

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.10133** Parcel number(s): **131503127024**
 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
 3. County: **Boulder**
 4. City: **Longmont**
 5. Historic Building Name: **Prigmore House; Montgomery House; Christensen House**
 6. Current Building Name: **Munoz House**
 7. Building Address: **531 Martin Street**
 8. Owner Name: **Quiroz Florentino Munoz**
 Owner Organization:
 Owner Address: **531 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 SE ¼ of SE ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 03
10. UTM reference
 Zone: **13** **492028 mE** **4446449 mN** **(NAD83)**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont**
 Year: **1968 (photorevised 1979)** Map scale: **7.5**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 9 Less S 40 Ft Less W 10 Ft Blk 45**
 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: 32 feet x Width: 22 feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Horizontal Siding**
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
 Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Porch**
Chimney
21. General architectural description:
The modest wood frame dwelling at 531 Martin Street is composed of: the original main hipped-roof portion, which measures 22' N-S (across) by 24' E-W (deep); an enclosed hipped-roof front porch, which measures 19' N-S by 6' E-W; an enclosed, 10' N-S by 6' E-W, shed-roofed rear porch at the north end of the west elevation; and an 11' N-S by 8' E-W, shed-roofed addition at the south end of the west elevation. The house is supported by a low sandstone foundation, which is partially painted blue, and partially covered with concrete pargeting. The home's exterior walls are clad with painted turquoise color horizontal wood siding, with painted white 1" by 4" corner boards. The house is covered by a steeply-pitched hipped roof, covered with green asphalt composition shingles, and with boxed eaves with painted turquoise and white wood trim. A tall red brick chimney is located on the west-facing roof slope. Two small, non-historic 1x1 horizontal sliding windows are located on the north (side) elevation, while a larger 2-light window penetrates the shed-roofed addition on the west elevation. Elsewhere, the home's windows are predominantly single 1/1 double-hung sash with painted white wood frames and surrounds. The dwelling features a symmetrical façade on the east elevation. Here, a white metal security door leads from a 2-step concrete stoop, into the center of the enclosed hipped-roof front porch. A wood-paneled rear entry door, with one upper sash light, and covered by a white synthetic storm door, leads into the enclosed back porch on the west elevation.

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22. Architectural style:

Building type: **Hipped-roof Box**

23. Landscape or special setting features: **This property is located on the west side of Martin Street in the block between 5th and 6th Avenues. The property appears well-maintained, with planted grass front and back yards. The rear yard is enclosed by a wood privacy fence. A concrete driveway extends from the curb on Martin Street, along the north side of the house; however, there is no garage.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

1: Type: **Not Applicable** Contributing? **Not assessed**
Describe:

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: Actual: **1902**
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: **M.S. Lein (sp.?)**
Source of information: **Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records.**

29. Construction history:

Town of Longmont water rent collection records indicate that this house was built in 1902. Between circa 1902 and 1905, the water records list M.S. Lein (sp.?) as the house's original owner. In September 1963, owner Esther Christensen received a building permit to "build rear porch and basement steps." This project likely resulted in the construction of the 11' by 8' shed-roofed addition at the south end of the west elevation. E.P. Archuleta is listed as the contractor on the building permit application. In July 1969, Mrs. Christensen obtained another building permit for a "new porch." It was probably at this time that the home's historically screened-in front porch was fully enclosed. One other permit on file for the property references a re-roofing that was done in the spring of 1970.

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:

Longmont Water Ledger records indicate that the house at 531 Martin Street was constructed in 1902. In September of that year, the first entry for this address appears, listing M.S. Lein (Lien?) as the owner. By 1907, these water records show that ownership of the four-room dwelling had been transferred to R. D. Jenkins. Jenkins apparently owned the property until circa 1910, when it was purchased by William H. and Fannie Prigmore. The Prigmores, along with daughter Cora and son Claude, were recent arrivals from Carl Junction, Missouri. In Longmont, William Prigmore worked as a teamster, until his unfortunate death on June 6, 1915, at the age of 54. Following his death, the family moved from the Martin Street home, supported by Fannie's employment as a bookkeeper for the Model Laundry. A few years later, on March 20, 1918, Fannie married Mr. J. R. Pearson, a San Luis Valley rancher, and moved to Monte Vista.

Following the Prigmores, the home on Martin Street saw a series of short time occupants. In 1916, the resident was B.Z. Phillips, followed in 1918 by D.G. Patterson, and in 1923 by H.C. Clark. In the mid 1920s, the home was purchased by Arthur E. Montgomery. In February 1929, the Daily Times newspaper announced the marriage of A.E. Montgomery to Lillian Leek. The wedding, which occurred a month before but was not been made public, took place at Castle Rock. The new couple settled into their Martin Street home, supported by Arthur's work as an auto mechanic. By 1932, with partner Lee Slater, Montgomery is listed in the city directory as the owner of the Triangle Service Station, at 517 Main Street. In the late 1930s or early '40s, Arthur and Lillian Montgomery apparently left Longmont.

By 1943, the Martin Street house was occupied by Mrs. Ruby I. Martin, who likely enjoyed the irony of sharing her name with her street address. However, her occupancy was short-lived. Three years later, the home had been purchased by Mrs. Esther J. Lybarger Christensen. Mrs. Christensen was born March 27, 1910, in Lincoln Nebraska. While a child, her family moved to Colorado, settling near Brush, where Esther was raised, before moving to Longmont in the early 1930s. Her marriage to Mr. Lybarger produced four children, son Phillip, and daughters Luella, Inez and Barbara. In 1946, Esther married Raymond (Doug) Christensen. Doug Christensen was a Longmont native, born here on August 3, 1899. He farmed and did custom bailing around Longmont until ill health forced his retirement. He passed away in 1965. Following his death, Esther remained in the couple's Martin Street home, until her own death on August 9, 1974. Since Mrs. Christensen's death, city directory information regarding the property is often sketchy. For a short period of time in the mid-1980s, the directories list Jill Ann Fox as the owner and home's occupant. The home's current (2006) owner and resident is Quiroz Florentino Munoz

36. Sources of information:

"Marriage of Local Couple is Announced." Longmont Daily Times, February 25, 1929, p. 1.
 "Pearson-Prigmore." (Wedding announcement) Longmont Ledger, March 22, 1918.
 "Prigmore." (William H. Prigmore obituary) Longmont Ledger, June 11, 1915.
 (Boulder County) Real Estate Appraisal Card – Urban Master." On file at the Boulder Carnegie Library.
 "Mrs. Esther Christensen." (obituary) Longmont Times-Call, August 12, 1974.
 Sanborn Fire Insurance maps.
 Longmont City Directories.
 "Services Pending for Raymond Christensen." Longmont Times-Call, April 2, 1965.
 City of Longmont building permit files.
 Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records.
 Boulder County Assessor records.

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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 during the early 1900s. Built in 1902, it was perhaps built in anticipation of the opening of Longmont's Great Western Sugar factory, which occurred the following year. The house is also architecturally notable for its representative hipped-roof Box plan. This significance, however, is diminished by a slight loss of integrity. The property's level of significance is not to the extent that it would qualify for individual listings in the National Register of Historic Places or in the State Register of Historic Properties. The property is also probably ineligible for individual local landmark designation; however, it would 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 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 original screened-in front porch has been fully enclosed, and there is a shed-roofed rear addition. Sanborn maps, and the property's real estate appraisal card, both indicate that this property did not historically have a garage. Overall, a sense of time and place of an early twentieth century Hipped-roof Box dwelling is still partially intact.

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 -** Negatives filed at: **City of Longmont**
CD-3, Images 214-217

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

49. Date(s): **04/30/06** Civic Center Complex

50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams** 350 Kimbark Street
Longmont, Colorado 80501

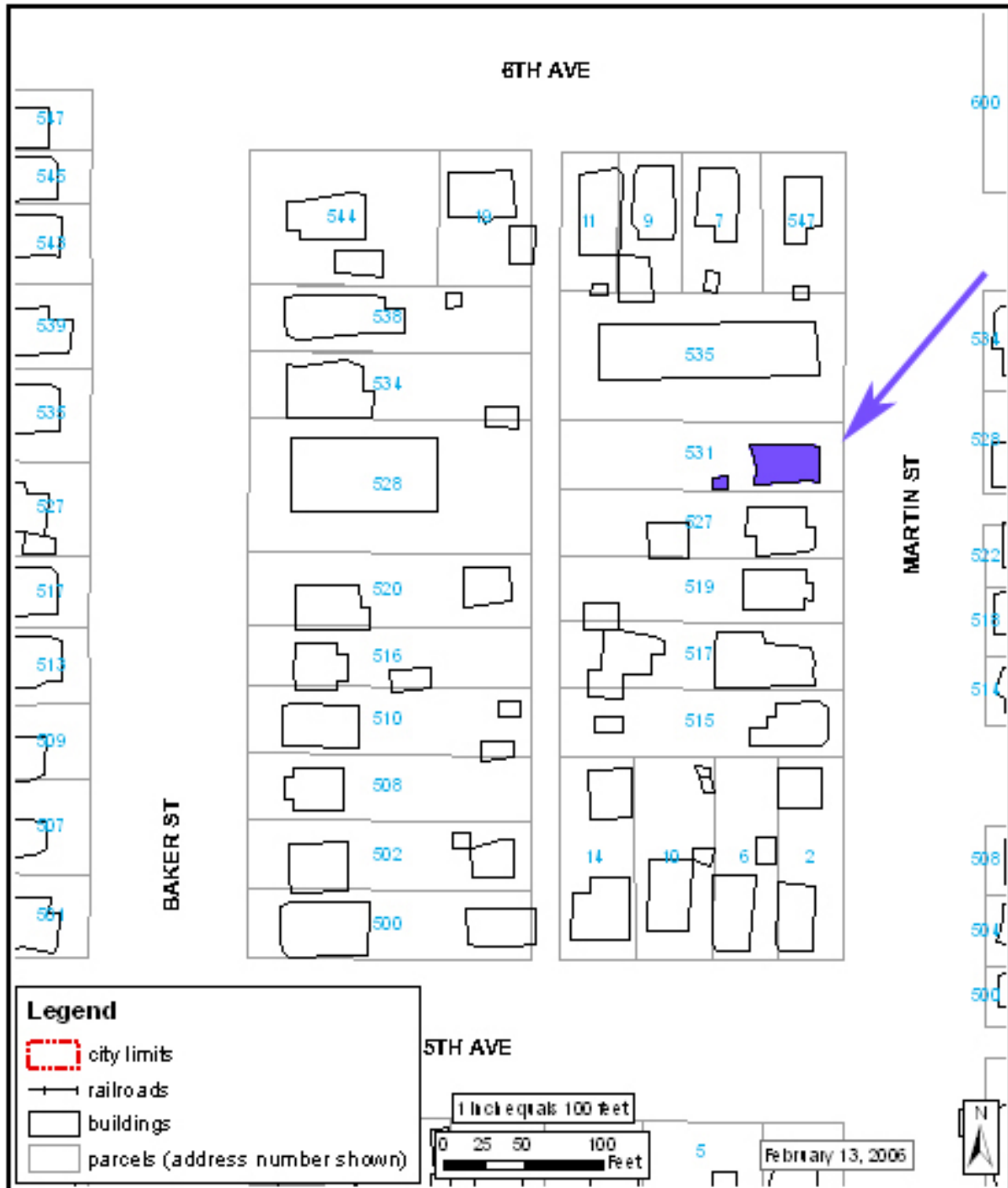
51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

52. Address: **1607 Dogwood Court**
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525

53. Phone number(s): **9704935270**

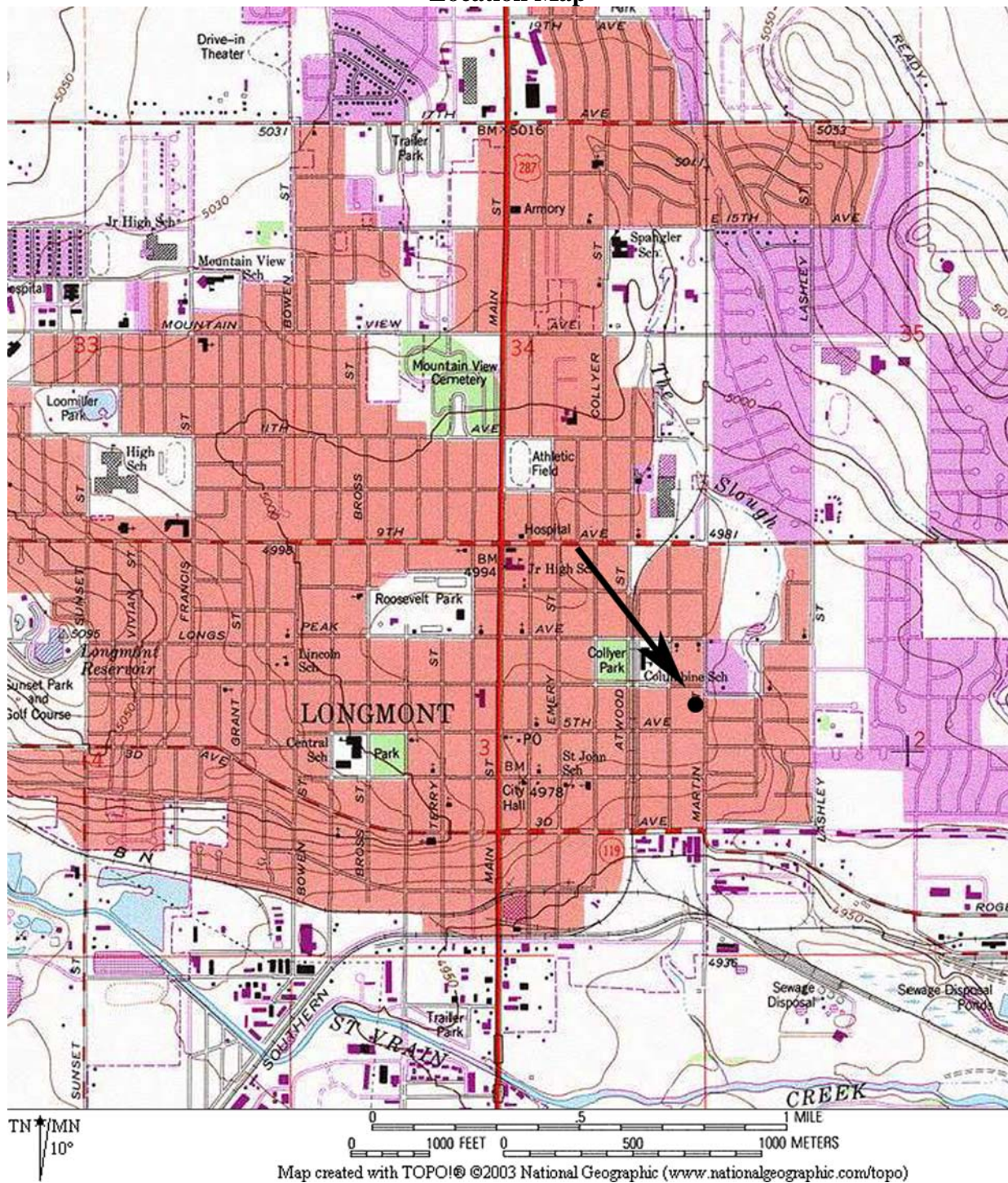
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Sketch Map



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Location Map



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