

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: **5BL1209.111** Parcel number(s): **131503310018**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Longmont**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Taft House; Wees House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Books for the Whole Child Children's Bookstore**
- 7. Building Address: **333 Terry Street**
- 8. Owner Name: **Morton Langdon L Jr. & Beulah C**
- Owner Organization:
- Owner Address: **327 Terry St
Longmont , CO 80501**

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:	Eligible
Local landmark eligibility field assessment:	Eligible

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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **2N** Range: **69W**
SE ¼ of NW ¼ of NE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 03
10. UTM reference
 Zone: **13** **491002 mE** **491002 mN** **(NAD83)**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont**
 Year: **1968 (photorevised 1979)** Map scale: **7.5**
12. Lot(s): **S 21.52 Ft Lot 10 & N 18.48 Ft Lot 11 Blk 61**
 Addition: **Old South Longmont** 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:
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III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): **Irregular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **1058**
16. Number of stories: **2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Horizontal Siding**
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof/Gable-on-hip Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
 Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Ornamentation/Decorative Shingles**
Chimney
Porch
Window/Stained Glass

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21. General architectural description:

Built at the turn of the twentieth century, the former residence at 333 Terry Street is a tall, two-story, irregular-shaped, wood frame dwelling. It is supported by a coursed sandstone foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with painted cream white horizontal wood siding with 1" by 4" corner boards. Multi-colored octagon wood shingles appear in the upper gable ends on the east, south, and north elevations. The roof is steeply-pitched, featuring a hip-roofed form in the center, with intersecting gables to the north, south, and east (façade). The roof is covered with grey asphalt shingles, and the eaves are boxed with painted green wood trim. One red brick chimney is located near the roof peak. A band of four 1/1 double-hung sash windows, and a square window with Queen Anne lights, penetrate the façade wall in the second story. A band of three 1/1 double-hung windows penetrate the wall of the enclosed front porch. Otherwise, the building's windows are primarily single and paired 1/1 double-hung sash with painted white wood frame, and painted green wood surrounds and exterior wood storm windows. A 20' by 9' enclosed hip-roofed porch extends across nearly the full length of the façade. The porch is approached by a 4-step flagstone stoop with flanking black wrought iron railings, and it features brick pedestals with stone caps, tapered wood piers, and an intersecting gable above the entry door. A painted white and green wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, and with a transom light, leads from the porch into the building's interior. A painted white wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, and with a white synthetic storm door, enters the rear of the building from a wood handicapped-accessible ramp on the west elevation.

There are two historic additions to the original building's west (rear) elevation. Sanborn maps indicate that both additions were constructed between 1918 and 1930. The larger addition measures 17' N-S by 12' E-W, is 1.5 stories tall, and is covered by a gabled roof. The other additions is located at the south end of the west elevation. It measures 11' N-S' by 16' E-W, is one story in height, and is covered by a low-pitched hipped roof. The rear entry door enters this addition at the south end of the west elevation.

22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian**

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features: **This property is located on the west side of the 300 block of Terry Street, near the south end of Longmont's historic Westside neighborhood which was developed during the late 1800s and early 1900s. The property appears well-maintained, and features planted grass front and back yards with mature landscaping. A concrete strip driveway extends from Terry Street along the south side of the house. An asphalt parking lot utilized by the Times-Call newspaper is located to the north of this property.**

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24. Associated buildings, features or objects: **N/A**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: Actual: **1900**
 Source of information: **Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records. On file at the Longmont Archives, Longmont Museum.**

26. Architect: **unknown**
 Source of information: **N/A**

27. Builder: **unknown**
 Source of information: **N/A**

28. Original owner: **Fred P. Taft**
 Source of information: **Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records. On file at the Longmont Archives, Longmont Museum.**

29. Construction history:
Longmont water rent collection records indicate that this dwelling was constructed in 1900. Dr. Fred P. Taft, M.D., is listed in the water records as the original owner. Sanborn Insurance maps indicate that two additions were built onto the rear of the original building in the years between 1918 and 1930. There have been no further additions, and no notable exterior alterations to the building since that time. No building permits for this property were located in City of Longmont building permit files.

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): **Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store**
 34. Site type(s): **Former residence; presently a children's bookstore.**

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35. Historical background:

The imposing two-story house at 333 Terry Street was built at the turn-of-the-twentieth century. Dr. Fred P. Taft, a physician, is listed as the original owner in Longmont water rent records, and he, and his wife Margaret, are listed as the home's residents in the 1906 Longmont city directory. In 1903, however, the Tafts were listed as living at 713 3rd Avenue, while this house on Terry Street was occupied by the R.G and Sarah Sutphen family. Mr. Sutphen worked as a real estate agent.

The Taft family lived in this home for but a few years (between circa 1904 and 1908), before moving to 320 Bross Street. On March 5, 1909, Dr. Taft died suddenly from an intestinal hemorrhage, at the young age of 37. He was survived by his wife, and a young son. Dr Taft had been born at Richfield Springs, New York in 1871, but had grown up in Washington, D.C., and in Waterville, New York. He was an honors graduate of the New York City Homeopathy College, where he received a medical degree as a physician and surgeon. Taft became assistant surgeon and physician at the Minnesota State Hospital at Fergus Falls in the 1890s, and it was during these years that he met and married Miss Margaret Cowie of Arcadia, Wisconsin. The Tafts moved to Longmont in 1899 where Fred worked in private practice until his untimely death in 1909.

The house at 333 Terry Street was owned and occupied by several families during the decades between the 1910s and 1970s. Two of the longer-term owners, though, were Charles and Mabelle Wees, and the Walter Fulton family. The Wees family lived at 333 Terry Street between circa 1918 and the early 1940s. During many of these years, Charles operated the Longmont Model Laundry Company which was located on Main Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues. A native of Ontario, Canada, Wees had come of age in Minnesota before moving to Longmont in 1910. He passed away in 1942 at the age of 65. Mabelle Wees passed away in Longmont in August 1965, at the age of 85. Mr. and Mrs. Wees were survived by a son, James, and by a daughter, who became Mrs. Harry B. Stone.

Walter and Ethel Fulton lived at 333 Terry Street throughout most of the 1950s. Born at Polar Bluff, Missouri in 1882, Walter had come to Boulder, Colorado with his family at just three years of age. He was married to Ethel Shippe, of Lyons, Colorado in 1914. Fulton was employed with the Rocky Mountain Transportation Company at Estes Park for many years, and he also spent a brief time with the company at Glacier National Park in Montana, before returning to Colorado. The Fultons moved into this house on Terry Street following Walter's retirement in 1952. He passed away fourteen years later at the age of 84.

In the early 1970s, the house at 333 Terry was converted, at least in part, to commercial use. Throughout most of the 1970s it was home to an art gallery called "Candlelight House Galleries." Then, in the 1980s the property housed a gift shop named "Tinker's Dam Gifts" For the past few years, the building has served as a children's bookstore, called "Books for the Whole Child."

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36. Sources of information:

"Town of Longmont – Water Rent Collections." On file at the Longmont Archives, Longmont Museum.
 Longmont Resident for Fifty Years Dies." [Mabelle Wees obituary]. Longmont Times-Call, August 4, 1965, p. 3.
 "Died." [Dr. Fred P. Taft obituary] Longmont Ledger, March 12, 1909.
 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, dated November 1900, April 1906, June 1911, March 1918, June 1930, and
 June 1956. On file at the Longmont Archives, Longmont Museum.
 (Boulder County) "Real Estate Appraisal Card – Urban Master." On file at the Boulder Carnegie Library.
 "Walter Fulton Services Set." Longmont Times-Call, October 18, 1966, p. 3.
 Polk's Boulder County Directories, and Polk's Longmont City Directories [generally published annually, 1892-
 2004], Denver, Kansas City, and Salt Lake City: R.L. Polk and Company Publishers. On file at the Boulder
 Carnegie Library, and at the Longmont Public Library.
 "Unexpected Death of Charles Wees Shocks Community." Longmont Times-Call, October 26, 1942, p. 1.

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-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.
- 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-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-B (2) The structure or district embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen.
- 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-A (4) The structure or district exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historic heritage of the community.
- 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 (2) The structure or district is the site of a historic event with an effect upon society.
- 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.

39. Area(s) of significance: **Architecture**
40. Period of significance: **1900 (original building); ca. 1918-1930 (historic additions)**
41. Level of significance: National: State: Local:

42. Statement of significance:

This property is historically significant for its association with Longmont's socioeconomic development, from the time of its construction in 1900 through the mid-1950s. The former dwelling is also significant for its impressive architectural characteristics which date from the Late Victorian era. The building's level of significance may be to the extent that it could qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places, or in the State Register of Historic Properties. , It is definitely eligible for individual local landmark designation by the City of Longmont, and it would be a contributing resource within an existing historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This Late Victorian era house displays a high level of integrity - relative to the seven aspects of integrity established by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society - design, setting, location, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. There have been no additions, and no adverse exterior alterations, to the building since at least 1930.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Eligible**

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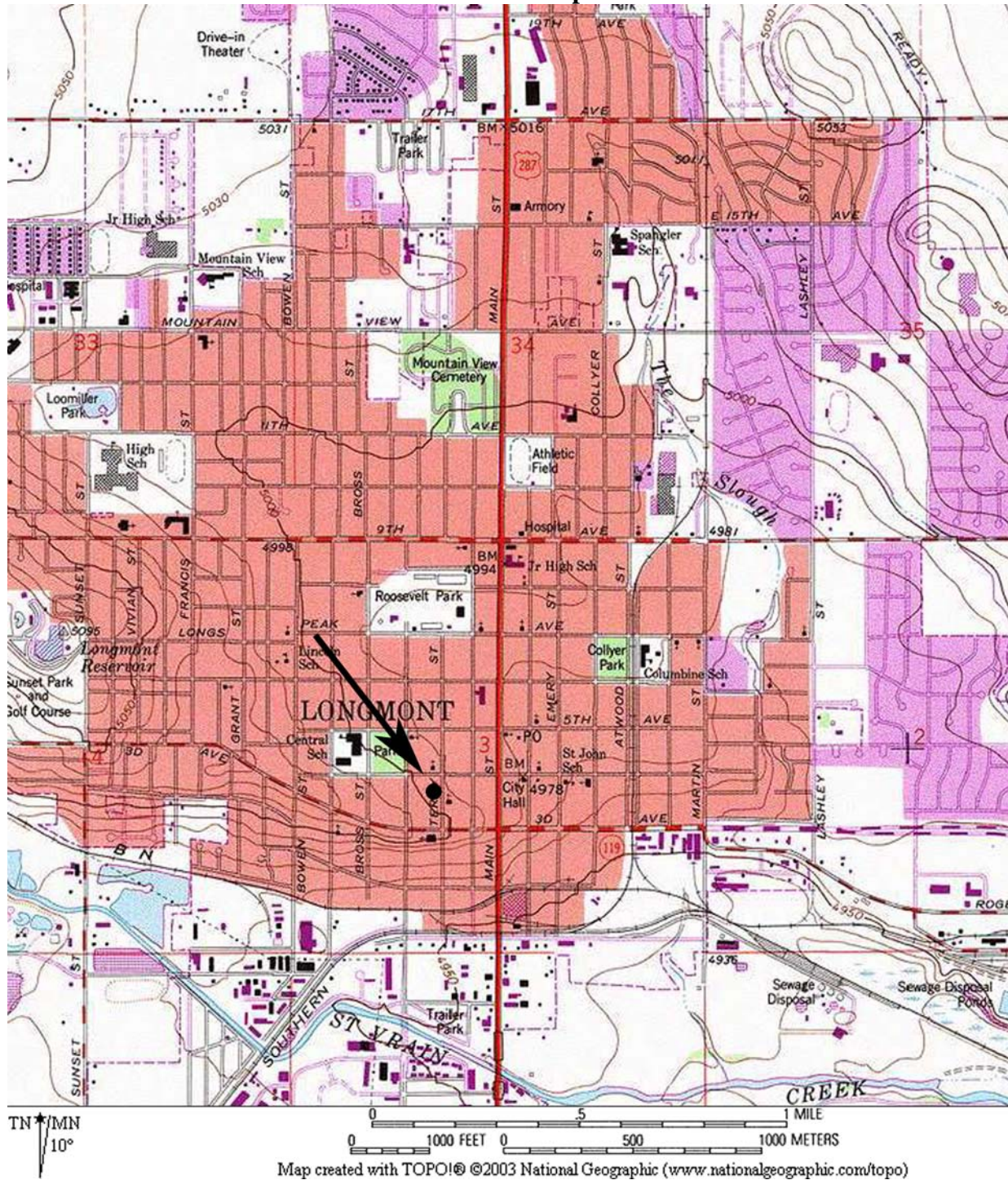
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Sketch Map



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Location Map



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