



# City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks  
Property Inventory Survey

## GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

HISTORIC NAME: n/a

COMMON NAME: n/a

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1891-1897

SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES: 1958, 2001 (fire); 2002 (razed)

ARCHITECT: n/a

BUILDER: n/a

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

## ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: n/a

OVERALL PLAN SHAPE: n/a

NUMBER OF STORIES: n/a

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: n/a

PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL(S): n/a

FRONT PORCH: n/a

VISIBLE SIDE PORCH: n/a

ENTRY DOOR(S): n/a

WINDOW MATERIAL: n/a

WINDOW STYLE: n/a

PRIMARY ROOF FORM: n/a

PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL: n/a

VISIBLE CHIMNEY: n/a

CHIMNEY MATERIAL: n/a

## OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

n/a

## PROPERTY ADDRESS:

212 North First Street

## PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-426-009



## 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:

The historic property at 212 N First St burned on August 15, 2001 and was ultimately razed in October of 2002.

Prior to that fire, the property was a Colonial Revival style house. The form appears to have been a center gable with a single-story, flat-roof addition on the south wing of the front facade. The garage still exists on the property.

A property first appears on this site in Sanborn maps in 1997. It has a center gable plan with front porch across the full facade. Additionally, a small back porch is cut into the rear south corner. By 1912, the porch wraps from the front to the center gable on the South side. By 1930, a bay window appears to have also been added on the south side, protruding from the center gable. This center gable was not an entrance; rather, a door existed on the front and another was added with the flat-roof addition at some point after 1945.

Known residents include the Skoglund family from some time before 1942-1944, Mr and Mrs William Mirre in 1945, and the Hoelscher family is listed from at least 1956 to 2001, when the house burned. Edwin Hoelscher passed away in the fire that destroyed the house, leaving seven children and nine grandchildren. He served in the Army Medical Corps during WWII, worked as a director of the Illinois Department of Federal Surplus Property, and served as a police and fire commissioner for Geneva.

No other information on this property is currently available.

### SOURCES:

Geneva Building Division Records; 2016 North Geneva NRHP Update; Geneva Republican (23 August 2001); Kane County Recorder's Office Land Records



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### CONTRIBUTING ACCESSORY STRUCTURES:

#### AS1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Garage built between 1945 and 1956. Clapboard siding with gable roof; original wood windows; and original, paneled, wood, overhead, vehicle doors.

#### 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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