

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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.1204** Parcel number(s): **131503210006**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Longmont**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Bickerdike House; Murray House; Loomiller House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Befus House**
- 7. Building Address: **616 Terry Street**
- 8. Owner Name: **Befus Samuel & Charlene Living Trust**
- Owner Organization:
- Owner Address: **616 Terry St  
Longmont , CO 80501**

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:	<b>Not Eligible</b>
Local landmark eligibility field assessment:	<b>Eligible</b>

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### II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **2N** Range: **69W**  
**NW ¼ of NE ¼ of SE ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 03**
10. UTM reference  
 Zone: **13** **491082 mE** **4446609 mN** **(NAD83)**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont**  
 Year: **1968 (photorevised 1979)** Map scale: **7.5**
12. Lot(s): **S 63 Ft Lot 3 Blk 29**  
 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:

### III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): **Irregular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **Length: 47 feet x Width: 30 feet**
16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Synthetics/Vinyl**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Cross Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**  
 Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Chimney**  
**Porch**
21. General architectural description:  
**The Victorian-era residence at 616 Terry Street is a 1.5 story, irregular-shaped, wood frame dwelling. It is supported by a coursed low sandstone foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with white horizontal vinyl siding. The cross gabled roof is moderately-pitched, and is covered with grey asphalt shingles. The eaves are boxed with painted white wood trim, and a red brick chimney is located on the roof ridge. A canted hipped-roof bay, with four 1/1 double-hung sash windows, is located on the south elevation. Elsewhere, the home's windows are primarily single and paired 1/1 double-hung sash with painted wood frames and surrounds. A painted white wood-paneled door, wit two slender upper sash lights with rounded tops, and with a with a painted white wood screen door, enters the house from a 5' by 11' shed-roofed porch at the south end of the west elevation. This porch features a carpeted tongue-in-groove wood floor, and one turned column which supports the porch roof. A solid wood door, with three stepped lights, also leads into the house from this porch. A concrete patio, covered by a nearly flat awning, measures approximately 12' by 20', and is located at the east end of the south elevation. A secondary entry door leads from the patio into a 6' by 20' enclosed shed-roofed porch.**
22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian**  
 Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features: **This house is located on the east side of Terry Street in Longmont's historic West Side neighborhood. The property features planted grass front and back yards, with a narrow side yard flanking the south side of the house. A gravel strip driveway also extends along the south side of the house, from Terry Street to the property's garage. The grounds display mature landscaping, and are well maintained. Four late 19th century or early 20th century houses which were located to the north of this property no longer exist. An asphalt parking lot now occupies the space to the north of this building.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

- |    |           |  |                |                     |
|----|-----------|--|----------------|---------------------|
| 1: | Type:     | <b>Garage</b>  | Contributing?  | <b>Contributing</b> |
|    | Describe: | <b>The garage is wood frame structure, measuring 16' N-S by 20' E-W, which is located a short distance southeast of the house. It is supported by a concrete foundation and its exterior walls are clad with painted white horizontal wood siding with 1" by 4" corner boards. The garage is covered by a moderately-pitched front gable roof, with grey asphalt shingles laid over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. The rafter ends are exposed beneath the eaves. A set of paired, painted white, vertical wood plank garage doors, side hinged with metal strap hinges, are located on the west elevation. These doors open onto a gravel strip driveway which extends to Terry Street to the west.</b> |                |                     |
| 2: | Type:     | <b>Coal Shed / Privy</b>   | Contributing?: | <b>Contributing</b> |
|    | Describe: | <b>A historic structure which served traditionally as a coal shed and as a privy is located near the rear of the lot. It measures 12' N-S by 8' E-W, and is supported by a wood timbers ion grade foundation. The structure's exterior walls are clad with painted white horizontal wood siding, with 1" by 4" corner boards, and its steeply-pitched roof is covered with grey asphalt shingles. The eaves are boxed. Painted white wood-paneled doors are located on the structure's south and west elevations.</b>  |                |                     |

### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1880** Actual:
- Source of information: **Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records. On file at the Lonmgont Archives, Longmont Museum; Sanborn Fire Insurance maps; Sam Befus.**
26. Architect: **Unknown**
- Source of information: **N/A**
27. Builder: **Unknown**
- Source of information: **N/A**
28. Original owner: **Elizabeth Bickerdike (possibly)**
- Source of information: **Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records. On file at the Lonmgont Archives, Longmont Museum.**

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29. Construction history:

Longmont water rent collection records, on file with the Longmont Archives, document that this house was in existence by 1892. Sanborn Insurance maps provide corroborating evidence that the house was built sometime prior to 1900. Sam Befus, who has owned and lived here since 1951, believes this is the oldest house in the neighborhood. There have been no additions to the house subsequent to its original construction. City of Longmont building permit files indicate that the vinyl siding was installed in 1992. The coal shed / privy appears quite old. It was probably built in the late 1800s or very early 1900s. The Sanborn maps further indicate that the garage was built sometime between 1918 and 1930.

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:

Longmont water rent collection records document that this home, at 616 Terry Street, was in existence by 1892. It is reputed to be the oldest house in the neighborhood. The first owner of record was Miss Elizabeth "Lizzie" Bickerdike. She remained at this location through 1898. Miss Bickerdike eventually moved to Kissimmee, Florida, where she passed away on March 13, 1929. The home was purchased in 1898 by Mrs. Edith Murray. Mrs. Murray was a noted Longmont pioneer and educator, widely known for her many years of service teaching in Longmont and Boulder County. Born in Bates County, Missouri, she received her education in the Missouri State Normal school in Warrensburg. In Colorado, her first teaching position was with the Beasley rural school district, south of Longmont. She later accepted a teaching position in the Boulder public schools, which she held for three years, before coming to Longmont. Beginning as a teacher in the public schools here, Mrs. Murray was soon promoted to Principal of the Central School. She held this position until her retirement in 1928, after 38 years of service. Mrs. Murray passed away in Longmont on February 3, 1937.

Following Edith Murray's death, the home belonged to Jabez (Javez) A. and Katherine Keys. A painter by trade, Jabez and his wife made their home at 543 Pratt. This home on Terry Street may have been a wedding present for their daughter Mabel, following her wedding in January of 1930 to Harold E. Loomiller. Harold was the son of Fred and Grace Loomiller, early-day residents of the St. Vrain Valley. (Loomiller Park is named in their memory. Harold, along with his brother Frank and sister Geneva, donated five acres of land to the city, which formed the nucleus of the park.) Harold Loomiller worked for the county government, becoming Deputy Clerk for the Motor Vehicles Division in June of 1946. Later, in 1955, he opened his own service station, a Conoco station located at 705 Main Street. By that time, the Loomillers had sold this property, and were living at 1030 Venice Street.

In 1951, the home was purchased by its current resident, Samuel E. Befus, and his wife Charlene. Sam Befus is the descendent of German Russian parents. Alex and Mary Befus immigrated to the United States when they were barely 21, settling in Longmont. Sam was born in the Longmont area in 1919. He, along with his seven brothers and two sisters, were raised on the Befus farm, located along Weld County Road 1, south of Highway 119. His wife, Charlene was raised in Denver. Sam Befus has worked at a variety of occupations during his life.

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For a time, he did some farming as a tenant farmer on land north of Longmont, where he raised sugar beets, grain and hay. Tiring of the farm life, he became a truck driver for different firms, including the Golden Construction Company in Longmont. Sam and Charlene raised two daughters in this Terry Street home, which they have owned for over fifty years.

36. Sources of information:

"Edith Miller, Pioneer Longmont Teacher, Dies." Longmont Times-Call, February 3, 1937, p. 1.

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.

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.

They Came to Stay: Longmont, Colorado 1858-1920. Longmont, Colorado: St. Vrain Valley Historical Association, 1971.

"Town of Longmont – Water Rent Collections." On file at the Longmont Archives, Longmont Museum.

"Former Local Woman is Dead." [Miss Elizabeth Bickerdike obituary] Longmont Daily Times, March 22, 1929, p. 1.

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

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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.

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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: **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 association with the theme of community development in Longmont, from the time of its construction in the late 1800s, through the first half of the twentieth century. The house is also architecturally significant for its unstylized wood frame architectural plan and details, dating from the Late Victorian era. Due to a modest loss of integrity, the property probably does not qualify for individual listing in National Register of Historic Places. However, the property does qualify for individual local landmark designation by the City of Longmont, and it may well qualify for listing in the State Register of Historic Properties. The house, and secondary buildings, would also be considered a contributing resources within a potential historic district.**

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

**This property displays a reasonably 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. The only notable exterior alteration to the house is the application of vinyl siding, which is serving to protect the historic fabric underneath it.**

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### VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

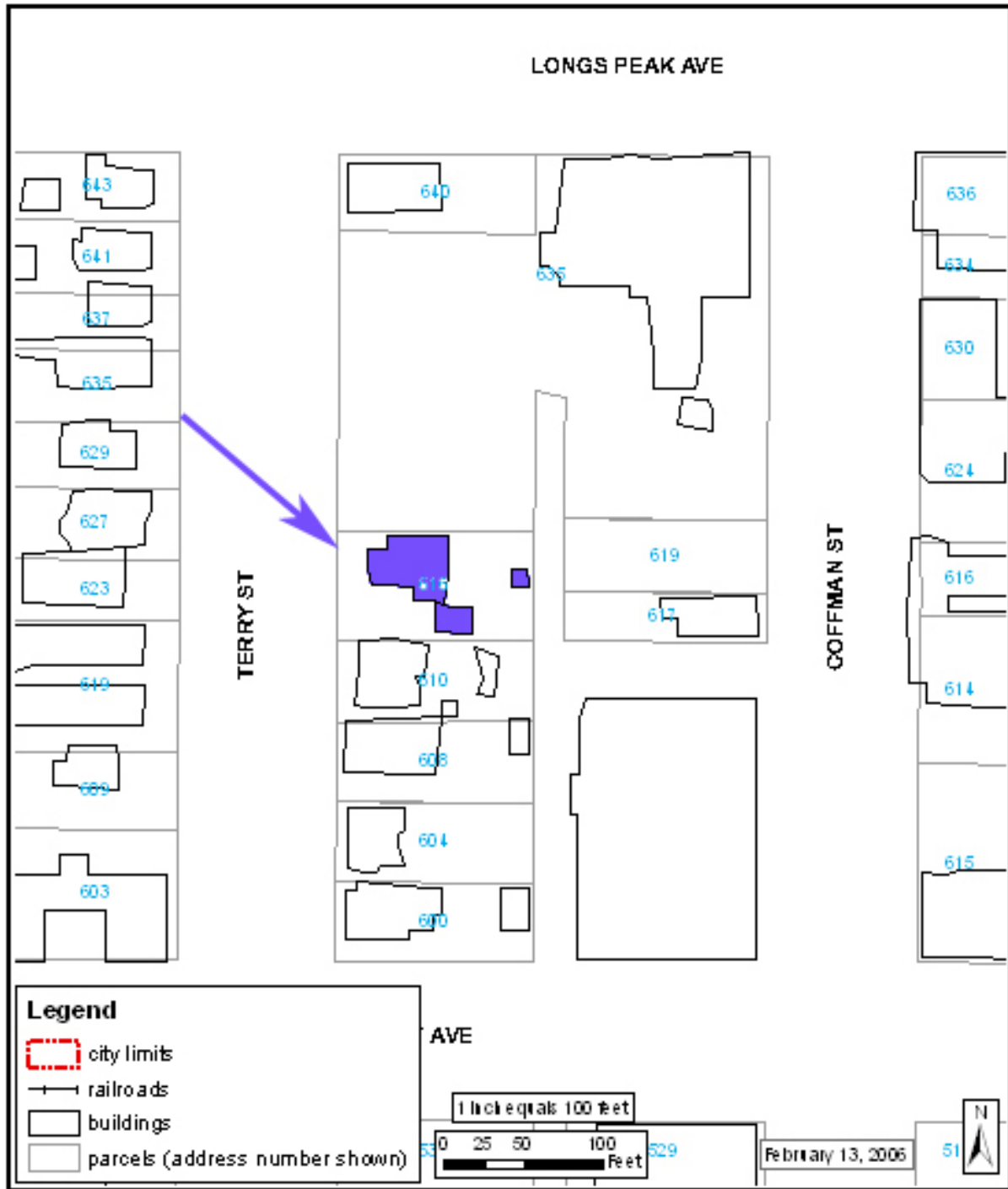
44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Eligible**  
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Eligible**
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes  No
- Discuss: **This property is located outside the boundaries of Longmont's National Register listed Westside Historic District. The district's boundaries could potentially be expanded to incorporate 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-1 - Images 105-111,**
48. Report title: **Longmont Survey 3rd Phase** **Department of Community**  
**Development, Planning**  
**Division**
49. Date(s): **08/15/05** **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**

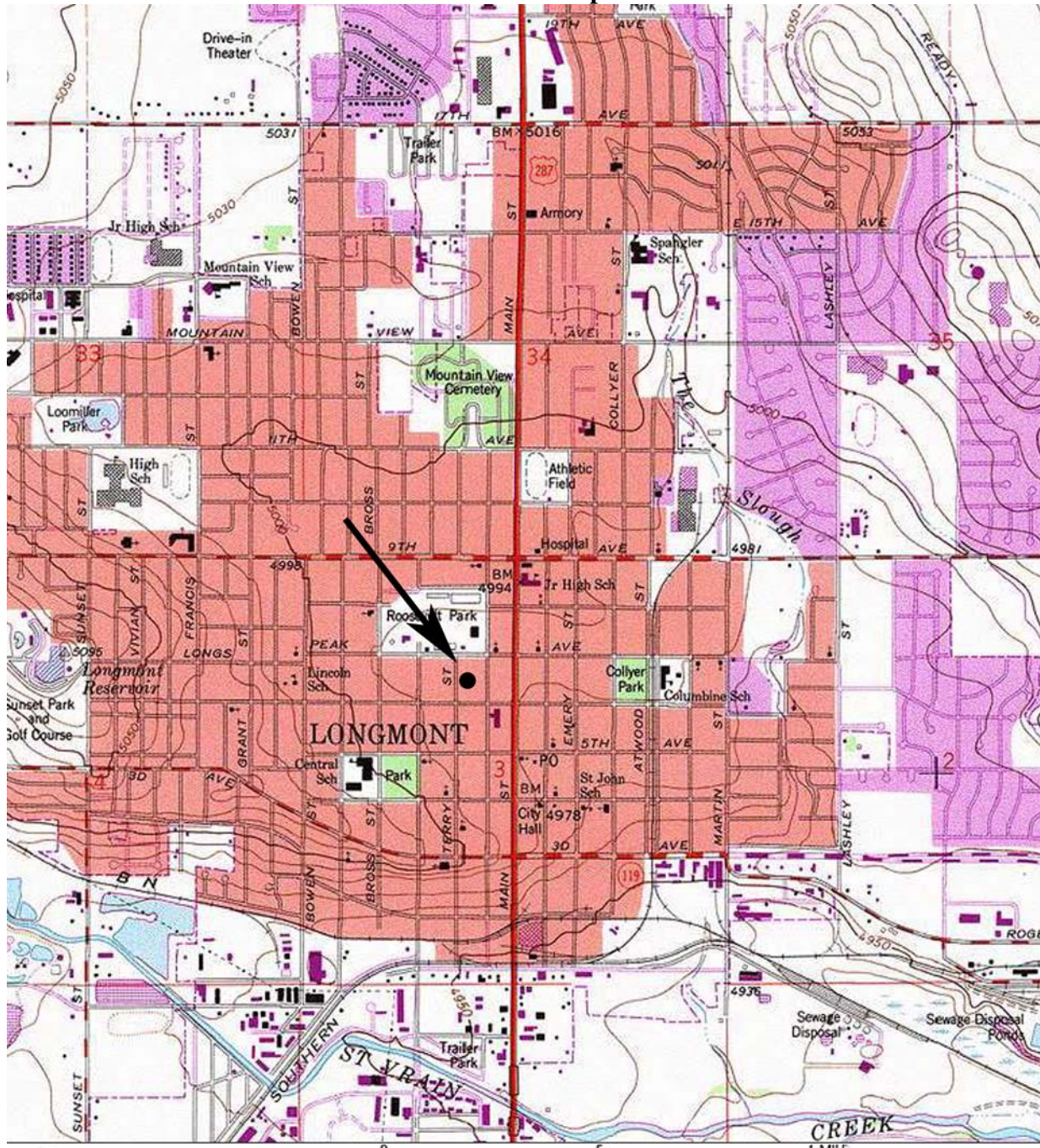
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## Sketch Map



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## Location Map



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