



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: 1928

SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES: n/a

ARCHITECT: n/a

BUILDER: Martin Seastrom

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Craftsman Bungalow

OVERALL PLAN SHAPE: Rectangular

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1.5

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Not Visible

PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL(S): Shingle

FRONT PORCH: Entry

VISIBLE SIDE PORCH: No

ENTRY DOOR(S): Historic

WINDOW MATERIAL: Wood

WINDOW STYLE: Double-hung (4/1); Casement (3/2)

PRIMARY ROOF FORM: Gable

PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL: Asphalt

VISIBLE CHIMNEY: Yes

CHIMNEY MATERIAL: Brick

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

202 South First Street

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-457-007



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

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

Excellent example of an early twentieth-century porch enclosure. Non-original fretwork has been added to the gables of the house and garage and is not consistent with the Craftsman Bungalow style.



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ADDITIONAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

BRIEF HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

Augustus and Betsey Conant acquired the property in 1843 but transferred it to Eben Conant in 1858. Eben Conant built an earlier house on this site connected to the limestone cottage to the south. The original house was moved to 18 Campbell Street between 1926 and 1928.

The earlier house was sold to Amanda Hight, the invalid sister of John Hight, who cared for her. Upon her death, the conjoined First Street houses (wood and stone houses) were transferred to John Hight in 1888. Later, the original house served as the home of John (1827-1905) and Sarah Hight (d. 1888). John Hight came to Geneva in 1854 and was a wagon-maker on the east side of the Fox River until the Civil War. Then, he became a pattern-maker and mechanic at the W. H. Howell Foundry before becoming a custodian for the Kane County Courthouse after 1891.

The 202 S. First Street property was deeded to the Hight daughters: Grace Hight Kenyon (died 1942) and Isabella Hight Nickerson (died 1921). Oliver C. "Ocie" and Grace (Hight) Kenyon sold the original house to Kate Raftery and built a new house at the 202 S. First Street property - completed in August 1928 (01 June 1928 and 03 August 1928 Geneva Republican).

The property is notable for its association with architecture—specifically the Craftsman Bungalow style.

SOURCES:

GHPC Case Studies; GHM Archives; 2016 Central Geneva NRHP Update; 1869 Bird's Eye View of Geneva; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Kane County Land Records



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CONTRIBUTING ACCESSORY STRUCTURES:

AS1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The garage is contemporary to the house and retains lap siding of unknown vintage. However, the street-facing vehicle doors have been modified with a modern, overhead door.

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:

12.12.97 Fence; 11.18.03 Add'n Bathroom; 5.17/.05 Demo Porch, Add'n; 7.1.15 Shingles





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