



# City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks  
Property Inventory Survey

## GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

**HISTORIC NAME:** Masterson House I

**COMMON NAME:** n/a

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:** Circa 1860

**SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES:** 1870, Ca. 1927, Ca. 1950, 2000

**ARCHITECT:** W. Alex Teipel (2000 additions)

**BUILDER:** n/a

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

## ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** Side Hall, Italianate

**OVERALL PLAN SHAPE:** Rectangular

**NUMBER OF STORIES:** 2

**FOUNDATION MATERIAL:** Limestone, Concrete

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

**FRONT PORCH:** Yes

**VISIBLE SIDE PORCH:** No

**ENTRY DOOR(S):** Non-Original

**WINDOW MATERIAL:** Clad

**WINDOW STYLE:** Double-hung (6/6), Casement (6 lite)

**PRIMARY ROOF FORM:** Hipped

**PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL:** Asphalt

**VISIBLE CHIMNEY:** Yes

**CHIMNEY MATERIAL:** Brick

## OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

The house has been extensively renovated with numerous additions; the original section retains its historic form and proportions.

## PROPERTY ADDRESS:

**217 South First Street**

## PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-480-011



## 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 original house on the property was built after Ed Masterson arrived from Ireland in 1854. Ed Masterson is identified as living at this site in 1867. The two-story section of the present house is likely the circa 1870 expansion of an earlier, side-gabled house on the property (illustrated on an 1869 view of Geneva). The house was occupied by Ed and Bridget Masterson; however, Bridget either died or divorced Ed Masterson after 1880.

Mr. Masterson worked for the Chicago and North Western Railroad.

Before 1892, the property was the home of Edward and Delia (Lawler) Masterson. In 1892, Ed and Delia Masterson built a new home (229 S. First Street) to the south of this house (09 April 1892 Geneva Republican).

In 1947, Miss Ada Belle McCleery was living at the address when she was made an Honorary Fellow in the American College of Hospital Administrators. She lived on site as early as 1939.

Hugh and Bess Lockhart purchased the house in 1953 and lived there until as late as 1968.

In 1997, the property was sold by Edward Heymann to Edward and Jean Stealy. In 2008, it was sold to Frederick and Patricia Margulles.

The property is notable for its association with architecture—specifically the Italianate style—community development—specifically the Early Settlement Period (1837-1857) of Geneva—and for its association with the institution of the Chicago and the North Western Railroad line.

### SOURCES:

GHPC Case Studies; GHM Archives; 2016 Central Geneva NRHP Update; 1867 Kane County Gazetteer; 1869 Bird's Eye View of Geneva; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Kane County Recorder's Office Land Records



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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:

n/a



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