



City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks
Property Inventory Survey

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

HISTORIC NAME: Davis Residence

COMMON NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1891

SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES:

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Queen Anne

OVERALL PLAN SHAPE: Irregular

NUMBER OF STORIES:

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Stone

PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL(S):

FRONT PORCH: Yes, wraps to side

VISIBLE SIDE PORCH: Yes

ENTRY DOOR(S):

WINDOW MATERIAL:

WINDOW STYLE:

PRIMARY ROOF FORM:

PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL:

VISIBLE CHIMNEY: Yes

CHIMNEY MATERIAL: Brick

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

Porte-cochere, decorative spindles

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

1101 Batavia Avenue

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-10-330-006



LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE RATING:

- ☒ Significant
- ☐ Contributing
- ☐ Non-Contributing – Built After 1987
- ☐ Non-Contributing – Reversible Alterations
- ☐ Non-Contributing – Irreversible Alterations

HISTORIC DISTRICT LOCATION:

- ☐ Central Geneva NRHD
- ☐ North Geneva NRHD
- ☐ Local Geneva HD
- ☒ Not in HD / Individual Historic Landmark

NR DISTRICT SIGNIFICANCE RATING:

- ☐ Contributing
- ☐ Non-Contributing
- ☒ Not Applicable / Not in NR District



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ADDITIONAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

BRIEF HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

The story of this property begins in the earliest years of Geneva's development. Government surveyor John P. Thompson described this area of land in 1839 as "...rolling rich prairie fit for cultivation." In 1849, Silas W. Curtis purchased this property which was then part of a 100-acre tract that made up his farm. Over the next 40 years the Curtis farm slowly dwindled in size as it was absorbed by the burgeoning Geneva.

William Job and Ida Bonnell Davis purchased a ten acre parcel of land from the Curtis family and in the Autumn of 1891, began building their home. The Davis family came to Geneva from Wisconsin, where William had made a career in the hardware and farming business before turning his attention to the dairy industry. He made his mark there, holding several patents for dairy machinery. William continued to live here until 1909, when he and Ida separated. She would remain in the house until 1944.

Over the years, the Hawleys, McLaughlins, Hackleys, Landons, and Reinecke would call this house their home. The property was landmarked as an intact example of the Queen Anne style, which is rare at this level in Geneva.

SOURCES:

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CONTRIBUTING ACCESSORY STRUCTURES:

AS1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

AS2 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

CONTRIBUTING LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

HPC ACTION:

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Demolition Approved:

Other HPC Action:

