



# City of Geneva, Illinois

## Local Historic District & Landmarks Property Inventory Survey

### GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

**HISTORIC NAME:** Eben Conant House

**COMMON NAME:** n/a

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:** Circa 1844

**SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES:** 1869-1881

**ARCHITECT:** n/a

**BUILDER:** Eben Conant

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

### ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** Three Bay, Central Passage/Center Hall, G+

**OVERALL PLAN SHAPE:** Rectangular

**NUMBER OF STORIES:** 1

**FOUNDATION MATERIAL:** Limestone

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

**FRONT PORCH:** No

**VISIBLE SIDE PORCH:** No

**ENTRY DOOR(S):** Undetermined

**WINDOW MATERIAL:** Wood

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

**PRIMARY ROOF FORM:** Gable

**PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL:** Asphalt

**VISIBLE CHIMNEY:** Yes

**CHIMNEY MATERIAL:** Limestone

### OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

Cut limestone sills and lintels; wood windows; front door; wood entablature; gable returns at side gables.

### PROPERTY ADDRESS:

208 South First Street

### PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-457-008



### 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 limestone house was built, circa 1843-1844, by Ebenezer "Eben" Conant. Eben and his son, Augustus Conant, built a wood-framed house at the corner of First and Campbell streets (see 202 S. First Street and 18 Campbell Street) about the same time.

An 1869 map shows a two-story building connecting the two houses; the linkage serves as a woodshed on the main level and Eben Conant's "joiner's shop" on the upper level. The entrance door location can still be seen on the north wall of the stone house.

The Eben Conant House was restored in 1944 by Carl V. and Dorothea D. Krichton who sold about 1963.

Geneva History Museum Plaque - 1964

The property is notable for its association with one or more significant persons, architecture, methods of construction—specifically locally-quarried limestone construction—and for community development—specifically the Early Settlement Period of Geneva (1837-1857).

### SOURCES:

GHPC Case Studies; GHM Archives; 2016 Central 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:

The garage was built after 1945, likely around 1981.

#### 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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