City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks Property Inventory Survey

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

402 Franklin Street

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-458-007

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

HISTORIC NAME: N/A

COMMON NAME: N/A

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1923-1930

SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES: 1985, 2007, 2013

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Wilson Brothers

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☒ BOTH

ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Colonial Revival, Dutch

OVERALL PLAN SHAPE: Rectangular

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Brick

PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL(S): Clapboard

FRONT PORCH: Full Height, Entry

VISIBLE SIDE PORCH: N/A

ENTRY DOOR(S): Panel Door with arched Ransom

WINDOW MATERIAL: Wood

WINDOW STYLE: (6/1)

PRIMARY ROOF FORM: Gambrel with Front Gables

PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL: Asphalt

VISIBLE CHIMNEY: Yes

CHIMNEY MATERIAL: Brick

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

N/A

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

HPC ACTION:

- ☐ Demolition Approved:

Other HPC Action: 7.17.07 Demo West Add'n, Add'n 2-car Garage, Second Floor Deck; 10.15.13 Add'n

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ADDITIONAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

BRIEF HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

In 1925, Frank A. Hunt, a real estate dealer based in Geneva and Chicago, acquired the lot at the corner of Fourth and Franklin Streets. Fred Hilquist was promptly commissioned to excavate a basement for the new property. Wilson Bros then erected the house on July 31st, 1925. Ownership transferred to Oscar Nelson in 1928, who later sold the home to the Jaeger family. They resided there until about 1930 when they moved to Fargo Blvd.

The property continued to evolve over the decades. On September 22nd,1939, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nelson acquired the home from the Aageson family and made it their residence. They played significant roles in the Geneva community, with Bernice Nelson chairing the Geneva unit of the Woman's Auxiliary of Community Hospital and organizing large annual luncheons. Arthur Nelson also served as an alderman for the second ward.

Between approximately 1975 and 1985, the original Colonial-style

SOURCES:

GHPC Case Studies; GHM Archives; 2016 Central North Geneva NRHP Update; 1869 Bird's Eye View of Geneva; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Kane County Land Records; Geneva, Illinois: A History of Its Times and Places; Geneva, Illinois: 150 Reminders of 150 Years; Wilson Brothers - Contractors & Builders, 1905-1931 by

CONTRIBUTING ACCESSORY STRUCTURES:

AS1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

N/A

AS2 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

N/A

CONTRIBUTING LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

N/A

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