



City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks Property Inventory Survey

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

HISTORIC NAME: John A. and Amanda C. Skoglund House

COMMON NAME: n/a

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1909

SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES: n/a

ARCHITECT: n/a

BUILDER: n/a

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: American Foursquare

OVERALL PLAN SHAPE: Rectangular

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Stucco

PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL(S): Stucco

FRONT PORCH: Yes (enclosed)

VISIBLE SIDE PORCH: Yes

ENTRY DOOR(S): Not Visible

WINDOW MATERIAL: Wood

WINDOW STYLE: Double-hung (1/1, 3/1), Slider

PRIMARY ROOF FORM: Hipped

PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL: Asphalt

VISIBLE CHIMNEY: Yes

CHIMNEY MATERIAL: Brick

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

Front porch enclosed with aluminum storm windows. Decorative windows with elongated diamond muntins at west and north facades and west attic dormer; sleeping porch at rear with 3/1 double-hung windows. Stucco brackets support projected stair landing mass.

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

127 North Fifth Street

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-405-001



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:

John Skoglund purchased the Fifth Street property in 1909 and obtained a mortgage to build the house in 1911 (begun in May 1911).

In 1892, John Skoglund (1870-1953) married Amanda Johnson (1866-1953) in Kane County; both were born in Sweden. He built this new home for his family in 1911. The Skoglund home on Fifth Street is most closely associated with Skoglund's professional activity and accomplishments in the Geneva community. (Skoglund previously lived at 315/327 Peyton Street, where he also moved to in his retirement until his death. The Peyton Street house moved in 1983 to 1N384 N. Peck Road, where it was remodeled.)

John Skoglund worked for O. A. Smith's furniture and undertaking business after he arrived in Geneva in 1886. Skoglund became a prominent businessman in Geneva, operating his own furniture and undertaking business (1900-1933). The business was passed on to his son and grandson. He was a director of the First National Bank of Geneva and involved in many local community and fraternal organizations (15 October 1953 Geneva Republican).

The Fifth Street property was sold in 1931 to Irving Miller (of the Miller family at 117 N. Fifth Street, immediately south). (Twice-A-Week Republican).

The property is notable for its association with one or more significant persons and architecture—specifically the American Foursquare style. The property is also notable within a context of Swedish properties in Geneva.

SOURCES:

GHPC Case History; GHM Archives; 2016 North Geneva NRHP Update; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Kane County Recorder's Office Land Records; Geneva, Illinois: A History of Its Times and Places



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CONTRIBUTING ACCESSORY STRUCTURES:

AS1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Early garage with simple details; clapboard; hipped roof with asphalt shingle; and non-historic, overhead doors (replaced after 1999). Garage built for John Skoglund between 1912 and 1923.

AS2 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

n/a

CONTRIBUTING LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Picket fence is non-historic.

HPC ACTION:

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Demolition Approved: n/a

Other HPC Action:

4/17/2007 - Garage Door Replacement, Fence





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