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HISTORIC NAME: Bendixon-Schmid House      APR 1979      COUNTY: Brown  
 CURRENT NAME:      CITY/TWP.: Springfield  
 LEGAL DESC.: O.P. B7-L17, 18      ADDRESS: 123 N. Marshall

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce
Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	State <input type="checkbox"/>	Secondary <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	National <input type="checkbox"/>	Others <input type="checkbox"/>
District <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes  No  Restricted       PRESENT USE: Residence  
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes  No   
 OCCUPIED: Yes  No

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1894      ORIGINAL USE: Residence  
 ORIGINAL OWNER: H. Bendixon      ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: John McCracken  
 123 N. Marshall  
 Springfield, MN 56087      ACREAGE: Less than one acre

LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Brown County Historical Society  
 27 No. Broadway; New Ulm, MN 56073      UTM REFERENCE:  
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## DESCRIPTION:

The Bendixon-Schmid House is located on the corner of Marshall and Van Dusen in Springfield, in an area of the community that once contained residences of several figures prominent in area commerce and industry.

The two-story frame house features the characteristic Queen Anne builders elements of an irregular roof line with numerous gables, cut shingles, decorative wood relief panels, leaded glass transoms, and front and rear porches with heavy turned posts and balustrades. Wood detailing on the interior, including doorway grilles and staircase, is intact.

Located at the rear of the property is a hip-roofed ice house, a vine-covered arbor, and a garage.

## SIGNIFICANCE:

As one of the early trackside towns of the area established along the first railroad, Springfield developed into an industrial, commercial, and marketing center for the surrounding agricultural area as well as for the smaller towns of the area. Consequent to this development was a three-block section of Marshall Avenue which became an identifiable "large residence" district. According to a local authority, the Bendixon-Schmid House was the first large residence built on the street and is associated, through its first two owners, with a number of enterprises contributing to Springfield's early commercial role.

Builder of the house was Henry Bendixon, who maintained a general store in Springfield and constructed the Bendixon Block (still standing) as part of the Springfield State Bank building project in 1900. In the mid-1890's, he acquired, in partnership with Peter Bendixon and Peter Ruenitz, the Springfield Milling Company, and later served as its president. In 1905, he sold the house to John R. Schmid, who was active in the commercial life of the community through his affiliation with the Springfield State Bank and the real estate firm of Paffrath and Schmid.

The Bendixon-Schmid House is significant in Springfield as a well-preserved Marshall Avenue residence associated with the community's development as an area center of agricultural processing and commerce. The good integrity of its Queen Anne styling is also exceptional for the area.