



# City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks  
Property Inventory Survey

## GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

**HISTORIC NAME:** John and Freda Anderson House

**COMMON NAME:** n/a

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:** 1908

**SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES:** Circa 1925

**ARCHITECT:** n/a

**BUILDER:** C. Alfred Anderson

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

## ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** American Foursquare

**OVERALL PLAN SHAPE:** Rectangular

**NUMBER OF STORIES:** 2

**FOUNDATION MATERIAL:** Rock-faced Limestone (painted)

**PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL(S):** Clapboard

**FRONT PORCH:** Yes

**VISIBLE SIDE PORCH:** No

**ENTRY DOOR(S):** Historic

**WINDOW MATERIAL:** Wood

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

**PRIMARY ROOF FORM:** Hipped

**PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL:** Asphalt

**VISIBLE CHIMNEY:** Yes

**CHIMNEY MATERIAL:** Brick

## PROPERTY ADDRESS:

118 North Fifth Street

## PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-404-008



## 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

## OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

Porch columns with vertical molding; vertical board porch apron screen; corner windows at second floor with continuous sill/belt course; broad eave. Porch enclosed with 3/1 wood storm windows. Of particular interest is the fenestration with windows positioned nearly at the corners of the second floor.



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## ADDITIONAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

### BRIEF HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

The contractor was C. Alfred Anderson, a builder from St. Charles, but apparently did not have any relation to the first owner of the house.

John Alfred Anderson (1868-1946) was born in Sweden and married Freda Abrahamson (1869-1948), who was also born in Sweden. The couple married in 1893 in Kane County. They did not have children. He was employed as a molder in a Geneva foundry when this home was built.

Lawrence Abrahamson (1894-1950) took ownership of the house upon the death of his aunt, Freda Anderson. Lawrence was the son of Freda Anderson's brother, John G. Abrahamson. Lawrence and his wife, Teckla (1895-1993), and three children (Doris, Clifford, and Marvin) moved into the home in 1949.

The third owners of record were Rob & Kelly Nowak.

The property is notable for its association with architecture—specifically the American Foursquare style—and within the context of Swedish properties in Geneva.

### SOURCES:

GHPC Case History; GHM Archives; 2016 North Geneva NRHP Update; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Rob & Kelly Nowak notes



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## CONTRIBUTING ACCESSORY STRUCTURES:

### AS1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Original garage built between 1912 and 1923 but was replaced by the existing garage before 1930. Garage retains original siding, windows, brick chimney, and dormer; however, overhead doors are replacements (circa 1940-1970). Garage is attributed to John A. Anderson.

## CONTRIBUTING LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

n/a

## HPC ACTION:

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Demolition Approved: n/a

Other HPC Action:

5.16.00 Demo Garage Add'n







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