

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.1377** Parcel number(s): **131503127001**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Longmont**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Hodgell House; Shields House; Gipson House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Scott House**
- 7. Building Address: **547 Martin Street**
- 8. Owner Name: **Theede David Scott**
- Owner Organization:
- Owner Address: **547 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**
SE ¼ of NE ¼ of SE ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 03
10. UTM reference
 Zone: **13** **492048 mE** **4446493 mN** **(NAD83)**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont**
 Year: **1968 (photorevised 1979)** Map scale: **7.5**
12. Lot(s): **E 50 Ft Lot 7 & E 50 Ft N 6 2/3 Ft Lot 8 Blk 45**
 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: 38 feet x Width: 24 feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Horizontal Siding**
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
 Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Porch**
Chimney
Roof Treatment/Flared Eave
21. General architectural description:
This single-story wood frame dwelling consists of the original hipped-roof section, which measures 28' N-S (across) by 24' E-W (deep), and a 10' N-S by 11' E-W shed-roofed addition at the west end of the south (side) elevation. The house is supported by a low sandstone foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with painted beige horizontal wood siding, with painted white 1" by 4" corner boards. The hipped roof is steeply-pitched, covered with asphalt composition shingles, and has flared eaves with painted beige wood trim. A red brick chimney is located on the roof ridge. A small, non-historic 1x1 horizontal sliding window penetrates the west (rear) elevation. Elsewhere, the home's windows are primarily single and paired 1/1 double-hung sash with painted wood frames and surrounds. A stained natural brown wood-paneled door, with an oval-shaped upper sash light, and covered by a wood screen door, is located at the north end of the façade (east elevation). This door leads into the house from a 3-step, 9' by 6', hipped-roof porch with a tongue-in-groove wood floor, a painted white open wood railing, painted white 4" by 4" wood posts, and a hipped-roof. An entry door, with one upper sash light, and covered by a wood screen door, enters the shed-roofed addition from a wood deck on the addition's east elevation.
22. Architectural style:
 Building type: **Hipped-roof Box**

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23. Landscape or special setting features: **This property is located at the southwest corner of Martin Street and 6th Avenue, at the east end of Longmont's historic East Side neighborhood. Situated on a small corner lot, the house is surrounded by a planted grass lawn with mature landscaping features. There is no garage.**

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

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: Actual: **1907**
 Source of information: **Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records.**

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

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

28. Original owner: **Elton C. and William B. Parks**
 Source of information: **Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records.**

29. Construction history:
Longmont water rent collection records indicate that this house was built in 1907. As originally built, the hipped-roof dwelling measured 28' N-S by 24' E-W, with a wrap-around porch at the front northeast corner, and a small side porch at the west end of the south elevation. In June of 1956, Mrs. Charles Gipson obtained a building permit for the construction of a 10' by 11' bathroom addition. Built by the Fred Harsch Lumber Company, this addition is located at the west end of the south elevation. Another building permit, dated February 1958, references "add porch - frame." It was likely at that time that the home's original wrap-around front porch was replaced. Years later, in March 1982, a building permit was obtained to build a wood deck on the south elevation of the original house, and on the east elevation of the 1956 addition.

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:

City of Longmont Water Ledger records indicate that this home, at 547 Martin Street, was constructed in 1907. On March 12 of that year, a permit was issued, and the first recorded water usage occurred in June. The original owner of the property is listed as E.C. and W.B. Parks. Elton C. and William B. Parks were brothers who had gone into the real estate business together. They were fairly successful, and by 1910, had partnered with Esek D. Orton to become "Parks Bros. and Orton, Real Estate, Loans and Insurance," with an office at 332 Main Street. The brothers quickly sold this Martin Street property to Alice E. Hodgell. Early on, the home experienced tragedy, with the suicide of owner George W. Shields, in May of 1926. The Shields family, which consisted of George his wife, a daughter Evelyn and a nephews Wesley and Donald, had resided here since the late 1910s. The Longmont Ledger reported that George, despondent over the loss of his job due to the sugar factory's closing, combined with ill health and worries about nephew Wesley, took his own life by hanging. The onus of George's suicide proved to be too much for the family, and despite having been Longmont residents for many years, the home was sold and the family left town fairly soon after the tragedy.

For the next quarter-century, the property experienced a series of short-term owners and renters. By 1930, the property was the residence of the Henry and Barbara Dietrich family. Henry Dietrich supported his children, including Jacob, Mollie, George, Elizabeth and Edward, as a beet worker. As the children got older, the boys helped supplement the family's income by working as laborers. By 1932, the family had purchased the home nearby at 526 Martin, and this home belonged to George E. and Allie E. Holmes. George also worked as a laborer. Four years later, ownership had once again changed. At this time, the home was the residence of George H. and Marjorie Smith. Previously, the Smiths had owned the house at 837 Gay Street, while George had been employed by the Longmont Brick and Tile Company. In the early 1940s, Thelma Alexander lived here. The widow of Harold H. Alexander, Thelma worked as a bookkeeper for the Golden Transfer Company. An all-purpose firm located at 311 Kimbark Street, the company advertised "Local and Long-distance Moving, Ready-Mixed Concrete, Sand, Gravel, Dragline, Ditching and Heavy Hauling."

Following Mrs. Alexander, 547 Martin Street was occupied in quick succession by Marion R. Lafollette, Howard Wickram and Mrs. Edith J. Ewry. From the mid-1950s through 1975, this home belonged to Charles and Doris Gipson. Charles Gibson was born on March 14, 1888, at Pinecamp, Nebraska. He was raised in Nebraska and, except for service during World War I, lived there for many years, before his work for the Union Pacific Railroad took him to Cheyenne in the early 1940s. His wife was the former Doris Bahr. Born in Spring View, Nebraska, on March 1, 1898, she married Charles Gipson in March 1922, at Winner, South Dakota. The couple raised six children, sons Vernon H., Louis S., and Charles Graydon, and daughters Gretha, Naomi, and Winona. Following Charles' retirement, the couple moved to Longmont, settling into their Martin Street home. Charles Gipson passed away on January 30, 1969. Doris Gipson continued to live in her home at 547 Martin Street until her own death, on April 22, 1975.

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36. Sources of information:

Longmont City Directories.

"Geo. W. Shields Hangs Self." Longmont Ledger, May 28, 1926.

"Former Longmonter Dies in Cheyenne." Longmont Times-Call, February 3, 1969.

Town of Longmont Water Rent Collection Records.

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

"Doris Gipson." [obituary] Longmont Times-Call, April 24, 1975.

Boulder County Assessor records.

City of Longmont building permit files.

Sanborn Fire Insurance maps.

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 house is historically significant for its association with Longmont's residential development during the early 1900s. Built in 1907, it is representative of East Side neighborhood houses, built as part of a housing boom which followed the opening of Longmont's Great Western Sugar Company in 1903. The house is also architecturally notable for its representative Hipped-roof Box plan. The property's level of significance is not to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places, or in the State Register of Historic Properties. The property, though, likely does qualify for individual listing as a local landmark by the City of Longmont. It would also rate as a contributing resource within a National Register designated, or locally designated, historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property exhibits a reasonably 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. A modest 1956 addition is mildly incompatible with the house's original construction, and the original wrap-around front porch was replaced, probably in 1958. These alterations are now close to fifty years old, though. A sense of time and place of a modest early twentieth century dwelling is, for the most part, still in evidence.

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VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

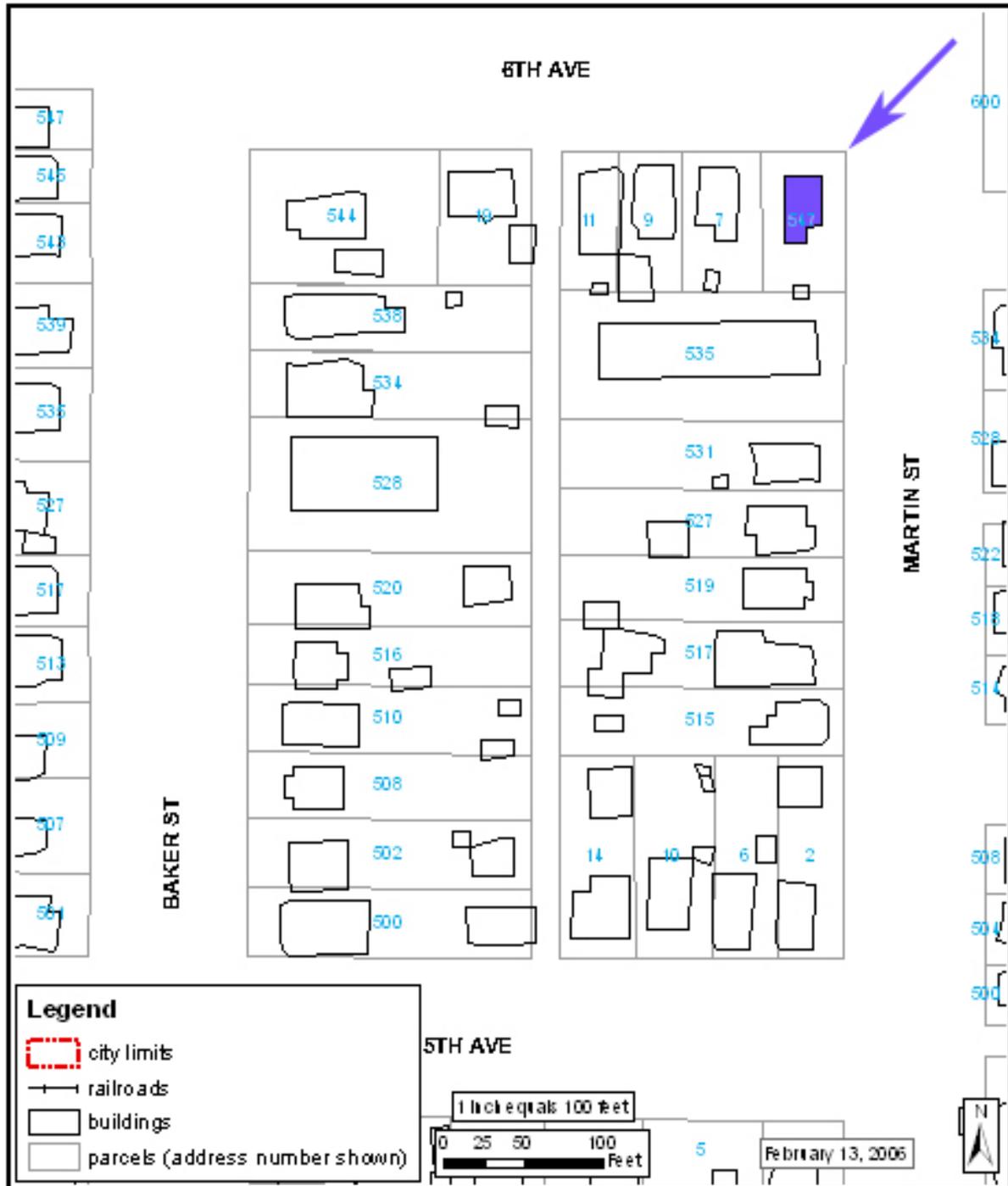
44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Eligible**
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Eligible**
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No
- Discuss: **This property is located outside the boundaries of Longmont's existing Eastside Historic District. There is potential that the district's boundaries could be extended east to Martin Street to include this block. This property would qualify as a contributing resource if it were located within the district's boundaries**
- 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-3, Images 209-213
48. Report title: **Eastside and Westside Neighborhoods: Historic** **Department of Community**
Context and Survey Report **Development, Planning**
Division
49. Date(s): **04/30/06** **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**

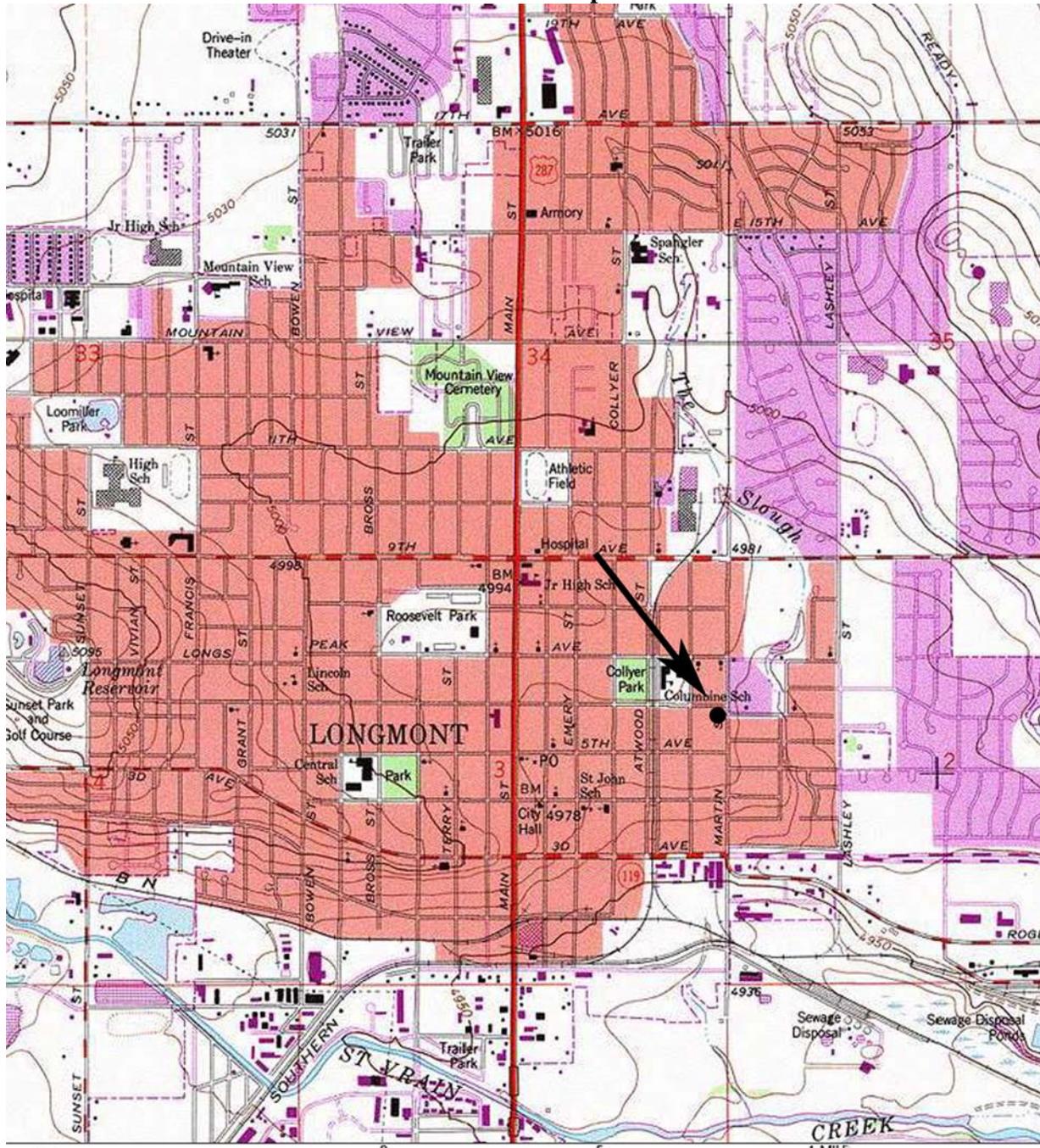
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Sketch Map



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Location Map



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