

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Schell, Otto, House COUNTY: Brown
 CURRENT NAME: CITY/TWP.: New Ulm 79001210
 LEGAL DESC.: O.P. B160S, Lot 7/B161S, Lots 1,2,3,4,11,12, ADDRESS: Point Lookout
 13. House assessed on 161S-1.

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

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

DATE CONSTRUCTED: c. 1895 ORIGINAL USE: Residence
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Otto Schell ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Kenneth E. MacDonald Point Lookout New Ulm, Minnesota 56073	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u>X</u>
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LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.:	UTM REFERENCE: 15 / 384550 / 4905050
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DESCRIPTION:

The Otto Schell House is located on a secluded hillside site known as Point Lookout in southeast New Ulm. The house is immediately adjacent to the Schell Brewing property, but the proximity is obscured by the intervening wooded hillside.

The house is a vigorous two-and-one-half story Queen Anne frame residence with some Moorish details. A full front porch includes turned woodwork and a conical roofed circular gazebo at the north end. A three story tower with some decoration extends above the porch just over the entrance. A large horseshoe-shaped central window at the second story is flanked by two open railed balconies with horseshoe grilles. The front gable carries a solid arched screen which shelters a smaller ornamental balcony under the windows at the attic level.

Features on the south side of the building include a porte cochure, a two-story window bay, and an exterior chimney.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The concentration of regionally oriented industry and commerce permitted the construction of a large number of sizable style-conscious homes in New Ulm. As one of these, the Otto Schell house utilizes some of the most elaborate and best preserved Queen Anne wood detailing in the area.

Brewer Otto Schell built the home in about 1895. Shortly thereafter, following his father August Schell's death, he assumed management of the family brewery until his own death in 1911. The Schell Brewery (placed on the Register in 1974) is the only one of several early New Ulm breweries that remains in operation today.

The Otto Schell House is significant as the best preserved area example of the frame Queen Anne residence, and for its association with an important local industry, the Schell Brewing Company.