



City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks Property Inventory Survey

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

HISTORIC NAME: Chambers-Green House

COMMON NAME: n/a

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1854-1855

SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES: 1872-80; 1987

ARCHITECT: n/a

BUILDER: John Joseph Chambers

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Gable Front, Gabled Ell, Italianate

OVERALL PLAN SHAPE: L-plan

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Limestone

PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL(S): Clapboard

FRONT PORCH: Yes

VISIBLE SIDE PORCH: Yes

ENTRY DOOR(S): Historic

WINDOW MATERIAL: Wood

WINDOW STYLE: Double-hung (1/1), Casement, Fixed

PRIMARY ROOF FORM: Gable

PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL: Asphalt

VISIBLE CHIMNEY: Yes

CHIMNEY MATERIAL: Brick

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

Second-floor, decorative windows at southwest corner of front facade and west elevation installed as part of the 1898 remodeling, when west addition with projected, bay window was constructed. Bay window has unique, narrow side windows.

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

201 Ford Street

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-278-011



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 house is accredited to John Joseph Chambers, an early carpenter and machinist, who purchased these lots in 1854. "Joseph" Chambers came to Geneva in 1836 with James Brown from New England. Chambers' son, John Chambers, was an early carpenter in the Geneva community.

The house was sold in 1868 to John H. and Ella Green, who resided in Chicago until the Great Fire of 1871. Between 1872 and 1880, the Ford Street entrance was created; the original, five-bay facade at Second Street was likely the original, front facade. The central entrance remains at this elevation, however, the corresponding, second-floor window (visible in the 1869 Bird's Eye View of Geneva) was removed. The porch/veranda was added and, presumably, the former Greek Revival details were removed.

John H. Green served as Justice of the Peace in the 1870s and Mayor (1882-83). John Green died in 1896 and, two years later, it was reported that "Mrs. John Green is remodeling her house and building on an addition of 4 rooms for boarders" (16 March 1898 Geneva Republican).

Albert E. McIntosh acquired the house and owned it until 1941 when it was purchased by Frank Love, the manager of the Geneva Locker Plant, 17 W. State Street.

The property was issued a Geneva History Museum Plaque in 1989.

The property is notable for its association with one or more significant persons—specifically the Chambers family and a Geneva mayor—architecture—specifically the Italianate style—and for community development—specifically the Early Settlement Period of Geneva (1837-1857).

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; 150 Reminders of 150 Years



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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:

5.6.15 Shingles





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