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HISTORIC NAME: Troendle, Lucas, House COUNTY: Blue Earth  
 CURRENT NAME: Solie, Cecil, House CITY/TWP.: Mapleton  
 LEGAL DESC.: Mapleton Station ADDRESS: Second and Silver  
 Block 3, Lots 1-3

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent _____	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Commerce</u>
Structure _____	Good <u>X</u>	State _____	Secondary <u>Architecture</u>
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others _____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

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

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1896 ORIGINAL USE: Residence  
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Lucas Troendle ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Pass & Schippel, Mankato

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Cecil & Leila Solie  
 Mapleton, MN 56065 ACREAGE: Less than one acre X

LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Blue Earth County Historical Society  
 606 South Broad, Mankato, MN 56001 UTM REFERENCE:  
 Mapleton Quad. 7.5  
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## DESCRIPTION:

The Lucas Troendle House is situated on a corner lot one half block from the Main Street of Mapleton.

The two-and-one-half story Queen Anne structure is capped by a complex roof with a circular conical roofed tower at the northwest corner. The basic building material is red brick. Buff-colored stone sills and lintels are continuous on the second floor and separated on the first. Stone is also utilized for relief ornamental framing around arched windows in the third story gable and on the north side and around a larger, curved glass window with semi-circular transom on the corner tower. Wood ornamentation, painted white, includes closely-spaced modillions under the eaves, a frieze board with curvilinear relief design across the front gable and detailing on balconies over the main entrance at the second level and at the third level of the south window bay. The gable over the south bay also includes a curvilinear relief design in wood. Other ornamentation includes a finial at the apex of the tower and leaded stained-glass transoms on several of the larger windows.

The only major alteration to the house has been the removal of an open wrap-around front porch. The interior has undergone some alteration but retains many original features.

## SIGNIFICANCE:

The locally distinctive Queen Anne styling and scale of the Lucas Troendle House make the structure significant as a graphic example of the prominent position achievable by those who purchased lots and established the commercial activity in the late 19th century rail towns of the area. Troendle was born in Baden, Germany in 1830. After immigrating to the United States at the age of 24 he lived in New York and Indiana. In 1872, he purchased three lots in the newly platted Blue Earth County townsite of Mapleton, and opened a general store. His position in local affairs is evidenced by numerous offices he held with local religious, political, educational, and civic groups. He constructed his Queen Anne residence in 1896 during the latter part of his life when his position in the community had been well established. The lure of advanced position through entrepreneurship in one of the new trackside townsites attracted many to the region during the latter part of the 19th century. The Lucas Troendle House remains as an example of one such successful venture and as the most imposing domestic structure in the railroad townsites of Blue Earth County.

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