



City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks
Property Inventory Survey

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

HISTORIC NAME: Nelson "Nels" P. and Ida Swanson House

COMMON NAME: n/a

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Circa 1900

SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES: Circa 1920, circa 1965

ARCHITECT: n/a

BUILDER: n/a

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Queen Anne

OVERALL PLAN SHAPE: Rectangular

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Limestone

PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL(S): Clapboard, Wood Shingle

FRONT PORCH: Entry

VISIBLE SIDE PORCH: Yes

ENTRY DOOR(S): Unknown

WINDOW MATERIAL: Wood

WINDOW STYLE: Double-hung (1/1)

PRIMARY ROOF FORM: Gable on Hip

PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL: Asphalt

VISIBLE CHIMNEY: Yes

CHIMNEY MATERIAL: Brick

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

302 North Fifth Street

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-254-012



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:

South facade features hooded, projected window with fishscale dado and support brackets (window and roof); fishscale shingles at gables; exterior staircase and enclosed landing at north elevation; newer entry at west elevation (circa 1965).



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ADDITIONAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:**BRIEF HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:**

George Osborne may have moved this house from James Street in April 1911. A historic description states that "George Osborne moved a two-story building from James Street to Ford Street along Fifth Street." The house may have originally sat at present-day 622 or 628 James Street.

The existing residence at 303 North Fifth Street appears to have been remodeled and may have been enlarged when moved to this site.

Swedish immigrants Nels and Ida Swanson were married in 1890 in Kane County; they raised two daughters and two sons in this home. When the house was moved to this site, Nels was a grocery salesman and, later, a gardener/nurseryman.

The original house on site was moved to 312 N. Fifth Street after 1897.

The property may be notable within the contexts of Swedish properties and relocated buildings in Geneva.

SOURCES:

GHM Archives; 2016 North Geneva NRHP Update; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Kane County Recorder's Office Land Records



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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:

n/a





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