



City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks
Property Inventory Survey

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

HISTORIC NAME: Jones-Shutz House

COMMON NAME: n/a

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Circa 1870-1871

SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES: 1875, ca. 1908, ca. 1950

ARCHITECT: n/a

BUILDER: L.M. Stevens

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Italianate

OVERALL PLAN SHAPE: Irregular

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Parged

PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL(S): Wood Shingle

FRONT PORCH: Yes

VISIBLE SIDE PORCH: Yes

ENTRY DOOR(S): Undetermined

WINDOW MATERIAL: Wood

WINDOW STYLE: Double-hung (1/1)

PRIMARY ROOF FORM: Hip

PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL: Asphalt

VISIBLE CHIMNEY: Yes

CHIMNEY MATERIAL: Brick

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

n/a

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

227 North First Street

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-427-001



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 house was likely erected between 1870 and 1871 for Otis Jones, although it is doubtful that Jones, a farmer, ever lived in the home. The original, L-plan home with a south-facing porch was purchased by Gustaf and Ellen Schutz in 1899. Gustaf Schutz (1862-1935) emigrated to the U.S. in 1883 and was a foreman at the Pope Glucose Co. Later, he established a general store and, later still, a soda fountain in Geneva.

Between 1905 and 1912, the property was enlarged and remodeled. At that time, a 1.5-story rear service wing was raised to a full two stories and extended southward. Also during that time, the original south-facing porch was extended across the front (west) facade of the home, possibly utilizing elements from the original porch. In 1911, Gustaf and Ellen Schutz sold the south portion of his property to their daughter and son-in-law, who erected a home (217 N. First Street).

An addition, which may have originally served as an attached auto garage, was erected at the rear of the property after 1945. In 1951, a building permit was issued to Ferne Clark for the addition of an apartment over an existing private garage; the contractor was George Olsen (04 October 1951 Geneva Republican). By the mid-1970s, a mansard roof was added to the north elevation of the rear addition, and the property was remodeled into apartments.

The property may be notable within a context of Swedish properties in Geneva and for its association with architecture—specifically the Italianate style.

SOURCES:

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; Geneva, Illinois: 150 Reminders of 150 Years



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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:

7.2.14 Roof Shingles





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