

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination
(OAH P use only)

OAH P1403
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.10160** Parcel number(s): **131503219009**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Longmont**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Mellinger House; Johnson House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Brandt House**
- 7. Building Address: **522 Pratt Street**
- 8. Owner Name: **Brandt Matthew P & Heather**
- Owner Organization:
- Owner Address: **522 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**
NW ¼ of SW ¼ of SE ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 03
10. UTM reference
 Zone: **13** **490948 mE** **4446421 mN** **(NAD83)**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont**
 Year: **1968 (photorevised 1979)** Map scale: **7.5**
12. Lot(s): **N 67 1/3 Ft of Lot 4 Blk 37**
 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: 52 feet x Width: 30 feet**
16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick**
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof/Gable-on-hip Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Wood Roof/Shingle Roof**
 Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Roof Treatment/Dormer**
Chimney
Porch
21. General architectural description:
The handsome 1.5 story Bungalow style dwelling at 522 Pratt Street is supported by a concrete foundation, which is faced with purple brick to approximately three feet above grade. The exterior walls are clad with a brown brick veneer, laid in running bond, over wood frame construction. Beige colored stucco appears in the upper gable ends on the west and south elevations. The house is covered by a gable-on-hip roof, and is covered with wood shingles. The rafter ends are exposed beneath widely-overhanging eaves, and there are decorative purlins and ridge poles, with knee braces, in the upper gable ends. A gabled dormer, with three single-light casement windows, and with square-cut wood shingle cladding, is located on the north-facing roof slope. A red brick chimney is located on the ridge.
- A large (possibly non-historic) single-light fixed-pane picture window overlooks the front porch on the west elevation (façade). Bands of 4-light and 5-light casement windows penetrate a 12' by 14' flat-roofed addition to the south elevation (This addition was constructed sometime between 1918 and 1930, following the house's original construction in 1914.) A band of three 6-light casement windows appear in the upper gable end on the south elevation. Elsewhere, the home's windows are primarily 1/1 double-hung sash with painted wood frames and surrounds.**

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A stained natural brown glass-in-wood-frame entry door, with flanking sidelights, and with a wood screen door, leads into the house from a 26' by 10' Craftsman style porch on the façade. The porch is approached by four sandstone steps with flanking knee walls, and features a tongue-in-groove wood floor, brick knee walls with sandstone caps, tapered brick columns, and a gabled porch roof with a dentil course. A 14' by 6' enclosed rear porch is located at the south end of the east (rear) elevation. This portion of the dwelling is clad with square-cut wood shingle siding. A non-historic, painted red, glass-in-wood-frame door leads into the rear of the dwelling from a non-historic redwood deck.

22. Architectural style:

Building type: **Bungalow**

23. Landscape or special setting features: **This property is located on the east side of Pratt Street in Longmont's historic residential West Side neighborhood. The property features painted grass front and back yards, with a narrow side yard to the south where there is also a gravel driveway. A concrete driveway extends along the house's north elevation. A wide grass strip is located between the front sidewalk and the curb at Pratt Street.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

1: Type: **Carriage House**

Describe: **A 1.5 story brick carriage house is located southeast of the house, straddling the property line between this property and 514 Pratt Street next door to the south. Constructed at approximately the same time as the house, the Carriage House measures approximately 26' by 20'. It has red brick walls, laid in common bond, and with decorative brickwork at the corners. However, painted beige square-cut wood shingles appear in the upper gable ends. The building is covered by a steeply-pitched side-gabled roof. Two sets of painted beige vertical wood plank doors, each with six upper sash lights, are located on the Carriage House's west elevation. A set of paired windows are located in the upper gable end, above the doors. A vertical wood plank loft-level door is located on the north elevation. Below this opening, there is a band of horizontally-oriented windows.**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: Actual: **1914**
 Source of information: **Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records; Original building permit dated March 23, 1914..**
26. Architect: **Unknown**
 Source of information: **N/A**
27. Builder: **Unknown**
 Source of information: **N/A**
28. Original owner: **James Mellinger**
 Source of information: **Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records.**

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29. Construction history:

Longmont water rent collection records and Sanborn Insurance maps document that this house was built in 1914. The original building permit, dated March 23, 1914, is recorded in the water rent collection records. James Mellinger was the original owner. The Sanborn maps also show that a 12' by 14' flat roofed addition at the west end of the south elevation was built sometime between 1918 and 1930. The carriage house was probably built at the same time as the house, as it is depicted on the 1918 Sanborn map, but does not appear on the previous 1911 Sanborn map.

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**

35. Historical background:

The history of this residence at 522 Pratt Street begins on March 23, 1914, when a building permit was issued for its construction. James and Ida Mellinger were the home's original owners. James Mellinger was born on January 22, 1877 in Cocalico, Pennsylvania. He came to Longmont in the early 1900s, following service in the Spanish American War. According to his obituary, as a young man Mellinger had traveled extensively, spending considerable time in Africa and in Mexico. He acquired a large collection of Indian artifacts, which he displayed in his home. It was recognized as one of the largest and most authentic collection of its kind in the part of the country. He was trained in the plumbing and heating trades, an occupation he pursued in Longmont. One of his largest contracts was for the Empson Packing Company. James and his first wife, Ida Mary Hughes Mellinger, had one son, whom they named Robert.

Prior to moving into this home on Pratt Street, the Mellingers lived first at 731 Collier, along with Ida's widowed mother Mary Anna Hughes, before moving to this location in 1914. Ida Mellinger passed away in January, 1938. The following year, On July 23, 1939, James Mellinger married Laura Moore at Ft. Lupton. At that time, he was living at 428 Bowen Street, where he passed away on July 2, 1950. The Mellingers lived at 522 Pratt Street for only a few years. By 1918, the home was occupied by Harry J. Reynolds, and then sold circa 1919 to S. Edward and Ida Johnson. Edward Johnson earned his living as a farmer. On March 31, 1891, he married Miss Ida Anderson. A native of Sweden, she was born on September 10, 1867. Apparently, the couple had at least one child, a son named John. The family shared this home for nearly a quarter of a century, until Ida Johnson's death at the age of 75, on May 20, 1943. Edward continued to live in the home through the 1940s.

During the 1950s, the home was occupied by renters, before being purchased by Rodney and Corrine Ahlberg in the later 1950s. Rodney Ahlberg was a funeral director. He had been a partner with George W. Howe in the Howe Mortuary, located at 439 Coffman Street. He later founded Ahlberg's Funeral Chapel, presently located at 326 Terry Street. The Ahlbergs remained at this address through the early 1970s. By 1975, the property had once again been transferred, to Harold L. and Emily M. Meier. Harold "Hal" Meier was born in Chicago on February 5, 1932. In 1956, he married Emily Mae Startzell, in Washington, D.C. The couple had four children, sons Keith and Gary, and daughters Melissa and Jennifer. A salesman and supervisor for Southwestern Life Insurance, Hal was

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transferred to Longmont by the company in 1970. He left the insurance business in 1976. Entering the political arena, Meier ran unsuccessfully for the Republican nomination for State Senator from District 24. In 1979, he founded his own business, Medical Electronics Distributions Systems (M.E.D. Systems), a medical supply company that sold and rented biomedical devices. Tragically, Hal Meier died in an airplane accident on September 8, 1983. He was piloting a Cessna 172-XP from Longmont to Durango, when the plane crashed on Storm Mountain near Silverton, in San Juan County. Following her husband's death, Emily Meier continued to live in the home until the early 1990s. In 1997, the property's residents were David J. Topus and Roseann Lennon, followed in 1998 by Glenn G. Stirling. Matthew P. and Heather Brandt are the home's current owners.

36. Sources of information:

"Ida Mellinger Dies Saturday." Longmont Times-Call, January 8, 1938.
 Boulder County Assessor, Real Estate Appraisal Card - Urban Master.
 "Jim Mellinger Here Sunday." [obituary] Longmont Times-Call, July 5, 1950, p. 1.
 Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records.
 Boulder County Assessor Property Records.
 Sanborn Fire Insurance maps.
 Longmont City Directories.
 "Death Takes Ida Johnson" Longmont Times-Call, May 20, 1943.

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 for its associations with Longmont's residential growth, and in particular for its associations with the notable Mellinger, Johnson, and Ahlberg families. The house is also architecturally significant for its distinctive expression of the Craftsman style of architecture. The carriage house is also historically and architecturally significant in its own right. This property, therefore, is individually eligible for local landmark designation by the City of Longmont.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property displays a high 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. There have been no additions, and no notable exterior alterations to the dwelling following the end of the period of significance.

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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

Discuss: **This property is located in the block just north of the Westside Historic District's north boundary. Historic residences in this block have comparable levels of significance and integrity to residences within the historic district. There is good potential, thus, that the district's boundaries could be expanded to include this property.**

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 81-84, 87-90

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

49. Date(s): **11/02/05** **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**

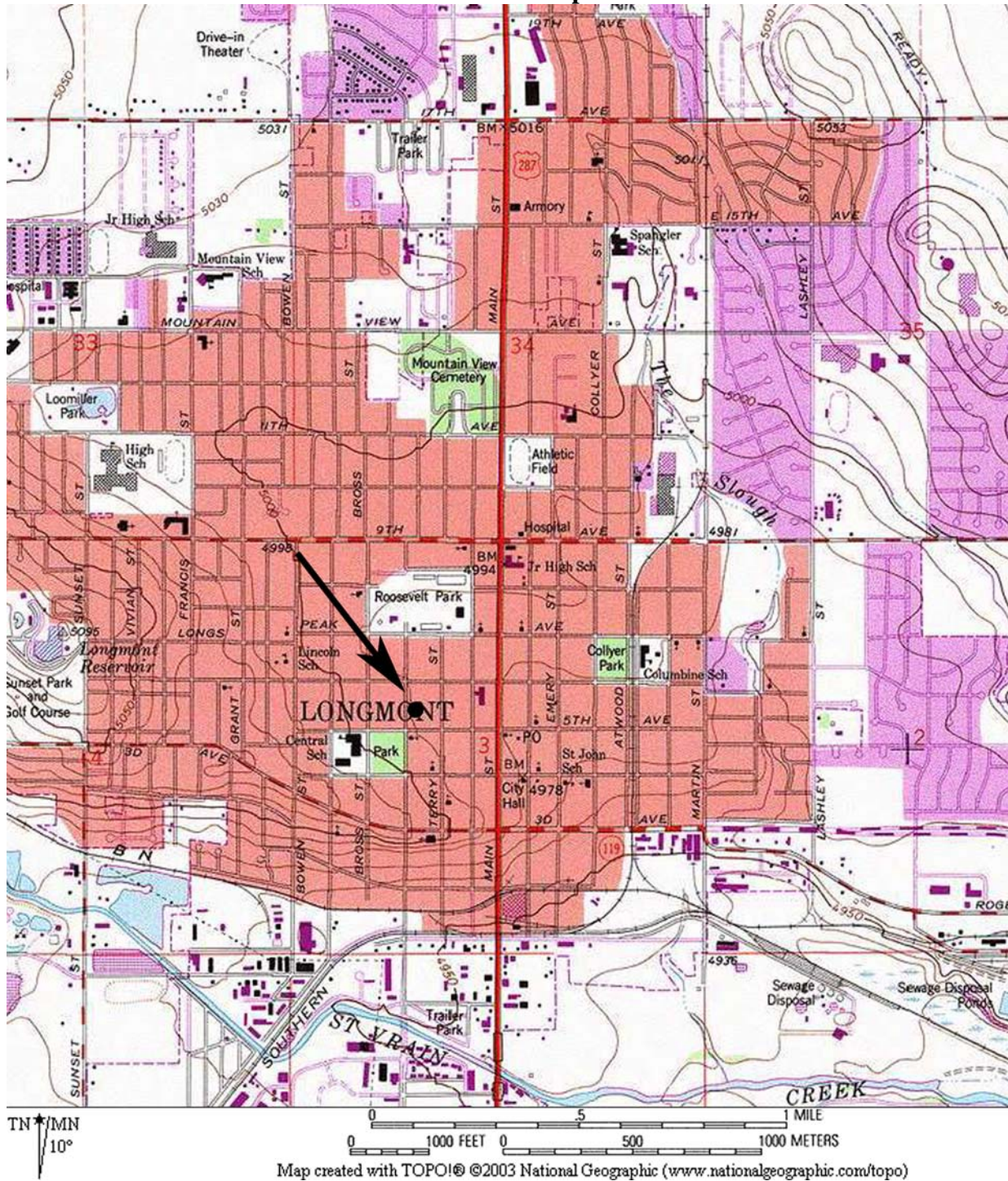
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Sketch Map



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Location Map



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