



City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks
Property Inventory Survey

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

HISTORIC NAME: Schones (Jones) House; Harding & Harding

COMMON NAME: N/A

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1856

SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES: ca. 1860, ca. 1958-1960

ARCHITECT: N/A

BUILDER: N/A

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Gable Front, Gabled Ell, Greek Revival

OVERALL PLAN SHAPE: Upright & Wing, L-plan

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Limestone

PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL(S): Limestone, Clapboard

FRONT PORCH: No

VISIBLE SIDE PORCH: Yes

ENTRY DOOR(S): Undetermined

WINDOW MATERIAL: Wood

WINDOW STYLE: Double-hung (6/6)

PRIMARY ROOF FORM: Gable

PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL: Asphalt

VISIBLE CHIMNEY: Yes

CHIMNEY MATERIAL: Brick

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

n/a

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

402 Campbell Street (200 South Fourth Street)

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-454-003



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:

Michael Schones/Jones came to Geneva in 1855 and began construction of this house the following year. Reportedly, Jones quarried the stone himself; by 1867, a local business directory identified him as a stone mason. An addition was constructed to the south shortly after the house was completed, probably around 1860. Mr. Jones died in 1948; Mrs. Jones in 1954. The property remained in the Jones family for nearly a century.

Frank W. Harding, Jr. (1912-2002) purchased the property in June 1955; Frank W. Harding, Jr. had moved his family and business to Geneva in 1950. The former Jones house was rented to a family moving to Geneva from Houston, Texas (16 June 1955 Geneva Republican).

The south wing and west wing, including wrought iron porches, were added to the original Jones House by the Harding family in 1957 for their family home and the offices of Harding & Harding, Inc., a livestock insurance company. The stone used for the west addition was reportedly salvaged from undocumented area buildings. Among the first tenants of the west wing's first floor were an attorney and the Agar Studio (1958), the interior decorating business of Milton A. Botterill. The Agar Studio moved to 618 W. State Street in March 1959.

Between 2015 and 2018, the historic house was remodeled and townhouses were developed, approved, and constructed on the former east lawn of the property.

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

Geneva History Museum Plaque - n.d.

SOURCES:

GHPC Case History; GHM Archives; 2016 Central Geneva NRHP Update; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Kane County Recorder's Office Land Records; Geneva Republican; Chicago Tribune and Daily Herald: F. W. Harding obituary.



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CONTRIBUTING ACCESSORY STRUCTURES:

AS1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

East Shed: one-story, wood framed, gable front with board-and-batten siding. Possible cob shed. Built (or moved to property) between 1897 and 1905. Demolished 2017.

AS2 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

West Auto Garage: one-story, wood framed, gable front with board-and-batten siding and out-swinging, main doors. Built (or moved to property) between 1905 and 1912. Non-historic carport (west side).

CONTRIBUTING LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

n/a

HPC ACTION:

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Demolition Approved: n/a

Other HPC Action:

8.16.16 Windows





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