



City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks
Property Inventory Survey

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

HISTORIC NAME: n/a

COMMON NAME: Geneva Station, Herrington Station

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1986

SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES: n/a

ARCHITECT: n/a

BUILDER: n/a

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: New Traditional, Victorian

OVERALL PLAN SHAPE: Rectangular

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Poured Concrete

PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL(S): Split-face CMU, Board-and-Batten

FRONT PORCH: No

VISIBLE SIDE PORCH: No

ENTRY DOOR(S): Non-historic

WINDOW MATERIAL: Aluminum Storefront

WINDOW STYLE: Fixed

PRIMARY ROOF FORM: Hipped

PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL: Asphalt

VISIBLE CHIMNEY: No

CHIMNEY MATERIAL: n/a

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

n/a

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

300-324 Crescent Place

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-10-206-015



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:

Records state the existing building was constructed in 1986, with additional remodels in 2001. It is a Victorian Revival commercial building, designed to mimic the style of a previous train depot. It holds commercial spaces and acts as the current train station.

Previously, a "Victorian style" station existed on the site, built from 1891-1893 and demolished in 1959. That train station appears on Sanborn maps beginning in 1897, with a platform documented as early as the beginning of construction in 1891. It replaced an earlier stone station for passengers and freight which was across the tracks. One of Geneva's earliest sidewalks was constructed from State Street to the station, which Genevans would promenade on to see the trains go by. This train station was also the one which existed when President Teddy Roosevelt made a "whistle stop" in Geneva on May 10, 1905, to speak to a large crowd.

When the Victorian station was demolished, a new station was constructed west of the current station. Genevans were largely unhappy with that station, triggering need for an update and common interest in the previous station's style. The area where that station was is now a parking lot. It was torn down in the construction process for the 1986 station.

SOURCES:

Sanborn maps, Geneva Historical Society 50th Anniversary book.



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CONTRIBUTING ACCESSORY STRUCTURES:

AS1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

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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:

6.5.23 Extension of Patio and Fencing





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