City of Geneva, Illinois

Local Historic District & Landmarks Property Inventory Survey

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

313 West State Street

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN):

12-03-410-009

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

HISTORIC NAME: "Eureka" - Soderstrom's Store

COMMON NAME: Unknown

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1880s

SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION DATES: 1909, 2010

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

WILSON BROTHERS: ☐ AUGUST ☐ OSCAR ☐ BOTH

ARCHITECTURAL DATA:

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Two-Part Commercial Block, Gothic Reviva

OVERALL PLAN SHAPE: Simple, Square

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Not Visible

PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL(S): Clapboard

FRONT PORCH: Commercial Entry

VISIBLE SIDE PORCH: N/A

ENTRY DOOR(S): Commercial Entry

WINDOW MATERIAL: Plate, Wood

WINDOW STYLE: Fixed; Double Hung, 6/6

PRIMARY ROOF FORM: Front Gabled/Flat

PRIMARY ROOF MATERIAL: Unknown

VISIBLE CHIMNEY: No

CHIMNEY MATERIAL: N/a

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:

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: 3.21.06 Doors; 9.21.10 Exterior Rehabilitation

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ADDITIONAL PROPERTY INFORMATION:

BRIEF HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

This was the original site of the first Kane County courthouse and jail in 1837. In 1859, it was subdivided by Timothy Worsley, a prominent figure in Geneva's development, described in 1876 as someone who had contributed more to the town's improvement than anyone else. Worsley was responsible for building a hotel, three stores, and several fine dwelling houses. In 1869, the site housed Worsley's boarding house, which was sold in 1870 to William Fulton and became known as the "Eureka" boarding house in later years.

Gust Soderstrom purchased the building in 1909, after it had been remodeled by Jerome Kendall for use as a store. By 1910, Soderstrom operated a dry goods store on the premises, with his wife, Tillie, managing a millinery business at the rear of the building.

The 1909 remodel involved installing a new foundation and timbers, removing first-floor partitions, and adding an iron and plate glass

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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

CONTRIBUTING ACCESSORY STRUCTURES:

AS1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

AS2 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

CONTRIBUTING LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

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