

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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Official Eligibility Determination
(OAHF use only)

OAHF1403

Rev. 9/98

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.10137** Parcel number(s): **131503113016**
 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
 3. County: **Boulder**
 4. City: **Longmont**
 5. Historic Building Name: **Gephart House**
 6. Current Building Name: **Scott House**
 7. Building Address: **737 Martin Street**
 8. Owner Name: **Scott, Brian**
 Owner Organization:
 Owner Address: **737 Martin St**
Longmont , CO 80501

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

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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **2N** Range: **69W**
NE ¼ of SE ¼ of NE ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 03
10. UTM reference
 Zone: **13** **492028 mE** **4446832 mN** **(NAD83)**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont**
 Year: **1968 (photorevised 1979)** Map scale: **7.5**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 8 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: **1375**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Metal/Aluminum Siding**
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
 Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Porch**
21. General architectural description:
This residence at 737 Martin Street consists of: the original hipped-roof dwelling, which measures 20' N-S (across) by 28' E-W (deep); a 16' N-S by 7' E-W open, hipped-roof front porch; a 20' N-S by 6' E-W (perhaps original) shed-roofed extension to the west (rear) elevation; and two relatively large shed-roofed additions, to the north (side) elevation and extending to the west. The original house is supported by a low sandstone foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with beige color horizontal aluminum siding. The hipped roof is steeply-pitched, and is covered with grey asphalt composition shingles. The eaves are boxed. A white paneled door, with a fanlight, and flanked on either side by a double-hung sash window, is centered on the original symmetrical façade (east elevation). This door leads into the house from the 16' by 7' front porch. The porch features a concrete floor, wood frame knee walls, and painted white wood piers which support the low-pitched hipped porch roof. Two other entry doors lead into the shed-roofed extensions on the west elevation.
22. Architectural style:
 Building type: **Hipped-roof Box**
23. Landscape or special setting features: **This house is located on the west side of Martin Street, near the northeast end of Longmont's historic Eastside residential neighborhood. The property features planted grass front and back yards, with modest landscaping features. A concrete driveway extends along the north side of the house; however, there is no garage. The rear yard is enclosed by a chain link fence.**

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24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

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

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1905** Actual:

Source of information: **Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records; Longmont city directories, 1903 and 1906**

26. Architect: **Unknown**

Source of information: **N/A**

27. Builder: **Unknown**

Source of information: **N/A**

28. Original owner: **Henry Gephart (possibly)**

Source of information: **Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records.**

29. Construction history:

Longmont water rent collection records and Longmont city directories indicate that the original portion of this Hipped-roof Box dwelling was constructed in 1904 or 1905. The house stood largely as originally built until 1976, when owner Marjorie Senna obtained a building permit to carry out a \$9300.00 remodeling project. It was apparently at this time that two shed-roofed additions were built onto the original dwelling's north elevation.

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 earliest known occupants of this home, at 737 Martin Street, were the family of E. W. and Clara Buckman, who were listed at this address in the 1906 Longmont City Directory. E. W. Buckman worked in the mines near Longmont. Living in the home with their parents were Ernest and Jesse O. Buckman, the couple's sons. Ernest worked as an electrician, while Jesse was employed at Day's Mill. Another directory entry that same year indicates that W. J. Brown also resided at this address. Mr. Brown earned his living as a tailor. In 1908 or 1909, the home was purchased by Henry and Augusta Gephart. Henry Gephart moved to Colorado in the late 1800s, and settled in Longmont in 1908. Here, he supported his family through work as a laborer. Sons Ernest and Thomas H. also supplemented the family's income with work as laborers. A few years later, in the late 1910s, city directory information shows that Thomas Gephart had left the family home, and was residing nearby at 741 Martin Street. Thomas eventually left Longmont, settling in La Junta in the 1920s. In January 1928, at the age of 72, Henry Gephart passed away. Seemingly in fine health, he suffered an attack of apoplexy and died within minutes. His wife, Augusta Gephart, preceded him in death.

Following his parents' deaths, Ernest H. Gephart inherited the Martin Street home. Ernest Gephart was born in Carbon, Wyoming, in 1893, and moved to Longmont with his parents when he was thirteen. On April 10, 1920, he married Miss Lillian Scoville. Lillian Scoville Gephart had been born in Leadville on May 21, 1900. She was raised in Leadville, then lived in Fort Collins and Denver, before coming to Longmont in 1917. Ernest and Lillian raised four children, son Ernest L., and daughters Dorothy, Betty and Kathleen, who joined the Sacred Heart Convent in Boulder, taking the name Sister Mary Incarnata. While they were growing up, Ernest supported his wife and family at a variety of jobs. During the 1930s, his occupation is listed in the city directories variously as "mechanic" and "auto mechanic." Later he worked for Kuner-Empson, and as a machinist for the Great Western Sugar Company. Ernest Gephart passed away on April 16, 1971, at the age of 78. Lillian preceded her husband in death, passing away in January, 1958 when she was just 57 years old.

The Gephart family had made this residence their home for over fifty years. However, in 1964, following Lillian's death, the Longmont city directory shows the property as being occupied by Nova Browning. By 1969, Ernest Gephart had sold the dwelling to Mrs. Marjorie Senna. Marjorie A. Reber and her twin brother, Marvin, were born in Akron, Ohio on August 6, 1928. The daughter of Thomas B. and Eva Alice (Korb) Reber, she grew up in Ohio, graduating from high school in 1947. She married Ronald Senna. In Longmont, Mrs. Senna worked until her retirement as a shipping clerk for Pharma, Inc. In 1984, she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, which eventually curtailed her ability to work. The 2001 city directory shows that her daughter Theresa and son-in-law James were living at 737 Martin Street, assisting Mrs. Senna. Shortly thereafter, Marjorie Senna moved to Loveland, spending her final years with Theresa and James in their Loveland home. Marjorie Reber Senna passed away on April 9, 2005, at age 76, survived by sons Ronald C. Senna Jr. and Thomas A. Senna, and daughters Rebecca Lucas and Theresa Senna-Crispin. Following Mrs. Senna's death, this property was recently sold. The new owner and resident of the home at 737 Martin Street is now Brian Scott.

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36. Sources of information:

Sanborn Insurance maps.

"Marjorie R. Senna." (obituary) Longmont Times-Call, April 12, 2005.

City of Longmont building permit files.

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

Longmont City Directories.

Boulder County Assessor records.

"Apoplexy Fatal to Aged Local Resident Thursday" (Henry Gephart obituary) Longmont Daily Times, January 20, 1928.

"Lillian Gephart Dies Sunday." Longmont Times-Call, January 20, 1958.

Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records.

"Ernest Gephart." (obituary) Longmont Times-Call, April 17-18, 1971.

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 circa 1905, 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 Hipped-roof Box plan. 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 in the State Register of Historic Properties. Moreover, due to a rather substantial loss of integrity, the property also does not qualify for individual local landmark designation by the City of Longmont, and it would be considered a non-contributing resource within a National Register designated, or locally designated, historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property exhibits a 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's physical integrity has been diminished by the construction of two additions, apparently in 1976, by the application of aluminum siding, and by the loss of the historic chimney. A sense of time and place of an early 1900s Hipped-roof Box dwelling is now only minimally in evidence.

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VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Eligible**
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Not 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 non-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 182-186
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**

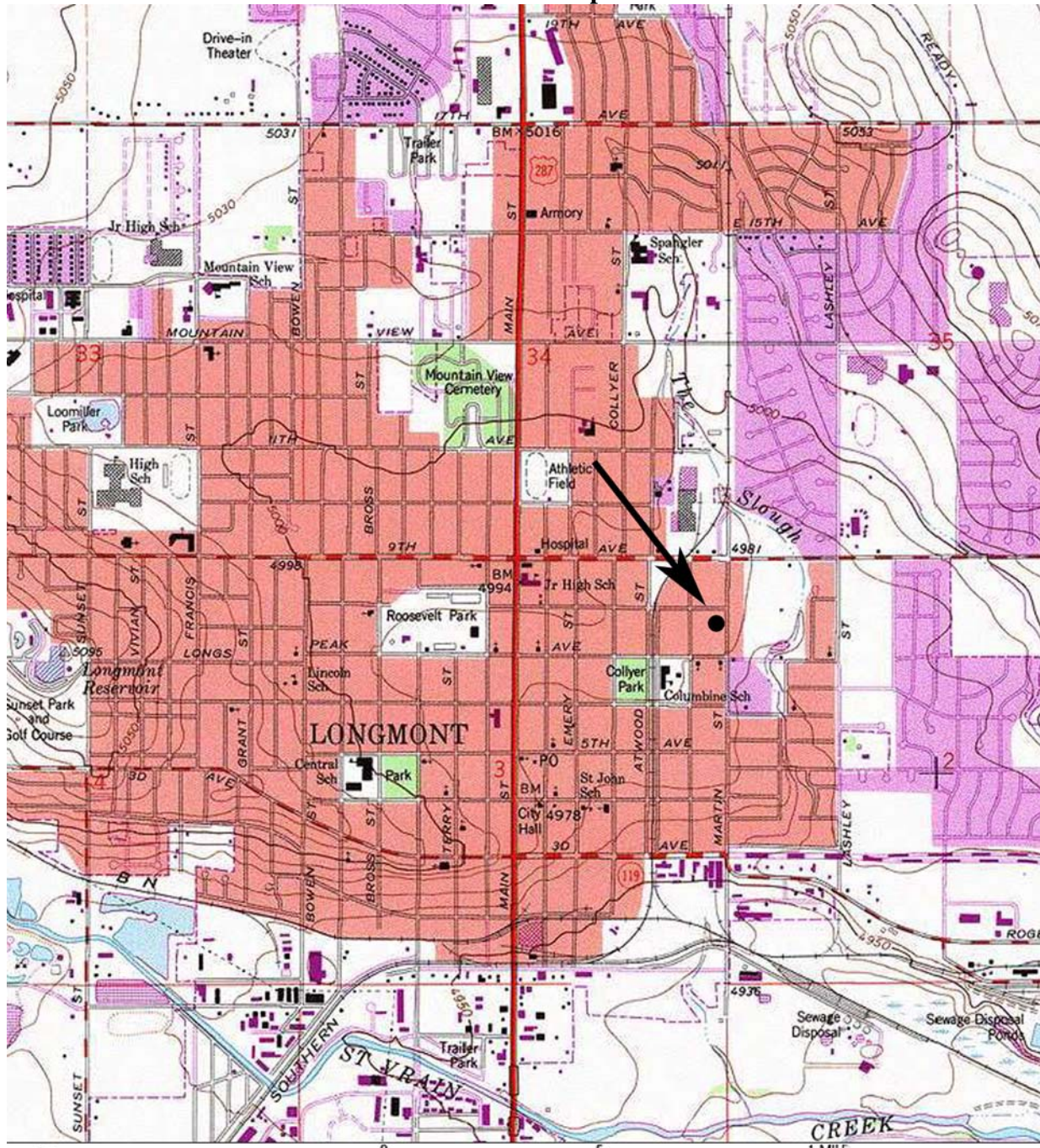
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Sketch Map



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Location Map



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