



# City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks  
Property Inventory Survey

## GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

**HISTORIC NAME:** Thornton House

**COMMON NAME:** n/a

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:** Circa 1882-1886

**SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES:** n/a

**ARCHITECT:** n/a

**BUILDER:** Edward Bunker (carpenter)

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

## ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** Upright and Wing

**OVERALL PLAN SHAPE:** T-Plan

**NUMBER OF STORIES:** 2

**FOUNDATION MATERIAL:** Parged

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

**FRONT PORCH:** Entry

**VISIBLE SIDE PORCH:** No

**ENTRY DOOR(S):** Unknown

**WINDOW MATERIAL:** Wood

**WINDOW STYLE:** Double-hung (1/1, 2/1)

**PRIMARY ROOF FORM:** Gable

**PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL:** Asphalt

**VISIBLE CHIMNEY:** Yes

**CHIMNEY MATERIAL:** Brick / Metal

## OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

First-floor, street-facing, 2-over-2 windows appear to be original/early, others replaced after 1999. Porch enclosed before 1999; all but window closets to street at north elevation have been altered, replaced or removed.

## PROPERTY ADDRESS:

**312 North First Street**

## PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-279-007



## 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 built by 1867 by Edward Bunker (see: 301 North First Street).

Milton and Mary Thornton moved to Geneva around 1886 and bought the house where they lived the rest of their days (25 March 1908 Geneva Republican). Milton Thornton died in 1899; the property was sold to Marie G. Hunter in 1909. The Carlson family lived in the home from at least 1941 to 1982, when Mr Leonard Carlson passed away. The home was sold in 1983 as part of the estate settlement, advertised for \$49,500. He inherited the home from his parents, John and Julia Carlson.

The property is notable for its association with one or more significant persons—specifically Edward Bunker, an early Geneva carpenter.

**SOURCES:**

GHPC Case Studies; GHM Archives; 2016 North Geneva NRHP Update, Kane County Recorder's Office Land Records



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## CONTRIBUTING ACCESSORY STRUCTURES:

### AS1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Detached, single-car garage with original, wood, paneled, 6-lite, outswing doors. Gable Front with open eaves and rectangular form. Original wood clapboard and trim. Garage retains excellent integrity.

### 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:

7.16.14 Shingles





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