



City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks
Property Inventory Survey

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

HISTORIC NAME: Eckland-Chalberg House

COMMON NAME: n/a

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Before 1885 or Circa 1900-05

SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES: 1903

ARCHITECT: n/a

BUILDER: Charles J. Eckland (attributed)

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Gable Front

OVERALL PLAN SHAPE: Rectangular

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1.5

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Parged

PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL(S): Clapboard, Shingle

FRONT PORCH: Yes

VISIBLE SIDE PORCH: No

ENTRY DOOR(S): Unknown

WINDOW MATERIAL: Wood

WINDOW STYLE: Double-hung (1/1)

PRIMARY ROOF FORM: Gable

PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL: Asphalt

VISIBLE CHIMNEY: Yes

CHIMNEY MATERIAL: Brick

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

111 North First Street

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-429-002



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:

Front porch with stone piers and non-fluted columns; fixed window with transom; and decorative shingle-work at gable. Foundation may be limestone that has been parged (may be an early concrete foundation or concrete parging since Charles J. Eckland worked as a cement contractor when he moved to Keokuk, Iowa around 1903).



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ADDITIONAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

BRIEF HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

The history of this building is unclear. It appears that the building may have been Eliphalet Morron's large barn, built prior to 1885 and depicted on the 1885 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. map.

The property was purchased by Swedish immigrant Charles J. Eckland in 1903. A building of the same dimensional size is shown on both the 1869 Birds Eye View of Geneva and the 1905 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. map. The depicted building appears to be a large barn. However, the building is shown as a dwelling in 1905, offset slightly east of the former structure. The 1905 dwelling included the construction of both the front porch and the detached, two-car garage.

Around the turn of the 20th century, other barns in Geneva were converted to residences which makes it feasible that this house may be a converted barn. The wide front facade, front porch with 1/2 columns on raised plinths/pedestals, irregular window placement, eave dropped below window heads, small dormers (with Colonial Revival skirt roof detail), and decorative shingle work at the front gable (typical of the Queen Anne style) all combine to suggest that the building is a remodeled structure.

Alternatively, the structure may be a new dwelling, borrowing from several architectural styles in favor at the time of construction (1900-1905).

Additional research may be required to determine its significance. The property may be notable within a context of Swedish properties in Geneva. If the house is a converted barn, then it may be significant for its association with architecture—specifically methods of construction.

SOURCES:

GHPC Case Studies; 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:

One-story, clapboard-sided, gable front garage on a parged foundation. Built between 1897 and 1905. Vehicle doors date to circa 1950-1970.

AS2 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

n/a

CONTRIBUTING LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

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



HPC ACTION:

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Demolition Approved: n/a

Other HPC Action:

n/a



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