



# City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks  
Property Inventory Survey

## GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

**HISTORIC NAME:** Anderson-Paulson House

**COMMON NAME:** n/a

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:** 1893-1894

**SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES:** n/a

**ARCHITECT:** n/a

**BUILDER:** George Rickel

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

## ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** Queen Anne, Stick

**OVERALL PLAN SHAPE:** Cruciform

**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:** Undetermined

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

**PRIMARY ROOF FORM:** Gable

**PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL:** Asphalt

**VISIBLE CHIMNEY:** Yes

**CHIMNEY MATERIAL:** Brick

## OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

Original form and massing remain, most original fenestration remains; historic entry porch enclosed as a bay window. Stylistically similar to 516 and 527 Ford Street.

## PROPERTY ADDRESS:

**515 Ford Street**

## PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-254-004



## 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:

Identified as the Ezra Rue House, the house was likely built for John Anderson in 1893 or 1894. Ezra Rue was an attorney, concentrating on real estate matters, who lived in Elgin, Illinois. Rue possibly served as the attorney for John Anderson, the first apparent owner of the property shortly after Mr. Rue secured the lot. Mr. Rue held the mortgage on the property through 1898.

The house was one of three houses built on the north side of Ford Street between 1892 and 1894; all three houses (see 521 and 527 Ford Street) bear stylistic similarities. All three properties were owned by Swedish-born laborers who worked in local factories.

Except for the west, two-story wing this house appears to closely resemble a mirror-reversed plan of 527 Ford Street and a near duplication of the house at 516 Ford Street to the south. The front bay window may be original and resembles the detailing of the front porch at 521 Ford Street. The east dormer is, likely, part of the original design (or inserted during the 1920s).

The non-historic garage was erected circa 1976-1977 and replaced an earlier one-car garage on the property. Several additions have been made to the rear of the property.

The property is notable within a context of Swedish properties in Geneva and for its association with architecture—specifically the Queen Anne or Stick styles for working-class families.

### SOURCES:

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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