



# City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks  
Property Inventory Survey

## GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

**HISTORIC NAME:** Joshel House

**COMMON NAME:** Le Cochon Wine Bar and Bistro

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:** 1911

**SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES:** Circa 1912-1923, 1930, 1980

**ARCHITECT:** N/A

### BUILDER:

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

## ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** Stick

**OVERALL PLAN SHAPE:** Irregular

**NUMBER OF STORIES:** 2

**FOUNDATION MATERIAL:** Rusticated Concrete Block

**PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL(S):** Clapboard, wood diagonals

**FRONT PORCH:** Altered

**VISIBLE SIDE PORCH:** No

**ENTRY DOOR(S):** Non-historic

**WINDOW MATERIAL:** Wood

**WINDOW STYLE:** Double-hung (1/1); Fixed

**PRIMARY ROOF FORM:** Gable

**PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL:** Asphalt

**VISIBLE CHIMNEY:** Yes (Exposed Chimney Breast, circa 1923-1930)

**CHIMNEY MATERIAL:** Brick

### OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

Herringbone siding

## PROPERTY ADDRESS:

**220 Campbell Street / 201 South Third Street**

## PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-456-001



## 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:

A house was built at this location before 1860 for Joseph Wilson, who purchased lots 4 & 5 in 1849.

Site of an abstract office operated by John Enoch Clark; the office sat in the corner yard and was razed in 1902 (23 April 1902 Twice-A-Week Republican). Thomas Clark, John's father and a carpenter by trade, may have built the original home.

After John Clark died in 1886, his wife, Frances "Fannie" Ferris Clark, assumed operations of the abstract business and remained in the home until around 1910.

Mr. & Mrs. George Martin operated a boarding house in the former Clark home for approximately one year. They vacated the home by April 1, 1911, when possession of the property went to Mayer A. Joshel. (08 March 1911 Geneva Republican) A news account reported that Joshel began moving dirt to the site by mid-March 1911. (15 March 1911 Geneva Republican) The former Clark house was in the process of being moved for Mr. Joshel by West Chicago contractor Bell (possibly Belding), but the new site of the relocated Clark House was not identified. (13 May 1911 Geneva Republican)

Mr. and Mrs. Joshel and their daughter, Charlotte Ruth, moved into their new, Third Street home in early August 1911. (05 August, 1911 Geneva Republican) The new home was burglarized in November 1911, but many of the stolen household goods were recovered at a Chicago pawn shop. (25 November and 06 December 1911 Geneva Republican)

Between 1912 and 1923, the house was enlarged with a one-story addition to the east. Joshel raised the roof of the rear wing to a full second floor (30 January 1925 Geneva Republican). By 1930, the house was enlarged with a second addition to the east.

A Lithuanian (Russian) immigrant, Mayer A. Joshel (1870-1943) came to the United States in 1886 and arrived at Chicago in 1891. The following year, Joshel came to Geneva, where--beginning in 1894--he operated successful coal, feed, and grain businesses in Geneva and St. Charles. In 1895, M. A. Joshel married Anna Swensdotter (1872-1953) at Geneva. Mr. Joshel was one of the original directors of the Geneva Building & Loan Association, established in 1907. Joshel served as Geneva mayor for 3 terms: 1913-1915; 1915-1917; and 1921-1923.

As Geneva Mayor, M. A. Joshel and his wife, Anna, lived in this home through 1930 but was living at 301 Jefferson Street in 1943, when he died. (24 December 1943 Geneva Republican)

The building was enlarged and renovated for commercial use between 1977 and 1980 and again in the 2020's. It has used both the addresses 220 Campbell Street and 201 S Third Street but has not moved; it simply exists on the corner of those two streets. The property is notable for its association with one or more significant persons.

#### SOURCES:

GHPC Case History; 2016 Central Geneva NRHP Update; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Kane County Recorder's Office Land Records; Geneva Republican; Twice-A-Week Republican; Federal Census Records; Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Kane County (John S. Wilcox, Ed., 1904)



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## CONTRIBUTING ACCESSORY STRUCTURES:

### AS1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

n/a

### 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:

6.20.13 Patio; 5.30.23 New Exterior Patio, Wall, and Accessory  
Structures; 6.7.23 Freestanding Sign





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