



City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks
Property Inventory Survey

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

HISTORIC NAME: Nurnberg-Hellstrom House

COMMON NAME: n/a

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1928

SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES: n/a

ARCHITECT: n/a

BUILDER: T. W. Gibbs

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Tudor Revival

OVERALL PLAN SHAPE: Rectangular

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Not Visible

PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL(S): Shingle

FRONT PORCH: No

VISIBLE SIDE PORCH: No

ENTRY DOOR(S): Historic

WINDOW MATERIAL: Wood

WINDOW STYLE: Double-hung (6/6. 8/8), Fixed (arched top)

PRIMARY ROOF FORM: Gable

PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL: Asphalt

VISIBLE CHIMNEY: Yes

CHIMNEY MATERIAL: Brick

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

Projected entry pavilion; prominent, skintled brick chimney breast with weeping mortar; original wood windows; wavy wood siding, shed roof dormers at north and south elevations

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

421 South First Street

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-10-226-004



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 in 1928 for Walter G. and Vandla L. Nurnberg; this was the first house under construction in the Riverside Subdivision (30 March 1928 Geneva Republican). Apparently, Mr. and Mrs. Nurnberg defaulted on the mortgage during the Great Depression, and title to the property reverted to the Riverside developer, Frank W. Renwick. The Nurnbergs executed a quit claim deed to Carl and Elsa Hellstrom concurrent with the transfer of title by Frank W. Renwick on 01 May 1937; the Hellstroms may have occupied the home by early 1936.

In 1937, the property was owned by Carl J. and Elsa Hellstrom, who were born in Sweden and settled in Geneva. Carl J. Hellstrom worked as an electrician for the City of Geneva Light & Water Department. In 1923, Carl Hellstrom was appointed as Assistant Superintendent of the City of Geneva Light & Water Department. In 1931, he was appointed Superintendent of the department.

In 1941, the property was sold to Sigmund and Marjorie Post. Born to Russian immigrants in Chicago, Illinois, Sigmund Slupkowski (1892-1969) and his parents legally changed the family surname to "Post" before Sigmund's marriage in 1923. Sigmund E. Post worked as an accountant for a wholesale grocer.

The property may be significant as the first house built in the Riverside Subdivision; within a context of Swedish properties in Geneva; and for its association with architecture—specifically the Tudor Revival style.

SOURCES:

GHPC Case Studies; 2016 Central Geneva NRHP Update; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Kane County Recorder's Office Land Records



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CONTRIBUTING ACCESSORY STRUCTURES:

AS1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The garage, which shares similar materials and design elements of the residence, was also built in 1936.

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:

7.23.19 Roof over Stoop





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