

## 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.10131** Parcel number(s): **131503401016**  
 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**  
 3. County: **Boulder**  
 4. City: **Longmont**  
 5. Historic Building Name: **Thompson House; Olson House; Crawford House**  
 6. Current Building Name: **Torres House**  
 7. Building Address: **431 Martin Street**  
 8. Owner Name: **Torres Fred & Elciria Trust**  
 Owner Organization:  
 Owner Address: **431 Martin St**  
**Longmont , CO 80501**

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

**Not Eligible**  
**Contributes to designated or potential designated historic district**

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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** **492027 mE** **4446267 mN** **(NAD83)**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont**  
 Year: **1968 (photorevised 1979)** Map scale: **7.5**
12. Lot(s): **N 1/2 Lot 9 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): **Rectangular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **Length: 48 feet x Width: 24 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**
21. General architectural description:  
**This 1.5 story wood frame dwelling features a basic rectangular plan, which overall measures 24' N-S (across) by 48' E-W (deep). Included in these dimensions are: a main 24' N-S by 34' E-W 1.5 story front gabled section; a 24' N-S by 8' E-W low-pitched, one-story, hipped-roof rear extension; and a 22' N-S by 6' E-W enclosed, low-pitched, hipped-roof front porch on the east elevation (façade). The house is supported by a low coursed sandstone foundation, while its exterior walls are clad with white horizontal aluminum siding. The front-gabled roof is moderately-pitched, with small intersecting gables on the north and south-facing roof slopes. The eaves are boxed with painted white wood trim, and there is an original red brick chimney located on the roof ridge. A non-historic (1979) concrete block fireplace chimney is located on the south elevation. Two small, non-historic, 1x1 horizontal siding windows penetrate the north elevation wall, while two larger, also non-historic, 1x1 horizontal sliding windows penetrate the south elevation wall. Bands of 3-light windows flank the front entry door on the symmetrically-arranged façade, and there is also a 3-light fixed-pane window in the façade's upper gable end. Otherwise, the home's windows are predominantly single 1/1 double-hung sash with painted white wood frames and surrounds. A painted white wood storm door leads into the center of the enclosed front porch from a 3-step concrete stoop. A small intersecting gable projects above the entry door, intersecting with the porch's low-pitched hipped roof. A painted white wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, and covered by a white metal storm door, leads into the dwelling's west elevation from a 3-step concrete porch.**

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22. Architectural style: **No Style**  
 Building type:
23. Landscape or special setting features: **This house and garage are located on the west side of Martin Street, at the east end of Longmont's historic Eastside residential neighborhood. The property appears well-maintained with planted grass front and back yards, with modest well-cared-for landscaping features. The rear yard is enclosed by a chain link fence.**
24. Associated buildings, features or objects:  
 1: Type: **Garage**  
 Describe: **A double-stall wood frame garage is located northwest of the house. The garage measures 18' north-south by 18' E-W, and is supported by a concrete slab foundation. Its exterior walls are clad with painted white horizontal weatherboard exterior siding, while its front-gabled roof is covered with asphalt composition shingles. A band of four, 4-light, windows, with painted white wood frames, penetrate the garage's south wall. A set of paired, horizontal-sliding, horizontal weatherboard garage doors are located on the east elevation. These doors open onto an asphalt driveway which extends along the north side of the house to Martin Street. A painted-white vertical wood plank single-sentry door is located near the east end of the south elevation.**

### 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: **Maud W. Thompson.**  
 Source of information: **Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records.**
29. Construction history:  
**Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection records, and Sanborn Insurance maps, reveal that this house was built in 1907. The hipped-roof rear extension may be an early addition. On February 13, 1976, K. & H. Construction received a building permit to re-side the house. On October 5, 1979, owner Fred Torres, Sr. obtained another building permit to construct a fireplace and concrete block chimney.**
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 owner of this property, at 431 Martin Street, was Maud Thompson. Town of Longmont Water Rent Collections ledgers show that on October 14, 1907, a permit was issued to Mrs. Thompson for a four-room dwelling at this location. The first water usage is recorded as occurring in December 1908. At the time, Maud (also spelled Maude) Thompson and her husband John B. Thompson lived at 537 Terry Street, the home they occupied for the rest of their lives. The Thompsons apparently built this Martin Street home for resale.

A few years later, the property was owned by Oscar Olson. Oscar Olson was a Longmont native. The son of Carl and Ingrid Olson, he was born on June 17, 1886. He attended Longmont schools, and earned a reputation for himself as a baseball player. As a young man, Olson accepted employment with the Kuner-Empson canning factory. He remained with the company for more than 50 years, and at the time of his retirement, in 1958, held the position of Canning Foreman. His wife was Alice F. Olson. She worked as an office assistant for Dr. V.J. Jernigan. Oscar Olson owned the Martin Street home until circa 1920, when it was sold to G. P. Mariotti.

Guido Pasquale Mariotti was born on May 17, 1891 in Caprighola, Italy. The son of Dominic and Egilda Poggetti Mariotti, he emigrated with his family to the United States in 1899, when eight years old. On November 17, 1912, he married Anna K. Nielsen in Longmont. She was born on October 9, 1894, in Esbjerg, Denmark. Her parents, Paul Nielson and Kristina Thomsen Nielsen, came to America in 1902, settling first in Aurora, Illinois, before coming to Longmont in 1905. Raised in Longmont, Anna attended Central Elementary School and graduated from Longmont High School. Anna and Guido Mariotti raised four children, a son Charles P., and daughters Maxine, Dora, and Melba. Guido Mariotti supported his family as the owner and proprietor of the National Fruit Company, which later became Mariotti Wholesale Produce Company. He operated the firm until his retirement in 1970, when he was a spry 79 years old. Guido P. Mariotti lived to be 90, passing away in August, 1981. His wife Anna Mariotti preceded him in death, passing away on June 1, 1979, at the age of 84. The Mariottis lived in this Martin Street home through the 1920s.

By 1930, the occupant was Oliver Oard. In 1932, Oard is listed as a "batteryman" and partner with Alfred E. Hauck in the Hauck & Oard Battery Station at 520 Main Street. By this time, he had moved from the Martin Street home, which in 1932 was occupied by Robert Ray Lucas and his wife, Fern. Ray Lucas was originally employed as a driver for the Kuner-Empson Company. By 1936, when the couple had moved to 833 Baker, his occupation is given as "fieldman." In 1936, the residents of this Martin Street home were Bernard and Mary Baalman. Also listed as living here are two of the Baalman's children, Emma E. and Helen C., both students. The Baalman's lived here for over a decade.

In the late 1940s, the home was purchased by William J. and Margaret Crawford. The son of Alexander S. and Catherine (Robertson) Crawford, William "Scotty" Crawford was born on September 13, 1905 in Clydebank, Scotland. After completing public school and machinist apprenticeships, he immigrated to America, settling first in Denver in 1927, and then moving to Longmont. In 1936, Crawford was working as a laborer and renting the home next door to this one, at 429 Martin. (Later, when he lived at 431 Martin, his mother, Catherine Crawford was living in the 429 Martin house.) On June 22, 1942, he married Margaret Giebelhaus in Longmont, and a few years later purchased this property. Putting his early training to good use, William Crawford became a machinist and worked for a time for Dow-Chemical, before retiring in 1969 from Rockwell International at its Rocky Flats facility. His obituary notes that his "adherence to precision and perfection in all his endeavors was exemplary."

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When he died on May 10, 2001, he was survived by his wife, Margaret, and sons William and John. The Crawford family resided at 431 Martin Street until 1969.

From 1969 to the present (2006), this house has been owned and occupied by the Torres family. Fred Torres, Sr., and his wife, Elsie Torres, came to Longmont from Taos, New Mexico. They began to come to this area seasonally to work in the fields, circa 1957, before permanently moving to Longmont in about 1963. They purchased this house in 1969, and have lived here continuously since that time. Retired since 1991, Mr. Torres worked for the City of Longmont Streets Department for many years, Elsie, meanwhile, helped support the family by working as a Nurses Aide at Applewood and other nursing facilities. Mr. and Mrs. Torres raised a family of three sons and three daughters, including Fred Torres, Jr.

36. Sources of information:

Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records.

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

City of Longmont building permit files.

"A.S. Crawford Taken by Death." Longmont Times-Call, June 5, 1953, p. 1.

Boulder County Assessor records.

"Catherine Crawford Dies Here at Age 95." Longmont Times-Call, December 27, 1960, p. 6.

"Anna K. Mariotti." [obituary] Longmont Times-Call, June 2, 1979, p. 20.

"William J. 'Scotty' Crawford." [obituary] Longmont Times-Call, May 12, 2001.

Longmont City Directories.

"Guido Pasquale Mariotti." [obituary] Longmont Times-Call, August 31, 1981, p. 8.

Fred Torres, Jr. Oral interview with Carl McWilliams.

Sanborn Insurance maps.

### 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 representative vernacular wood frame front gabled plan. The property's level of significance, though, is not to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places, or in the State Register of Historic Properties. Moreover, due to some loss of integrity, the property also probably does not qualify for individual local landmark designation by the City of Longmont. It would, however, be considered 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 somewhat less than optimal 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's physical integrity has been diminished by the application of vinyl siding, by the construction of a concrete block chimney, and by the alteration of some windows. Overall, a limited sense of time and place of an early twentieth century dwelling is still in evidence, however.**

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### 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 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 - CD-3, Images 229-231, 243** Negatives filed at: **City of Longmont**
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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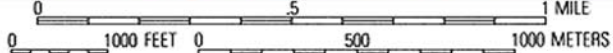
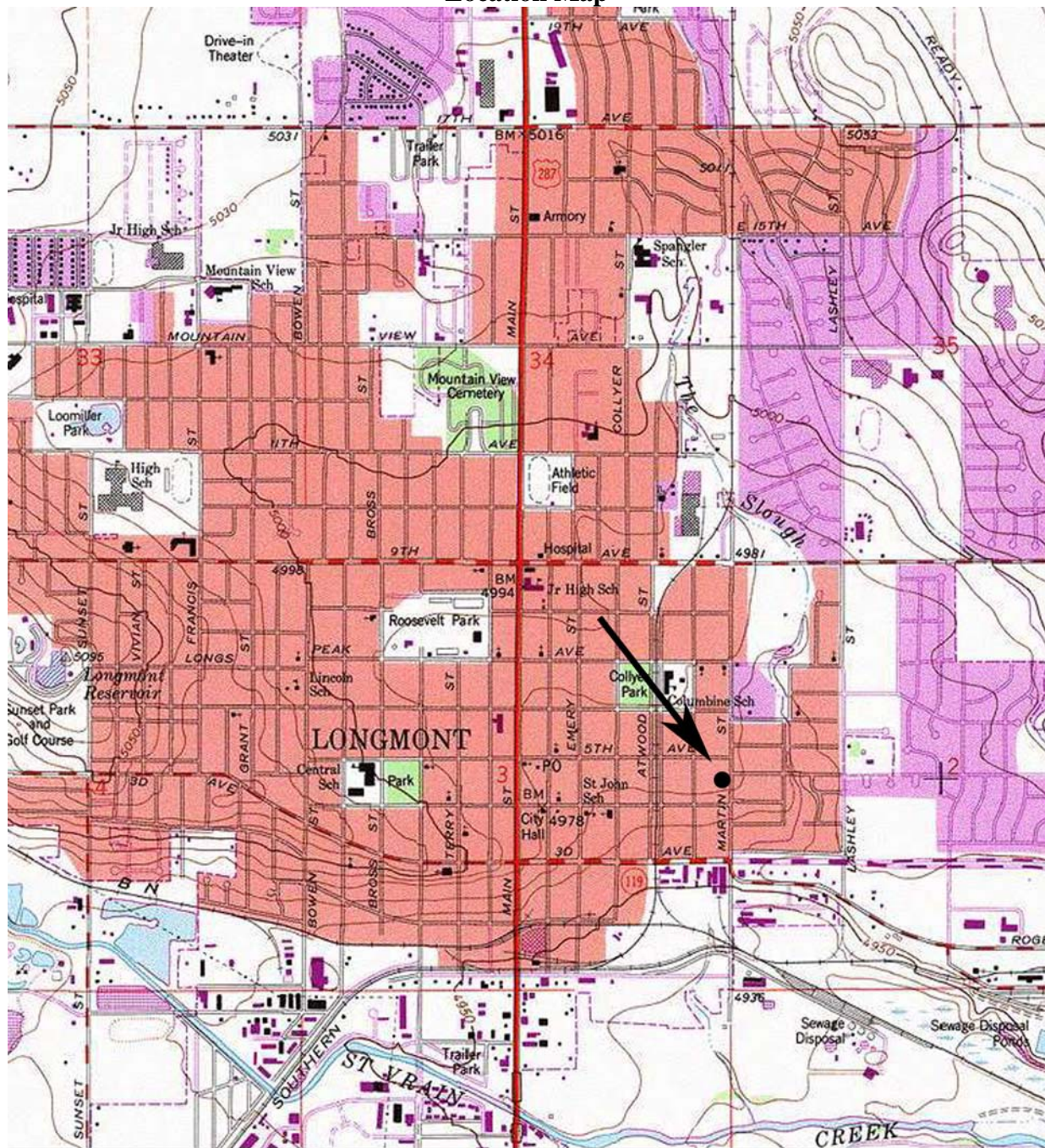
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## Sketch Map



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## Location Map



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