

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL1336**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **Smith House; Balliet House**
6. Current building name: **Barto House**
7. Building address: **545 Baker Street**
8. Owner name: **Hunter Hyde Barto**
Owner address: **545 Baker Street**
Longmont, CO 80501

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th Township 2N Range 69W**
SW¹/₄ of NE¹/₄ of SE¹/₄ of NE¹/₄ of section 3
10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **491972**
Northing: **4446259**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**
Year: **1968 (Photorevised 1979) 7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **45, 46** Block: **23**
Addition: **Beckwith's Subdivision** 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.**

22. Architectural style /
building type:

**Late 19th and Early
Twentieth Century Revivals
/ Classic Cottage**

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):
Rectangular Plan
15. Dimensions in feet: **1106 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1½**
17. Primary external wall material
Wood / Horizontal Siding
18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Hipped Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Asphalt Roof / Composition Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply):
Porch
Dormer
Flared Eave

21. General Architectural Description

Located on the west side of Baker Street two houses south of 6h Avenue, the rectangular-shaped house on this property is one story in height and measures approximately 24' x 36'. The wood frame house rests on a concrete foundation that rises about 12" above grade and the exterior walls are finished with clapboard siding. The roof is hipped and flared, covered with asphalt shingles and finished along the perimeters with boxed eaves. A dormer is found on the east slope, and is finished with clapboard siding, a hipped flared roof and two fixed lights. The façade features a projecting open porch with a lattice skirt, closed rail, Tuscan columns, and a hipped roof. The windows on the home are predominantly 1/1 double hung sashes. The main entrance contains a wood screen door and a wood panel door. Behind the house at the alley is a modern wood frame, stuccoed garage, with an overhead door and a gabled roof.

22. Architectural style / building type:

Please see front page.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This house is located on the west side of Baker Street in the block between 5th and 6th Avenues, near the east end of 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 single-family homes.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects

Garage

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction:
Estimate
Actual **1906**

Source of information:
"Town of Longmont, Colorado - Water Rent Collections, 1905-1906."

26. Architect:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

28. Original owner:
Walter and Fannie Smith

Source of information:
"Town of Longmont, Colorado - Water Rent Collections."

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

The house at 545 Baker Street was constructed in 1906 and appears to have remained largely unaltered through the present time. The garage at the rear alley was added to the site in 1979. Designed by an unknown architect, this home is a cottage typical of working-class housing in terms of its size, materials and construction methods.

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 house at 545 Baker Street was constructed in 1906 and occupied through 1918 by Walter and Fannie Smith. Walter Smith was born in 1883 in Longmont and after graduating high school was employed as a grocer clerk. In 1905, Longmont inaugurated its door-to-door mail delivery service and Walter became one of the first two mail carriers hired. The following year he married Fannie Neighbors, who had moved to Longmont in 1899 from Kentucky. Walter worked as a mail carrier in Longmont for forty-two years, becoming known throughout the city. He continued to deliver the mail until his death in 1948. The house was then occupied from 1919 through 1935 by Fred and Ida Balliet. Fred was born in Winslow, Illinois in 1861 and came to Longmont around 1912, where he worked as a carpenter and contractor. The home was then owned by George and Grace Mullen between 1936 and 1939. George was born in Lucas County, Iowa in 1893 and married Grace Allen in that state in 1915. The couple came to Longmont in 1919, where George first worked as a coal miner and then for the City of Longmont and for Golden Transfer Company. Grace worked as a canner for the Kurer Empson Company and later as a waitress. Around 1938 or 1939, the house was occupied by William and Ruth Craig, about whom nothing is known. Around 1943, the house was occupied by Russell and Eileen Hanna, about whom nothing is known other than that Russ served in the US Army at that time and Eileen was employed as a retail clerk. Finally, from the late 1940s through at least 1960 the home was occupied by Celestine and Anna Werth. Celestine was born in 1909 in Rush County, Kansas and Anna was born in 1910 in Schoenchen, Kansas. The couple married in 1931, moved to Colorado in 1935, and then arrived in Longmont in 1946. Celestine farmed for a number of years before going to work with Golden Transfer.

36. Sources of Information

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

City of Longmont Building Permit records for 545 Baker Street.

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.

"Walter Smith, Mail Carrier for 42 Years, Dies Here Suddenly," *Longmont Times Call*, 14 January 1948, p. 1.

"Fannie May Smith," (obit.) *Longmont Times Call*, 21 January 1972, p. 3.

"Fred Balliet Dies Saturday," *Longmont Times Call*, 10 July 1933, p. 1.

"G.F. Mullen Dies of Long Illness," *Longmont Times Call*, 22 June 1964, p. 6.

"Grace L. Mullen," (obit.) *Longmont Times Call*, 5 July 1985, p. 16.

"C.F. Werth," (obit.) *Longmont Times Call*, 16 January 1991, p.9A.

"Anna Mary Werth," (obit.) *Longmont Times Call*, 17 July 1999, p. B5.

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: **1906-1953**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **XX**

42. Statement of Significance

This property is historically significant relative to National Register Criterion A for its association with Longmont's residential development during the period of significance, 1906-1953. The house is also architecturally notable, under Criterion C, for its excellent representation of the Classic Cottage style of architecture. The property's level of significance in these regards is not to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the State or National Registers of Historic Places. However, because it displays a relatively high level of integrity, the property may well qualify for individual designation as a local landmark by the City of Longmont. This property is located outside the boundaries of the Longmont East Side Historic District. If the district's boundaries were to be expanded this far east, this house would qualify as a contributing resource within the district's newly-formed boundaries.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property displays an above-average 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 apparent additions to the dwelling following the end of the period of significance. The property's integrity of setting has been slightly reduced by the construction of a modern garage in 1979.

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, to include the entire neighborhood, this house would be considered a contributing resource.**

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

Contributing: **xx**

Noncontributing:

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-39**

Frame(s): **32**

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: **April 22, 2003**

50. Recorders: **Ron Sladek**

51. Organization: **Tatanka Historical Associates**

52. Address: **P.O. Box 1909
Fort Collins, Colorado 80522**

53. Phone number: **970/229-9704**