



City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks
Property Inventory Survey

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

HISTORIC NAME: William and Ellen Smith House

COMMON NAME: n/a

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1912

SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES: 1925

ARCHITECT: n/a

BUILDER: n/a

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: American Foursquare

OVERALL PLAN SHAPE: Rectangular

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Parged

PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL(S): Stucco

FRONT PORCH: Yes

VISIBLE SIDE PORCH: No

ENTRY DOOR(S): Unknown

WINDOW MATERIAL: Wood

WINDOW STYLE: Double-hung (1/1) Fixed (3/1)

PRIMARY ROOF FORM: Hip

PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL: Asphalt

VISIBLE CHIMNEY: Yes (exposed chimney breast)

CHIMNEY MATERIAL: Brick

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

Fixed, square windows flank chimney breast. Porch enclosure windows date to 1925-1940 era.

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

217 North First Street

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-427-010



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 property (S 1/2 Lots 8 & 9, Block 19) was sold by Gustav and Ellen Schutz to William H. and Ellen A. (Schutz) Smith in 1911; the mortgage was secured from the Geneva Building & Loan Association in December 1911. Ellen Smith was the daughter of Gustaf and Ellen Schutz, who lived immediately north (227 N. First).

The house is first visible in the 1912 Sanborn Fire Insurance map. It is a 2 story stucco house with a porch across the full front facade and another along the southern half of the rear facade. By 1923, the rear porch was enclosed and had moved about a quarter of the width of the house northwards. By 1930, the front porch was enclosed and there was a narrow garage on the north side of the lot. The property appeared the same in the 1945 map. Additional known residents of the site include W.A. Dahling (c 1934); Alice T Nelson (c 1956); Clarence Irwin (c 1958); and Angus and Emma Howington (c 1962-1981).

The property is notable for its association with architecture—specifically the American Foursquare style.

SOURCES:

2016 North Geneva NRHP Update; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Kane County Recorder's Office Land Records; Geneva Republican; Polk's St Charles, Batavia, and Geneva City Directories



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CONTRIBUTING ACCESSORY STRUCTURES:

AS1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Single-bay auto garage with non-historic, paired, outswinging, vehicle doors within original opening, Dutch lap siding, open eaves, and clipped gable roof.

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:

4.27.99 Add'n Two-Story Deck; 1.18.00 Add'n; 8.15.00 Fence;
7.15.16 Shingles





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