wood frame dwelling features an offset cross-gabled-T plan, which overall measures 30' N-S (across) by 28' E-W (deep). The north (front-gabled) wing measures 14' N-S by 28' E-W, while the south (side-gabled) wing measures 16' N-S by 14' E-W. An open, hipped-roof, front porch fills in the front leg of the "T" at the south end of the east elevation (façade). There are two additions to the original dwelling: a single-story, 14' N-S by 6' E-W shed-roofed addition fills in the rear leg of the "T" at the south end of the west elevation, and there is a larger, single-story shed-roofed addition at the west end of the north elevation. The house is supported by a low sandstone foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with painted green horizontal wood siding. The cross-gabled roof is steeply-pitched, and the entire roof is covered with brown asphalt composition shingles. The eaves are boxed with painted grey wood trim. A short brick chimney, with a metal cap, is located on the roof ridge. The home's windows are predominantly 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted wood frames and surrounds. A painted white wood-paneled front door, covered by an aluminum storm door, leads into the house from the 14' by 6' front porch. The porch features a non-historic 3-step wood floor, painted white turned columns, and a low-pitched hipped roof. A wood handicapped-accessible ramp approaches the porch from the front sidewalk. A rear entry door leads into the shed-roofed addition on the west elevation.
22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian**
 Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features: **This property is located on the west side of Martin Street in the block between 3rd and 4th Avenues, at the south end of Longmont's historic East Side Neighborhood. The deep, lot features planted grass front and back yards, with the rear yard enclosed by a wood privacy fence. An old shed (possibly a chicken house) is located adjacent to the alley at the rear of the lot.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

1:	Type:	Shed (Chicken House?)	Contributing?	Contributing
	Describe:	A historic shed (perhaps originally a chicken house) is located adjacent to the alley at the rear of the lot. This structure measures 14' N-S by 12' E-W. It is supported by a wood timbers on grade foundation, with a dirt floor, and unpainted (or badly weathered) horizontal weatherboard walls with 1" by 4" corner boards. A shed roof is covered with deteriorated corrugated metal roofing material, laid over plywood decking and 2x wood rafters. The shed's door(s) is located on the east elevation, opening into the back yard.		

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: Actual: **1901**
 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: **Andrew M. Bates**
 Source of information: **Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records; Longmont city directory, 1906.**

29. Construction history:
Longmont water rent collection records, and Longmont and Boulder County directories, indicate that this house was built in 1901, and that it was originally owned by Andrew M. Bates. As originally built, the 1.5 story wood frame dwelling featured an offset cross-gabled-T plan, which overall measured 30' N-S (across) by 28' E-W (deep). Two historic additions (as described in section 21) predate 1930, as they are depicted on the 1930 Sanborn Insurance map. The 14' by 6' shed-roofed addition to the west elevation, in fact, predates 1918 as it is also depicted on that year's Sanborn map. A building permit dated September 12, 1953 includes the notation "move tool shed from country to 423 Martin." The structure to be moved is described as measuring "12' by 8'" which does not match the dimensions of the shed at the rear of the property. Boulder County Assessor records indicate that a 10' by 16' wood frame garage was also historically located on the property. This structure no longer exists.

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

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V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Domestic, Domestic/Single Dwelling/Single Dwelling**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**
33. Current use(s): **Domestic, Domestic/Single Dwelling/Single Dwelling**
34. Site type(s): **Residence**
35. Historical background:

Longmont water rent collection records indicate that this house was built in 1901, and that it was originally owned by Andrew M. Bates. Water records for 1901-1902 list Mr. Bates as the owner of this property, with the notation, "From June 10, '01." At the turn of the century, Andrew M. Bates earned his living as a teamster. Based on its appearance, though, the house may have been some years prior to that date. Bates, with his wife Alice, lived in this home through at least 1906. The 1906 Longmont city directory shows that along with the Bates, the home's residents also included I.B. and Frances Glandon, and their son Arthur. Both I.B. and Arthur Glandon farmed in the Longmont area. The water records, however, indicate that between 1905-1906 and 1910, the property was owned by August and Hattie Laib. They apparently maintained this and other Longmont properties as rentals.

By 1910, the home had become the residence of laborer Joseph Stokes and his wife Jennie, followed in quick succession by George Popp (Poppe?) and then William Warner. In the mid-1920s the home was purchased by Theodore and Mary Ann Surmeier. Mrs. Surmeier was born at Alton, Illinois in 1862. Prior to her marriage to Theodore, Mary Ann was previously married to a Mr. Beckman, and had raised five daughters and six sons. Mrs. Surmeier settled in Longmont in 1919. She and Theodore Surmeier lived in this Martin Street home until her death on May 17, 1931 at the age of 69. Following his wife's death, Theodore Surmeier remained here through the early 1940s. Boulder County Assessor's records show that at about his time the property belonged to William A. and Hannah M. Dickes, who sold the dwelling to Doyle and L.A. Weese. Also living in the home was Norville C. Weese.

Circa 1954, the Weeses conveyed the property to John and Rowena O. Evig. City directory information lists John Evig's occupation as "laborer." After a little more than a decade, the home was again sold. On July 26, 1966, city permit records show that a permit was issued to Longmont developer and real estate agent Fletcher Brown to "remodel and repair fire damage." By the late 1960s, directories identify the owner as Fred Mendoza. Another building permit to remodel the residence was issued on February 26, 1971, identifying William Starke as the owner. According to the city directories, he was followed by 1974 by Frank S. LeDoux who owned the property into the early 1980s. For the last quarter of a century, the home has belonged to the family of Tony and Simoni Gomez.

36. Sources of information:

Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records.

Longmont City Directories.

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

City of Longmont building permit files.

"Mary Surmeier Dies Sunday." Longmont Daily Times, May 18, 1931, p. 1.

Boulder County Assessor records.

Sanborn Fire Insurance maps, 1918 and 1930.

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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 for its association with Longmont's residential development beginning in the very early 1900s. Built in 1901, it was built near the end of a modest housing boom following the opening of the Empson Cannery and other commercial development which occurred in the late 1880s and 1890s. This boom was a precursor to an even larger housing boom which followed the opening of Longmont's Great Western Sugar factory in 1903. The house is also architecturally significant for its representative wood frame gabled-T plan, and for its intact hipped-roof front porch. 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 qualify for individual listing in the State Register of Historic Properties, and it is 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 no additions, and only relatively minor exterior alterations, to the house since at least 1930. The integrity of setting has been somewhat diminished by the loss of a historic garage.

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 235-240

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

49. Date(s): **04/30/06** 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): **9704935270**

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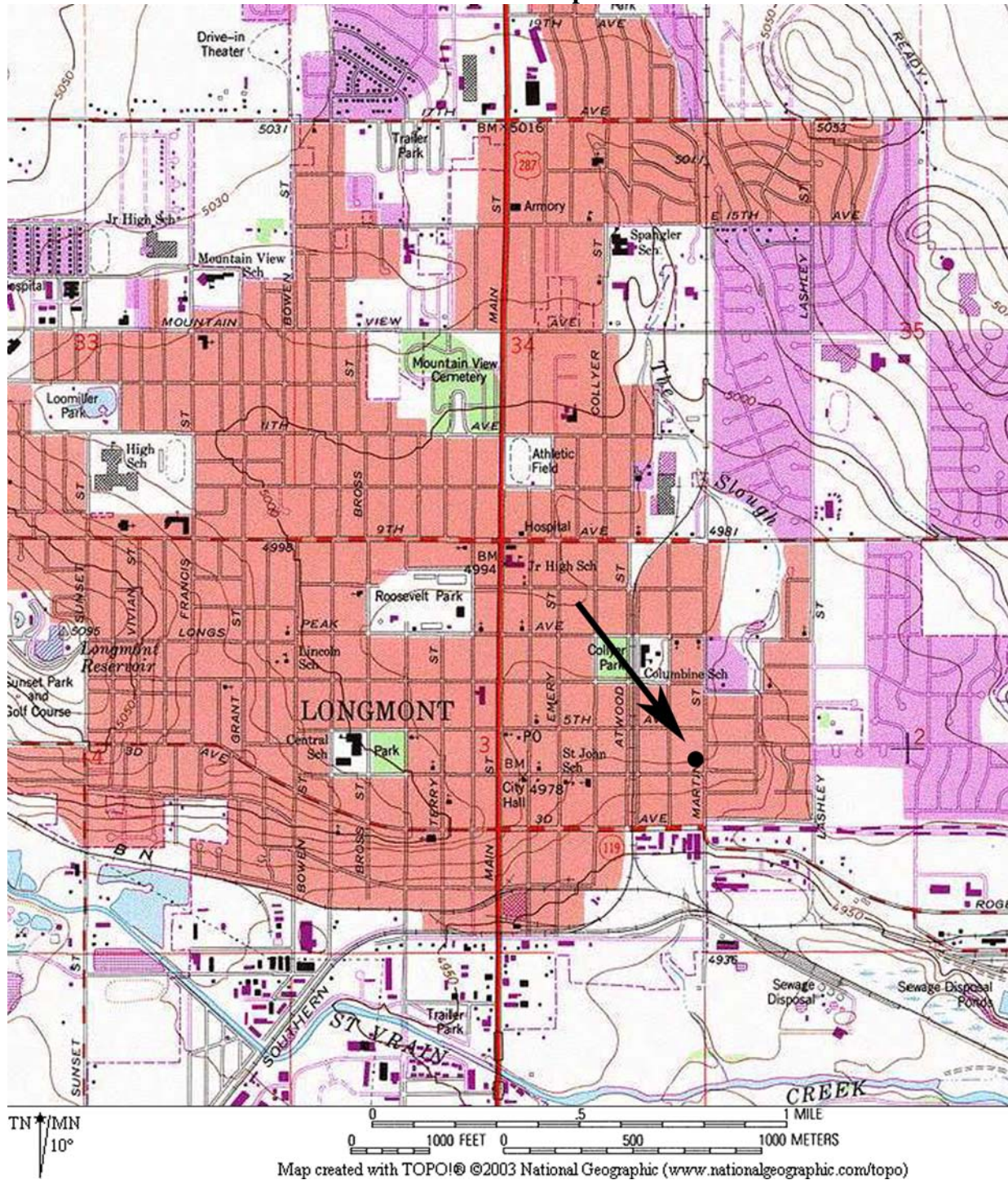
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Sketch Map



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Location Map



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