



City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks
Property Inventory Survey

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

HISTORIC NAME: Pindar Ward Abstract Office / R. G. Scott Cottage

COMMON NAME: N/A

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Circa 1857

SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES: 1921

ARCHITECT: N/A

BUILDER: T. W. Gibbs (1921)

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Greek Revival, Craftsman

OVERALL PLAN SHAPE: Rectangular

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Brick

PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL(S): Wood Clapboard

FRONT PORCH: Yes, Full Width (non-historic)

VISIBLE SIDE PORCH: No

ENTRY DOOR(S): Replacement, circa 1965

WINDOW MATERIAL: Wood

WINDOW STYLE: 6-over-1 double hung

PRIMARY ROOF FORM: Side Gable

PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL: Asphalt

VISIBLE CHIMNEY: Yes, Central Chimney

CHIMNEY MATERIAL: Brick

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

n/a

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

310 Campbell Street

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-455-004



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:

This Greek Revival structure was constructed before 1860 and may have served as Paul R. Wright's Abstract Office; Wright (1819-1908) served as Kane County Circuit Clerk. Pindar Ward (1826-1909) entered Wright's office in 1857 and acquired the business and office in 1863, operating as Pindar Ward's Abstract Office for more than 20 years. The business became the Kane County Abstract Co. after Ward moved to California in 1884.

In February 1920, the property was sold to Dr. Raymond G. Scott and his wife, Mabel with the provision that the Abstract Office could occupy the building through the end of May 1920 (KCLR Bk 652, p.192). Afterward, small rear additions were removed from the rear, and the building was rotated on the site, raised on a new basement, and remodeled. In January 1921, the remodeling of the old Abstract Office into a Craftsman "cottage" was nearing completion by contractor T. W. Gibbs for Dr. R. G. Scott (14 January 1921 Geneva Republican). The remodeled property served as rental housing for Dr. Scott, a local physician who established Geneva's Colonial Hospital.

The east elevation (in 2022)—with its broken pediment—was likely the original, street facade of the abstract office, a Gable Front structure.

The property is notable for its association with one or more significant persons, architecture, and community development—specifically the Early Settlement Period of Geneva (1837-1857).

SOURCES:

2016 Central Geneva NRHP Update; Kane County Land Records; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Geneva Republican, Geneva City Council Minutes



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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:

9.19.06 Add'n Connecting building to 200 S. Third; 1.15.08 Shed;
1.8.24 Egress Window





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