

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.10150** Parcel number(s): **131502206010**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Longmont**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Darby House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Darby House**
- 7. Building Address: **820 Martin Street**
- 8. Owner Name: **Darby, James P**
- Owner Organization:
- Owner Address: **820 Martin St**
Longmont , CO 80501

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**
SW ¼ of NW ¼ of NW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 02
10. UTM reference
 Zone: **13** **492154 mE** **4446940 mN** **(NAD83)**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont**
 Year: **1968 (photorevised 1979)** Map scale: **7.5**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 5**
 Addition: **Pratt & Brown Gardens** Year of addition: **Unknown**
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: 38 feet x Width: 33 feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Synthetics/Vinyl**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Side Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
 Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Porch**
Chimney
21. General architectural description:
The Ranch style dwelling at 820 Martin Street features a rectangular plan which measures 38' N-S (across) by 33' E-W (deep). It is supported by a low unpainted concrete foundation, while its exterior walls are clad with wide, white, horizontal vinyl or aluminum siding. The foundation wall is penetrated by 3-light hopper, or fixed-pane windows, with painted white wood frames. The house is covered by a moderately-pitched side-gabled roof, with a small shed-roofed extension covering the north end of the west elevation (façade). The roof is covered with grey asphalt composition shingles, and the eaves are boxed with painted white wood trim. A red brick fireplace chimney is located on the south (side) elevation. A large, multi-light fixed-pane window, with painted red wood shutters, penetrates the façade wall to the south of the entry porch. A large 6/6 double-hung sash window, also with painted red wood shutters, penetrates the façade wall to the north of the entry porch. Elsewhere, the home's windows appear to be a combination of multiple-light fixed-pane and 1/1 double-hung sash windows, with painted white wood frames and surrounds. A painted red wood-paneled front door, covered by a painted red wood storm door, leads into the house on the façade, from a 3-step, uncovered, concrete porch, with a black wrought iron railing. A rear entry door leads into the house from a 3-step concrete stoop on the east elevation. The house's basement level includes a garage which is accessed by a concrete driveway which descends from grade to a basement-level garage door at the north end of the east (rear) elevation.

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22. Architectural style:

Building type: **Ranch Type**

23. Landscape or special setting features: **This property is located on an over-sized lot on the east side of Martin Street, south of 9th Avenue, just east of the northeastern periphery of Longmont's historic East Side residential neighborhood. The property appears very well-maintained with nicely-landscaped planted grass front and back yards.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

1: Type: **Garage/ Workshop**

Describe: **A wood frame garage/ workshop building is located northeast of the house. It is supported by a concrete foundation, its exterior walls are clad with white horizontal aluminum siding, and it is covered by a shed roof. A band of 1/1 double-hung sash window penetrate the south elevation. A roll-away garage door, and a single-entry door, are both located on the west elevation. Another single-entry door is located on the south elevation. Vehicular access to the garage is via a gravel driveway which extends along the south side of the house to Martin Street.**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: Actual: **1947**
 Source of information: **(Boulder County) Real Estate Appraisal Card Urban Master. On file at the Boulder Carnegie Library.**

26. Architect: **Unknown**

Source of information: **Unknown**

27. Builder: **John H. Darby**

Source of information: **"John H. Darby." [obituary] Longmont Times-Call, July 8, 2000, p. B5.**

28. Original owner: **John H. and Lorena E. Darby**

Source of information: **Longmont City Directory, 1949.**

29. Construction history:

This Ranch style dwelling was built in 1947 as a residence for John H. and Lorena E. (Jacobsen) Darby. A building contractor, Mr. Darby was likely involved in the home's construction. There have been no additions to the original dwelling; however, its exterior siding is probably not original. No building permits related to the property were located on file with the City of Longmont.

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:

This house was built in 1947 as a residence for John H. and Lorena E. (Jacobsen) Darby. A building contractor, Mr. Darby was presumably largely responsible for the house's construction. Moreover, Mrs. Darby's father, Peter Jacobsen, was a well-known Longmont building contractor. Mr. and Mrs. Darby lived in this home until their respective deaths in February of 1993 (Mrs. Darby), and December of 2000 (Mr. Darby). The property is now owned and occupied by their son, James P. Darby.

James H. Darby was born in Longmont on December 28, 1910, the son of George and Mary Jane (Cranson) Darby. He grew up in Longmont, and attended college at Colorado State University in Fort Collins where he received a bachelor's degree in animal husbandry and vocational education. On April 2, 1938, Darby was married to Lorena Eva Jacobsen. The Darbys had a son, James P., and a daughter, Sally Ann. Lorena (Jacobsen) Darby had been born in Longmont on August 31, 1914, the daughter of Peter and Olene (Lena) Jacobsen. Between 1964 and 1969, Lorena was publisher, and part owner, of the Longmont Ledger newspaper. In 1972, she was elected to the Colorado Senate, serving until 1976. She was the first woman from Boulder County to be elected to the Colorado Senate. Mrs. Darby was also active in local affairs. She was a charter member of the Longmont League of Women Voters. She served on the Library Board, the Human Relations Commission, the St. Vrain Historical Society Board, and on El Comite.

36. Sources of information:

Boulder County Assessor records.

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

Longmont City Directories.

"Lorena Eva Darby." (obituary) Longmont Times-Call, February 22, 1993, p. 9A.

"John H. Darby." [obituary] Longmont Times-Call, July 8, 2000, p. B5.

"Boulder County's First Woman in the Senate Honored with Joint Memorial." Longmont Times-Call, April 7, 1993, p. 3A.

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:

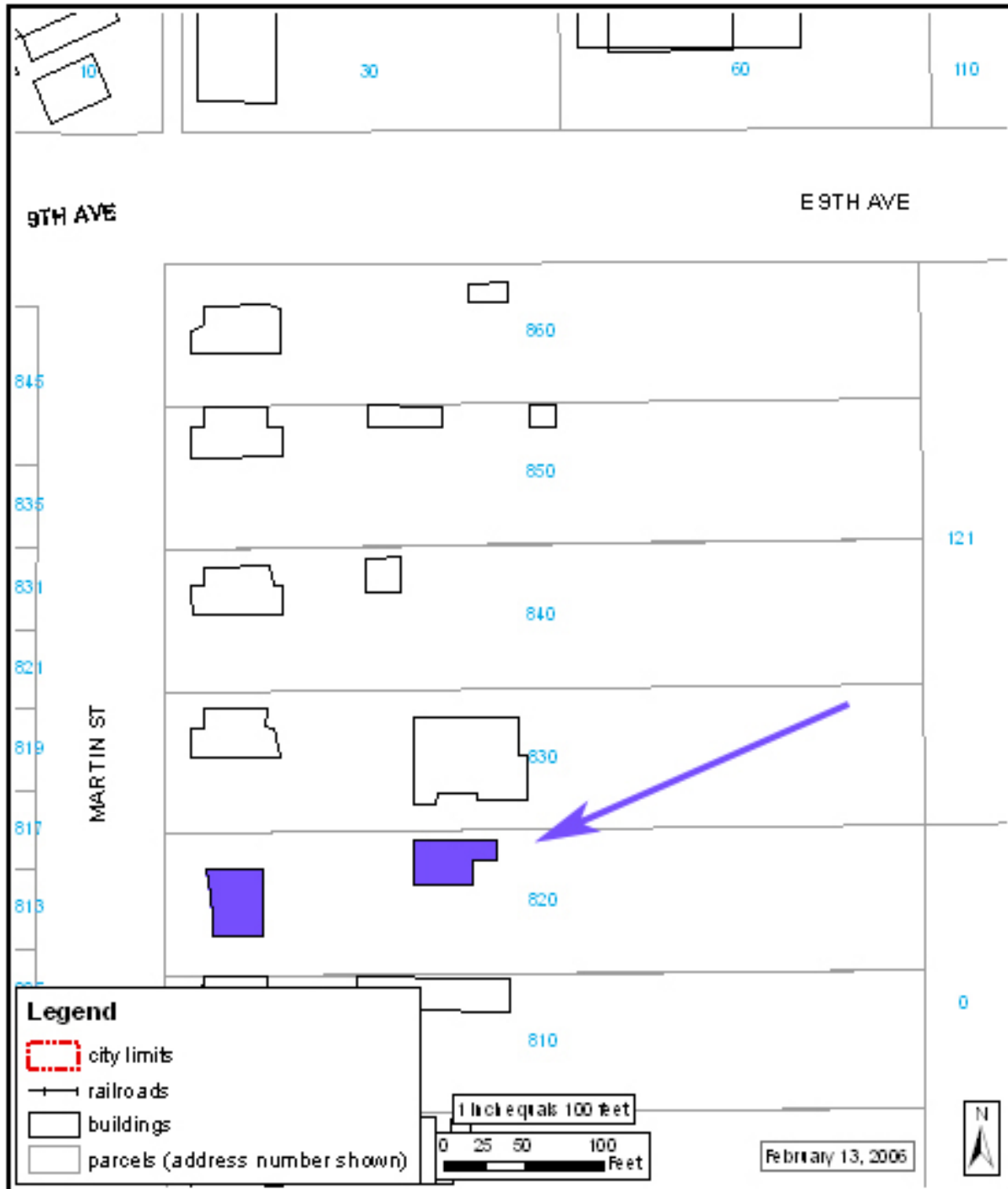
This property is historically significant, to a limited extent, for its association with Longmont's residential development during the post-World War II period. It is also architecturally significant, but again to a limited extent, for its Ranch style of architecture. In time, the property may become most significant for its association with Lorena Darby. Mrs. Darby made notable contributions to broad patterns of the region's history as the first woman from Boulder County to be elected to the Colorado Senate, and through her many cultural endeavors. These contributions, though, occurred within the past forty years. At the present time, thus, this property may be considered ineligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and in the State Register of Historic Properties. It likely does qualify, though, for individual local landmark designation by the City of Longmont, based on its association with Mrs. Darby.

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 to the original dwelling, although its exterior siding is probably not original.

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Sketch Map



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Location Map

