



City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks
Property Inventory Survey

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

HISTORIC NAME: Wood House

COMMON NAME: n/a

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1855

SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES: 1926

ARCHITECT: n/a

BUILDER: Wilson Brothers

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☒ BOTH

ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Gable Front, Greek Revival

OVERALL PLAN SHAPE: Rectangular

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Not Visible / Rock-faced Concrete Block

PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL(S): Stucco (Non Original); Wood Clapboard

FRONT PORCH: Covered Stoop

VISIBLE SIDE PORCH: Yes

ENTRY DOOR(S): Non-original

WINDOW MATERIAL: Wood

WINDOW STYLE: Double-hung (1/1, 2/2)

PRIMARY ROOF FORM: Gable

PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL: Asphalt

VISIBLE CHIMNEY: No

CHIMNEY MATERIAL: n/a

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

Wood watertable, window/door trim, and frieze remain.

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

216 Campbell Street

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-456-003; 12-03-456-002



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:

Originally facing Campbell Street at the corner of Second and Campbell streets, the house was turned 90 degrees when moved over a new foundation in November 1925 (06 November 1925 Geneva Republican) at its present location at the corner of Campbell and Johnsson's Lane. The relocation was part of the development of Johnsson's Lane (see 215 S. Third Street for a history of Johnsson's Lane).

In April 1926, the Geneva Republican noted that Wm. C. Wood (one-time mayor of Geneva) was set to build a new house at the SW corner of Campbell and Second streets.

The former Wm. C. and Elsie Wood house was remodeled by the Wilson Bros., who raised the roof, enlarged, and remodeled the relocated house. (27 November 1925 Geneva Republican) A few weeks later, the newspaper reported on the progress, noting that the Wilson Bros. "had a force of carpenters at work rebuilding the Wm. C. Wood residence that was moved to the back of his lot, facing Campbell Street." (11 December 1925 Geneva Republican) The second floor of the relocated house was probably extended to the south (c. 1926) when the sun room was added. The foundation was replaced, and stoop roofs were added at the north and west when the house was moved; stucco was also likely installed at that time.

The attached garage appears to be contemporaneous with the historic remodeling of this house and retains its historical massing and a wood-paneled overhead door.

The property is notable for its association with a significant person and community development—specifically Johnsson's Lane. The property is also notable within the context of relocated buildings in Geneva.

SOURCES:

GHPC Case History; GHM Archives; 2016 Central Geneva NRHP Update;
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps



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CONTRIBUTING ACCESSORY STRUCTURES:

AS1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Gable Front, one-story with wood Dutch lap siding and asphalt shingle roof, c. 1960 wood-paneled overhead door with lites.

AS2 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

n/a

CONTRIBUTING LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

n/a

HPC ACTION:

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Demolition Approved: n/a

Other HPC Action:

n/a





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