

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC NAME: Ochs, A.C., House **COUNTY:** Brown
CURRENT NAME: **CITY/TWP.:** Springfield
LEGAL DESC.: Van Dusen Addition B6 L4, 5, 6 **ADDRESS:**
 303 North Marshall

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes No X Restricted **PRESENT USE:**
VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No Funeral Home
OCCUPIED: Yes X No

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1911 **ORIGINAL USE:** Residence
ORIGINAL OWNER: A.C. Ochs **ARCHITECT/BUILDER:** Uncertain

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: E. & R. Jensen, Inc. St. James, MN 56081	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u> X </u>
LOCAL CONTACT/Org.: Brown County Historical Society 27 No. Broadway, New Ulm, MN 56073	UTM REFERENCE: 15 / 342260 / 4900465
FORM PREPARED BY: Dennis Gimmetad	Springfield Quad.
DATE: January 1979	

DESCRIPTION:

The two-story brick Colonial Revival A.C. Ochs House is sited on a corner lot on Springfield's Marshall Avenue.

The basic mass of the house is a tiled, gable-roofed, two-story rectangle. Gable pediments incorporate twin interior chimneys at the north and south end facades. First and second story windows on these facades are surmounted by keystone-and-voussior flat arches of stone. Ornamental stone also links the tripartate third story window arrangements and caps the end pediments. At the four corners of the house bricks are laid in relief to simulate quoining.

A one-story porch which extends across the front of the house is interrupted by a two-story central section which acts as an entrance pavillion and provides a small second story porch. The gable roof of this section presents a complete pediment with fanlight to the front. A wide freize with pronounced modillions extends under the eaves of the two-story entrance section and of the east and west facades. Structural features of the house include masonry sub-flooring and a patterned brick ceiling on the front entrance porch.

Brick additions to the rear of the structure have not severely affected its appearance from Marshall Street.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The A.C. Ochs House was constructed in 1911 by the president of the A.C. Ochs Brick and Tile Company.

Adolph Casimir Ochs had founded the brickyard in 1892 after discovering a promising clay bed near the Cottonwood River. He had grown up in Milford Township and New Ulm, and learned the bricklaying trade there. Beginning with a hand-moulding operation, the yard was expanded and mechanized in 1916, and has maintained a high level of production, supplying brick for numerous major buildings in the midwest. The yard is also responsible for the design and materials of the A.C. Ochs clay block silos, which appear on farmsteads throughout the region. It is the only manufacturer of brick in operation in Minnesota today.

The Colonial Revival detailing of the house makes it one of the most imposing residences in the area.

The A.C. Ochs House is significant as the home of the founder of one of the area's most significant industries and as a regionally distinguished Colonial Revival residence.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melony Lynn
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**Note: These changes apply to
Ochs, A.C. House in Brown County,
Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 79001220

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Brown

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Ochs, Adolph C., House

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer**

JUN 17 1988

Date