



# City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks  
Property Inventory Survey

## GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

**HISTORIC NAME:** Perry-Johnson House

**COMMON NAME:** n/a

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:** 1858

**SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES:** 1887, Ca. 1965, 1972-73

**ARCHITECT:** n/a

**BUILDER:** n/a

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

## ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** Upright and Wing

**OVERALL PLAN SHAPE:** L-Plan

**NUMBER OF STORIES:** 1.5

**FOUNDATION MATERIAL:** Limestone

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

**FRONT PORCH:** Covered Entry

**VISIBLE SIDE PORCH:** No

**ENTRY DOOR(S):** Wood, Historic

**WINDOW MATERIAL:** Wood

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

**PRIMARY ROOF FORM:** Gable

**PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL:** Asphalt

**VISIBLE CHIMNEY:** Yes

**CHIMNEY MATERIAL:** Brick

## OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

n/a

## PROPERTY ADDRESS:

421 Ford Street

## PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-255-006



## 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 constructed in 1858 for Bethel Perry, who sold the property to Andrew Johnson in 1887.

Upon purchase, Mr. Johnson (1850-1934) erected a two-story addition at the west side of the house, replacing an earlier one-story wing. The addition is marked by an incised porch (now enclosed), a dormer, and a clipped gable.

Born in Sweden in 1850, Mr. Johnson came to Geneva in 1871 and married Matilda Millerburg in 1882. Working into his early seventies, Andrew Johnson was the longest-working employee of the W. H. Howell Mfg. Co., working more than 50 years at the foundry.

In the 1960s, the existing, detached garage was constructed. Between 1972 and 1973, a large one-story addition was added to the rear of the home and the original home was remodeled, including the enclosure of the 1887 front porch.

The property is notable within a context of Swedish properties in Geneva and for its association with 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



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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:

1.20.98 Siding





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