



# City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks  
Property Inventory Survey

## GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

**HISTORIC NAME:** Mead House

**COMMON NAME:** n/a

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:** Ca. 1851-1869 / 1893

**SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES:** 1893

**ARCHITECT:** n/a

**BUILDER:** n/a

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

## ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** Hall and Parlor

**OVERALL PLAN SHAPE:** L-plan

**NUMBER OF STORIES:** 1.5

**FOUNDATION MATERIAL:** Parged

**PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL(S):** Synthetic Siding over Clapboard

**FRONT PORCH:** Partial Facade

**VISIBLE SIDE PORCH:** No

**ENTRY DOOR(S):** Unknown

**WINDOW MATERIAL:** Wood

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

**PRIMARY ROOF FORM:** Side Gable

**PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL:** Asphalt

**VISIBLE CHIMNEY:** No

**CHIMNEY MATERIAL:** n/a

## OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

Converted barn; Eave brackets w/ drop pendants

## PROPERTY ADDRESS:

**116 Ford Street**

## PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-426-005



## 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 residence was constructed as a barn between 1855 and 1868 (historic accounts differ). A portion of the building is reported to be of log construction or heavy timber framing and may date to 1855-1859, when the property was owned by Eben Conant. In 1859, Conant sold the property to Wesley & Margaret Humphrey, who sold to Edgar Humphrey in 1866. (See 228 N. First Street).

In 1893, the building was converted into a residence by Charles B. Mead, editor of the Geneva Republican newspaper. However, one account states differently (03 March 1893 Patrol).

The property was issued a Geneva History Museum Plaque in 1985.

Although a garage existed as early as 1923, the present, detached garage was built around 1993. In 1946, a permit was issued to John C. Lauer for a garage addition (11 October 1946 Geneva Republican). The 1946 garage may have been the original garage that was dismantled to become a carport.

The property is notable for its association with architecture—specifically methods of construction—and as an example of a surviving, documented barn conversion.

### SOURCES:

GHPC Case Studies; GHM Archives; 2016 North Geneva NRHP Update; 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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