

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: **5BL1209.134** Parcel number(s): **131503224005**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Longmont**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **First Church of Christ Scientist**
- 6. Current Building Name: **First Church of Christ Scientist**
- 7. Building Address: **450 Pratt Street**
- 8. Owner Name: **First Church Of Christ Scientist**
- Owner Organization:
- Owner Address: **450 Pratt 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 SE ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 03
10. UTM reference
 Zone: **13** **490938 mE** **4446318 mN** **(NAD83)**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont**
 Year: **1968 (photorevised 1979)** Map scale: **7.5**
12. Lot(s): **N 50 Ft of W 125 Ft of Lot 1 Blk 54**
 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: 66 feet x Width: 34 feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Stucco**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Cross Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
- Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Chimney**
Window/Stained Glass
21. General architectural description:
The First Church of Christ Scientist is located at the southeast corner of Pratt Street and 5th Avenue. Built in 1913, the original single-story church building features a rectangular plan, measuring approximately 34' N-S (across) by 40' E-W (deep). A 20' N-S by 16' E-W saltbox-roofed foyer addition has been built onto the west elevation (façade), and a 20' N-S by 10' E-W gabled addition has been built onto the north end of the east (rear) elevation. The church is supported by a painted beige concrete foundation, which is separated from the main wall surface by a stuccoed concrete water table. The foundation wall is penetrated by original single-light hopper windows, as well as by two non-historic casement egress windows – one each on the north and south elevations. The building's exterior walls are clad with painted beige concrete pargeting, or stucco, over tile block construction. A cornerstone is located at the west end of the north elevation:

**FIRST CHURCH OF
CHRIST SCIENTIST 1913**

The original church is covered by a moderately-pitched cross-gabled roof, covered with brown asphalt shingles, and with exposed rafter ends beneath widely-overhanging eaves. Decorative purlins appear in the upper gable ends on the east, west, and north elevations, where they help support decorative stickwork. A brick chimney, covered with concrete pargeting, is located on the exterior of the south elevation. Four multi-paned stained glass hopper windows, each topped by a stained glass hopper transom light, are located along the north elevation.

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These windows are flanked at either end of the north elevation by a single small stained glass hopper window. Windows on the south elevation are a mirror image of those on the north, except one window has been replaced by the chimney. The foyer addition on the façade features sandstone veneer walls, over wood frame construction. Two metal entry doors, topped by a stained glass transom light, lead into the foyer at its south end, and a narrow steeple extends from its roof peak. The rear gabled addition is also built of wood frame construction, with painted beige vertical wood plank, and sandstone veneer, exterior walls. A solid wood door enters the rear addition at the east end of the north elevation.

22. Architectural style: **No Style**
 Building type:
23. Landscape or special setting features: **The First Church of Christ Scientist is located at the southeast corner of Pratt Street and 5th Avenue - within the boundaries of Longmont's historic residential Westside Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The church building is partially surrounded by planted grass front and back yards, and by a narrow side yard, paralleling 5th Avenue to the north. The property is marked by modest amounts of mature landscape plantings. Wide grass strips are located between the sidewalks and the curbs along Pratt Street and 5th Avenue.**
24. Associated buildings, features or objects:
 1: Type: **N/A** Contributing? **Not assessed**
 Describe:

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: Actual: **1913**
 Source of information: **Cornerstone plaque: "First Church of Christ Scientist 1913."**
26. Architect: **Unknown**
 Source of information: **N/A**
27. Builder: **Unknown**
 Source of information: **N/A**
28. Original owner: **First Church of Christ Scientist**
 Source of information: **"The Christian Science Church." Longmont Ledger, January 6, 1911, p. 5.**
29. Construction history:
The First Church of Christ Scientist was built in 1913, and has served as the congregation's worshipping place until very recently. In 2005, the building is in the process of being converted to residential use. The original church building measured 34' N-S (across) by 40' E-W (deep). A 20' by 16' saltbox-roofed entryway addition has been built onto the west elevation (façade). A 20' by 10' gabled addition has been built onto the east (rear) elevation.
30. Original location: Moved: Date of move(s):

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Religion/Church**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Religion/Church**
33. Current use(s): **Vacant/Not in Use**
34. Site type(s): **Former church; presently being converted into a residence.**

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35. Historical background:

Christian Science is a religion emphasizing divine healing. It teaches that God and his spiritual creation are the only realities. The material world, with all its suffering, strife, and death is considered to be a misconception or distorted view of the divine universe. Adherents of Christian Science rely on divine law in times of sickness, instead of resorting to medical and other material means. The church has no ordained clergy, and services are conducted by Readers, both men and women, who are elected from membership. Practitioners, also both men and women, devote full time to the work of spiritual healing.

The founder of the Christian Science Church was Mary Baker Eddy. Born in Bow, New Hampshire in 1821, Eddy suffered from ill health during much of her childhood and early adulthood. To ease her pain she often turned to Bible and prayer. In 1866, after sustaining a severe injury through a fall, she read a Gospel account of one of Jesus' healings. While reading, she had an insight into the method by which Jesus healed, and at that moment felt herself restored to health. Eddy came to believe that she was able not only to heal the sick herself, but also to teach others to heal as well. She held that all sickness was mental rather than physical, and recorded the laws of God as she discerned them in Science and Health with Keys to the Scriptures (1875). In 1877, she married Asa Gilbert Eddy, an active Christian Science believer. Two years later, in 1879, Mrs. Eddy founded the Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1908, she established the Christian Science Monitor. Mrs. Eddy lived to be eighty-nine years old, passing away on December 3, 1910.

The First Church of Christ Scientist in Longmont was organized in 1902, and during its first decade of existence, held services in a variety of locations, including the Buckley Building. The church purchased this lot at the southeast corner of Pratt Street and 5th Avenue in January 1911, for a reported price of \$1500.00. Construction of the church building was begun sometime over a year later, and it was completed in 1913. The church was built of tile block and concrete construction, and had seats for 75 worshipers, with the capacity to expand to a total of 125. The debt to purchase the land and for the church's construction was paid off in 1919, and on August 24th of that year the church was formally dedicated. At that time, the church boasted a congregation of thirty members. The First Church of Christ Scientist in Longmont held services in the building until circa 2000. The congregation presently meets at 928 6th Avenue; this building meanwhile is in the process of being converted into a residence.

36. Sources of information:

Longmont City Directories.

City of Longmont building permit files.

"First Church of Christ Scientist." Longmont Ledger, February 21, 1913, p. 1.

"The Christian Science Church." Longmont Ledger, January 6, 1911, p. 5.

Sanborn Fire Insurance maps.

"Dedication of First Church of Christ Scientist." Longmont Ledger, ca. August 21, 1919.

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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:

The First Church of Christ Scientist is historically significant for its association with the related themes of religion and community growth in Longmont through the first half of the twentieth century. The building is also architecturally significant for its understated form, with some elements of the Craftsman style, its tile block and concrete construction, and for such details as its stained glass windows and gable ornaments in the upper gable ends. It may be considered individually eligible for local landmark designation, and it is a contributing resource within the Westside Historic District.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property displays an average, to somewhat above-average level of integrity, relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society - setting, location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. Two modest additions to the original church building probably date to the 1960s or 1970s. The original 1913 church building is still intact, however, and evidence of its architectural characteristics are still apparent.

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 **N/A**

Discuss: **This property is located within the boundaries of Longmont's existing Westside Historic District. It is a contributing resource within the district.**

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-2, Images 68-74,

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

49. Date(s): **September 10, 2005** **Civic Center Complex**

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

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

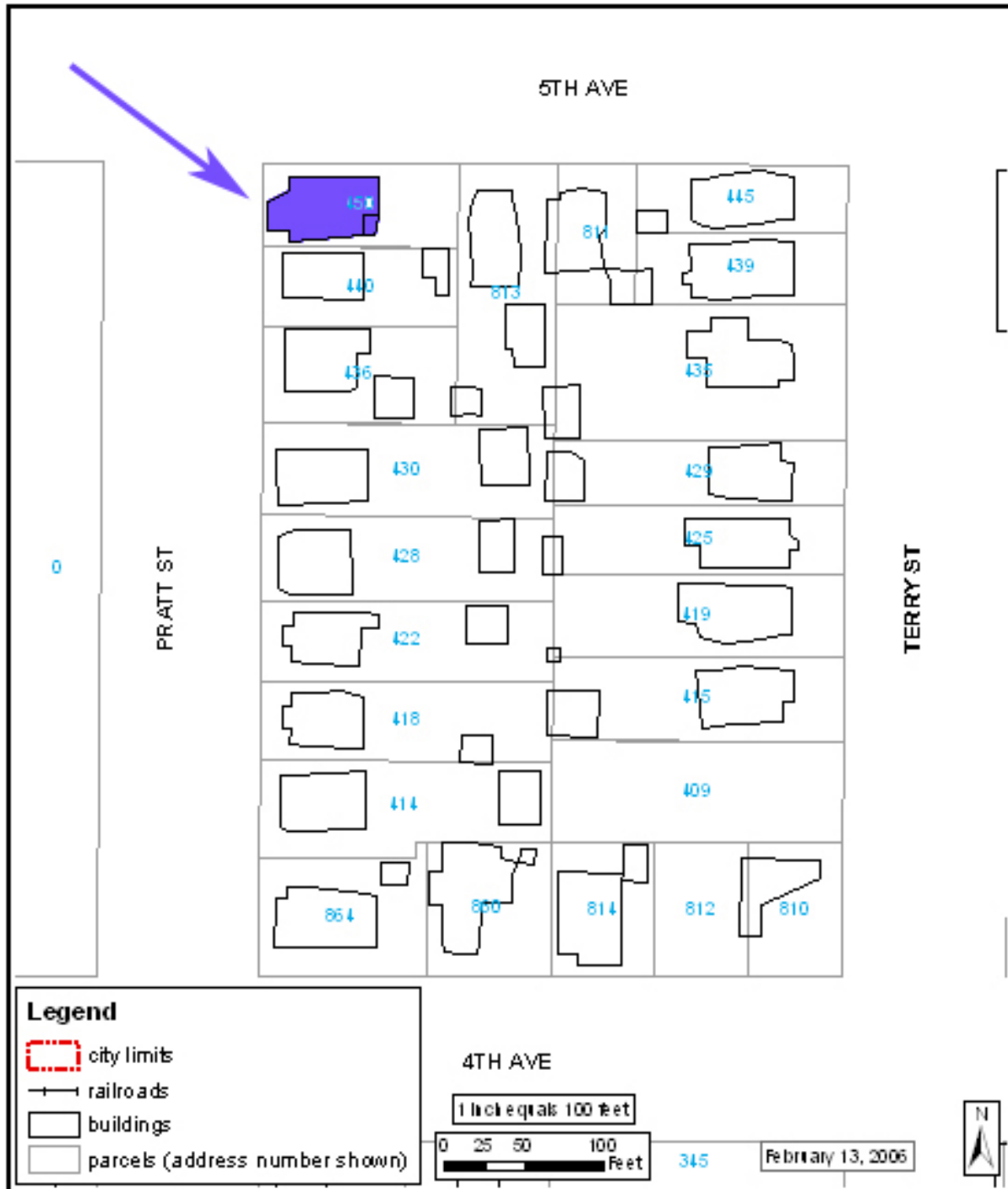
52. Address: **1607 Dogwood Court**
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525

53. Phone number(s): **(970)493-5270**

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Sketch Map



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Location Map

