



# City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks  
Property Inventory Survey

## GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

**HISTORIC NAME:** Anderson-Carlson House

**COMMON NAME:** n/a

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:** 1898

**SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES:** Circa 1912-1923, 1994

**ARCHITECT:** n/a

**BUILDER:** n/a

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

## ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** Queen Anne

**OVERALL PLAN SHAPE:** Rectangular

**NUMBER OF STORIES:** 1.5

**FOUNDATION MATERIAL:** Limestone

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

**FRONT PORCH:** Yes (enclosed)

**VISIBLE SIDE PORCH:** No

**ENTRY DOOR(S):** Unknown

**WINDOW MATERIAL:** Wood, Clad (replacement)

**WINDOW STYLE:** Double-hung (1/1, 9/9)

**PRIMARY ROOF FORM:** Gable

**PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL:** Asphalt

**VISIBLE CHIMNEY:** Yes

**CHIMNEY MATERIAL:** Brick (painted)

## OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

Exposed limestone foundation; clapboard siding; decorative shingle siding in gable; flared skirt at front porch; majority of original windows.

## PROPERTY ADDRESS:

**415 Ford Street**

## PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-255-007



## 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:

Although the property was acquired by Charles O. Nelson in 1892, fire insurance maps indicate that Mr. Nelson never built a house on the property before it was sold to August and Hulda Anderson in 1897.

August Anderson emigrated from Sweden in 1892 and married his wife (also born in Sweden) in Kane County in 1894. When the Anderson family moved to Plato, Illinois, the Ford Street property was sold, in 1905, to Marion Smith, who sold the property in 1907 to John and Emma Carlson. Prior to the purchase of the property, the Carlsons lived with Emma's brother, Andrew Moody (see 428 Ford Street).

On September 7, 1899, Emma (b. 1862), married John P. Carlson (b. 1858) in Benton Harbor (Berrien), Michigan. The newlyweds resided in Chicago, where John worked as a carpenter. John and Emma Carlson lived at the Ford Street property until their deaths in 1908 and 1934, respectively. There, they raised four children: LeRoy (b. 1900), Verna (b. 1901), Valida (b. 1901), and Leonora (b. 1908).

Between 1912 and 1923, Emma Carlson removed the original front porch (which occupied only the west half of the front facade) and built the present, full-width porch.

In 1993-1994, the porch was enclosed and the present, front steps were installed. Between 2000 and 2014, the original 1-over-1, double-hung windows at the second floor of the front facade were replaced with clad windows with an internal, 9-over-9 grid; no record of the window replacement approval is on file.

The property may be notable within a context of Swedish and Italian properties in Geneva and for its association with community development and architecture—specifically the Queen Anne style.

### 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:

The existing, detached, double-bay garage was built between 1923 and 1930 during the ownership of Emma Carlson when at least four of her five children lived with her at this house. Although the form and exterior materials remain virtually unchanged, the vehicle doorway has been altered with the installation of a single, embossed metal, overhead door, circa 1994.

## CONTRIBUTING LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

n/a

## HPC ACTION:

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Demolition Approved: n/a

Other HPC Action:

7.26.16 Shingles





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