

**Architectural Inventory Form**

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. Resource number: **5BL9190**
- 2. Temporary number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Longmont**
- 5. Historic building name: **Yates House; Bell House; Metz House**
- 6. Current building name: **Woodall House**
- 7. Building address: **152 4th Avenue**
- 8. Owner name: **Betty J. Zook**  
 Owner address: **1690 28th St. Suite 2-C**  
**Boulder, CO 80301**

**II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

- 9. P.M. **6th** Township **2N** Range **69W**
- 10. UTM reference  
 Zone **13**  
 Easting: **491915**  
 Northing: **4445960**
- 11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**  
 Year: **1968 (Photorevised 1979) 7.5'**
- 12. Lot(s): **5-6** Block: **47**  
 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.**

22. Architectural style / building type:

**No Style / Vernacular  
Wood Frame Front  
Gabled Dwelling**

**Official Eligibility Determination**

(OAHP use only)

- Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Determined Eligible - National Register
  - \_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible - National Register
  - \_\_\_ Determined Eligible - State Register
  - \_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible - State Register
  - \_\_\_ Needs Data
  - \_\_\_ Contributes to eligible National Register District
  - \_\_\_ Noncontributing to eligible National Register District

**III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

- 14. Building plan (footprint, shape):  
**Irregular Plan**
- 15. Dimensions in feet: **844 square feet**
- 16. Number of stories: **One**
- 17. Primary external wall material  
**Asphalt**  
**Wood / Horizontal Weatherboard**  
**Gabled Roof / Front Gabled Roof**
- 19. Primary external roof material (enter one):  
**Asphalt Roof / Composition Roof**
- 20. Special features (enter all that apply):  
**Porch**  
**Chimney**

**21. General Architectural Description**

The small dwelling at 152 4th Avenue features a basic rectangular plan, measuring 28' N-S by 14' E-W, with shed and hipped-roof extensions to the west and north elevations. The house is simply supported by a wood timbers on grade foundation, and the exterior walls are clad with rolled asphalt in a faux brick pattern. An enclosed 12' by 5' front entry porch is located at the west end of the facade (south elevation). This porch features painted white horizontal weatherboard exterior siding, and is covered by a hipped roof. The shed roof additions to the north (rear) elevation also have painted white horizontal weatherboard exterior walls. The building's roof is covered with brown asphalt shingles, or rolled asphalt roofing material, and the roof eaves are boxed. One red brick chimney is located on the ridge. The home's windows are primarily single 1/1 double-hung sash, painted white wood frames and surrounds. The main entry, located at the west end of the facade, leads into the home from a concrete stoop which is covered by a fiberglass hood with wrought iron supports. A rear entry door is located at the east end of the north elevation.

**22. Architectural style / building type:**

Please see front page.

**23. Landscape or setting special features:**

This house is located on the north side of 4th Avenue, the second property east of Atwood Street, in Longmont's historic East Side neighborhood. Developed during the late 1800s and early 1900s, the East Side Neighborhood is an established area made up primarily of historic single-family homes. The neighborhood features wide tree-lined streets, wide grass strips between the sidewalks and curbs, generally uniform setbacks, and deep rectangular-shaped lots.

**24. Associated buildings, features, or objects**

n/a

#### **IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

25. Date of Construction:  
Estimate **1899**  
Actual

Source of information:  
**"Town of Longmont, Colorado - Water Rent Collections", on file at the Longmont Archives, Longmont Museum.**

26. Architect:  
**unknown**

Source of information:  
**n/a**

27. Builder/ Contractor:  
**unknown**

Source of information:  
**n/a**

28. Original owner:  
**R.H. Yates**

Source of information:  
**"Town of Longmont, Colorado - Water Rent Collections." On file at the Longmont Archives, Longmont Museum.**

#### **29. Construction History (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):**

Longmont water rent collection records indicate that this house was constructed in about 1899, as the property's lot and block (listing a five-room dwelling at this location) begin to appear in the city's water ledger that year. The original building probably consisted of only the main rectangular shaped front gabled portion which measures 28' by 14'. Most, if not all of the additions, however, are very early, as the building's current footprint closely matches the footprint depicted on the 1911 Sanborn Insurance map. A building permit to apply the faux brick asphalt siding was issued on October 22, 1940. The siding was installed at a cost of \$300.00 by the Chapman Roofing Company. Another building permit was issued in August 1953, for a "1 room, 1 bath, addition, not changing outside walls."

30. Original location: **yes**  
Moved **no**  
Date of move(s) **n/a**

#### **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 small dwelling at 152 4th Avenue was constructed circa 1899, and according to Longmont water rent records, was originally owned by R.H. Yates. The 1903-1904 Longmont city directory lists Mrs. Ann (Anne?) Yates, a widow, along with her son S.F. Yates, a farmer, as residing at this address. Interestingly, the next available directory (published in 1906), lists three different families as residing in this home. In addition to Ann and S.F. Yates, A.E. Cleveland, a farmer, and John W. and Gertrude Bell, are also listed as living here in 1906.

Subsequent city directories indicate that the property was then owned by the John and Gertrude Bell family for many years. John Wilmer Bell was born in Ohio in 1869, and came to Longmont thirty years later, just before the turn of the twentieth century. He was married to Gertrude Robin Bell in the early 1900s, and the couple raised a family of one son, named Leland, and three daughters, one of whom was named Wanda. Mr. Bell was engaged in the laundry business, and later was employed by both the Kuner-Empson Company and by the Great Western Sugar Company. He died peacefully in his sleep, the victim of a heart attack, on March 19, 1936, at the age of 67. (An obituary for Gertrude Bell was not located in Longmont newspaper obituary files.)

After the death of John Bell, the property at 152 4th Avenue passed briefly into the hands of his son, Leland Bell, and then, by 1938, into the hands of his daughter, Wanda, and her husband, William R. Metz. Born in Lafayette, Colorado on August 2, 1906, William Ronald Metz was the son of Charles and Lena Whitlake Metz. He was married to Wanda Bell on January 18, 1925, and the couple subsequently raised a family of one son and two daughters, named Ronald, Patricia, and Carol. In 1937, William Metz embarked on a long career with the Longmont Police Department. In 1951, he became the first detective on the Longmont force, and he began to specialize in working with juveniles and with major crimes investigations. From that time forward he was among Longmont's most visible citizens, and he was affectionately known as "Detective Metz" for the remainder of his life. Metz retired from the police force in 1965, but remained active in the community, and in fact in 1973 he was selected as Longmont's "outstanding senior citizen." William Ronald Metz passed away on September 19, 1982 at the age of 76. His wife, Wanda (Bell) Metz preceded him in death. She passed away in November 1978 at the age of 69, having lived in this house for most of her life.

### **36. Sources of Information**

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

City of Longmont Building Permit files.

"Died - Cleveland." *Longmont Ledger*, August 21, 1914, p. 3.

"John W. Bell Dies Suddenly." *Longmont Times-Call*, March 19, 1936, p. 1.

*Polk's Boulder County Directory* [generally published annually], Denver, Kansas City, and Salt Lake City: R.L. Polk and Company Publishers;

*Polk's Longmont City Directory*, [generally published annually], Denver, Kansas City, and Salt Lake City: R.L. Polk and Company, Publishers, 1966 - 1997.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, dated June 1930, and May 1956.

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

"Wanda Metz." [obituary] *Longmont Times-Call*, November 19, 1978, p. 12.

"William Ronald Metz." [obituary] *Longmont Times-Call*, September 9, 1982, p. 8.

**VI. SIGNIFICANCE**

37. Local landmark designation:  
Yes  
No **xx**  
Date of Designation: **n/a**

**38. Applicable National Register Criteria**

- xx** A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;
- B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
- xx** C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable 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.

**City of Longmont Standards for Designation**

- xx** 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.
- xx** 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.
- xx** 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.

Does not meet any of the above City of Longmont Standards for Designation.

39. Area(s) of Significance:

**Architecture; Community Planning and Development**

40. Period of Significance: **ca. 1899-1953**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **xx**

**42. Statement of Significance**

This house is historically significant relative to National Register Criterion A for its association with Longmont's residential development during its period of significance, circa 1899-1953. The house is also architecturally significant, under Criterion C, for its early construction date and for its vernacular front gabled plan, and because it is an excellent example of modest working-class housing. Although it displays a reasonably high level of integrity, the property's level of significance is probably not to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the National or State Registers of Historic Places. The property likely does qualify, however, to be listed as a local landmark by the City of Longmont. In addition, the property could also qualify for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource within the boundaries of the Longmont East Side Historic District, if the district's boundaries were to be expanded. Currently, the property is located outside the district's boundaries.

**43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:**

This property displays a generally high level of historical 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.

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**VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT**

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible:

Not Eligible: **xx**

Need Data:

City of Longmont Local Landmark eligibility field assessment:

Eligible: **xx**

Not Eligible:

Need Data:

45. Is there National Register district potential?

Yes: **xx**

No:

Discuss: **This property is located outside the boundaries of the East Side Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. If the district's boundaries were to be expanded, this house would be considered a contributing resource within the newly formed boundaries.**

If there is National Register district potential, is this building:

Contributing: **xx**

Noncontributing: **n/a**

46. If the building is in an existing National Register district, is it:

Contributing: **n/a**

Noncontributing: **n/a**

**VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION**

47. Photograph numbers:

Roll: **LONG-41**

Frame(s): **22-23**

Negatives filed at:

**City of Longmont  
Department of Community Development, Planning Division  
Civic Center Complex  
350 Kimbark Street  
Longmont, Colorado 80501**

48. Report title: **East Side Neighborhood: Historic Context and Survey Report**

49. Date: **May 22, 2003**

50. Recorders: **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

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

53. Phone number: **970/493-5270**