



# City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks  
Property Inventory Survey

## GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

**HISTORIC NAME:** Morron-Olson-McJunkin House

**COMMON NAME:** n/a

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:** 1848, 1868

**SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES:** 1893, 1905-1912

**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:** Parged

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

**FRONT PORCH:** Yes

**VISIBLE SIDE PORCH:** Yes (front and rear)

**ENTRY DOOR(S):** Historic

**WINDOW MATERIAL:** Wood

**WINDOW STYLE:** Double-hung (1/1, 4/4, 4/4 arch top)

**PRIMARY ROOF FORM:** Gable

**PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL:** Asphalt

**VISIBLE CHIMNEY:** No

**CHIMNEY MATERIAL:** n/a

## OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

Projected upper gable with arch around attic window.

## PROPERTY ADDRESS:

101 North First Street

## PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-429-003



## 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:**

By 1848, a frame house stood on this lot, occupied by Franklin Bascom. In 1868, Eliphalet S. and Lavinia Morron enlarged the frame house of Franklin Bascom or erected a second house on this portion of Lot 10; the house apparently survives within the later construction.

Between 1907 and 1909, Betty S. Olson secured funding from William Adolph Schwarz (W. A. Schwarz or Adolph Schwarz, commonly). Presumably, the funds resulted in the extensive remodeling of the former Eliphalet and Lavinia Morron House. Between 1905 and 1912, the following changes were made to the original home: the rear kitchen wing was enlarged to the full width of the front section of the home and raised to a full two stories; a two-story bay and polygonal stair tower were built at the south side to replace the earlier one-story bay; a double entry was installed at the original front porch; a new south porch was added at the rear service wing, and; the entire roof was reconstructed with decorative shingle siding added to the new gable ends facing First and Hamilton streets.

A single-bay automobile garage was erected north of the remodeled Olson home between 1912 and 1923 for Edith S. (Olson) and John ("J. W. ") McJunkin. The date of construction was likely between 1918 and 1920 when J. W. McJunkin was a traveling salesman for an automobile company. The garage deteriorated and was demolished in 2018.

The property is notable for its association with one or more significant persons and architecture—specifically the Queen Anne style. Upon further investigation, the property may also be notable for its association with community development—specifically the Early Settlement Period of Geneva (1837-1857).

**SOURCES:**

GHPC Case Studies; GHM Archives; 2016 North Geneva NRHP Update; 1869 Bird's Eye View of Geneva; 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:

Property grade falls 5-6 feet or more from west to east.



## HPC ACTION:



Demolition Approved: 8.21.18 (garage)

### Other HPC Action:

n/a





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