



City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks
Property Inventory Survey

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

HISTORIC NAME: Henry C. Hawkins House

COMMON NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1890

SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES: 1957, circa 1980-1990

ARCHITECT: n/a

BUILDER: n/a

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Queen Anne

OVERALL PLAN SHAPE: Cruciform

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Limestone

PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL(S): Synthetic Siding

FRONT PORCH: Yes

VISIBLE SIDE PORCH: Yes

ENTRY DOOR(S): Non-historic

WINDOW MATERIAL: Wood

WINDOW STYLE: Fixed

PRIMARY ROOF FORM: Gable

PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL: Asphalt

VISIBLE CHIMNEY: No

CHIMNEY MATERIAL: n/a

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

Original siding materials were clapboard and shingle. Front porch removed or modified; non-historic entry doors. Side porch has been modified and partially infilled with habitable space; small, one-story addition on concrete block foundation at northeast corner of house (formerly part of a wrap-around porch [1905 Sanborn Fire Insurance map]). Historic windows replaced with fixed, one-lite units; non-historic, octagonal window at north elevation.

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

28 South Fifth Street

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-335-011



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:

Jane McElwayne sold the property to Henry Childs "H. C." Hawkins (S1/2 Lots 9 & 10) on September 26, 1890 [Geneva Patrol]. The house was largely constructed by mid-November 1890 [Patrol 14 Nov 1890]; Jeffery & Leindecker supplied the materials (est. 1888).

H. C. Hawkins, a pioneer who settled in Kane County in 1844, built a brick farmhouse in 1856 on Keslinger Road, east of Peck Road, for his first wife, Sarah (Wilcox), and son, Henry Wilcox Hawkins. H. C. Hawkins and his second wife, Emily, moved to the home at 28 S. First with several of their children. H. C. Hawkins died in this house [Patrol May 1899]; Emily died in Springfield in 1904. The house passed on to their daughter, Lucinda Emily "Lulu" (Hawkins) White, and her three children (following a divorce from her husband, William H. White [1860-1905?]).

Henry Wilcox Hawkins, son of H. C. Hawkins and his first wife, Sarah (Wilcox), built a house to the west (515 Hamilton Street) in 1893.

The non-historic, detached, two-car garage was constructed in September 1957 (Geneva Republican).

The property is notable for its association with one or more significant persons—specifically H. C. Hawkins.

SOURCES:

GHM Archives; 2016 Central Geneva NRHP Update; Geneva Patrol; Geneva Republican; 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:

9.11.23 New Sign





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