

INTRODUCTION



A Visual History of Geneva



Identifying Your Home's 'Style' & 'Period'

A VISUAL HISTORY OF GENEVA



Your GNRC staff is currently working with the Geneva Historical Society to develop a Visual History of Geneva.

This section will not only show us what Geneva has looked like in the past, but give us some excellent cues on best practices for repairing, restoring or adding to historic homes.



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Even those of us living in “non-historic” homes - those built recently or with little of the identifying characteristics of their eras - can learn from these buildings.

In the meantime, feel free to talk to your GNRC staff Architect, or use any of the following resources to get started:

- The Geneva Historical Society:

www.genevahistoricalsociety.com
315.789.5151
info@genevahistoricalsociety.com

- Images of America: Geneva, NY

by the Geneva Historical Society
available at the Historical Society or the local library

- Treasures of American Architecture in Geneva, NY

by Edmond H. Wirtz
available at the Historical Society or the Hobart & William Smith Colleges library

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Here is a list of resources available at the Prouty-Chew House & Museum, compiled by your Geneva Historical Society staff:

- Historic building inventories, for the Historic District on South Main
- Historic building inventories for the Historic District near Genesee Park
- Historic building inventories for North Main Street, produced by Hobart & William Smith students
- Historic building inventories for Washington street, as far as Nursery Avenue, produced by Hobart & William Smith students
- Information on 'Houses of Historic Merit,' in the historic (South Main) district
- Information on various homes in Geneva, mainly in historic areas, Including:
 - Ashcroft (Jay Street)
 - Dove Block
 - 623 South Main StreetAdditional information – even newspaper articles - is available on individual homes, if you know the former or original owner of your home.
- Photos, sketches, postcards or stereoscope cards of homes & other buildings on South Main, North Main, Washington, Castle, Hamilton, High, Exchange, Lewis, Pulteney, Elmwood, Linden, Seneca, Lake, Middle, Lafayette, Snell, White Springs (not all streets, but including collections of Vail, Oakley and Doran)
- Information on the 9 adobe houses in Geneva
- Sanborn Maps of Geneva, from the 1880's to 1968
- City directories from 1857 to 1999
- 1880's paint chart
- a research library
- maps from the former Geneva Room
- oral histories of Geneva
- historic data on churches and businesses

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IDENTIFYING YOUR HOME'S 'STYLE' & 'PERIOD'



Your GNRC staff is currently working with the Geneva Historical Society to develop "Identifying your Home's 'Style' and 'Period.'"

Knowing the style or period your home was originally built in can give you some excellent cues about color combinations, details to add character - it can even give you ideas for how to plant your garden!

For now, see your GNRC staff Architect, and the following resources:

- A Field Guide to American Houses
by Virginia & Lee McAllester
available at the Hobart & William
Smith Colleges library

Or these resources from the Visual History of Geneva section:

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