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# DATA SHEET

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## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

### NAME

HISTORIC

\* Schmidt House *nke*

AND/OR COMMON

Bandow Apartments

### LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

101 Oak St., N.W.

\_\_NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Elkader

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Iowa

\_\_ VICINITY OF  
CODE

COUNTY

Clayton

CODE

### CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

\_\_DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_SITE

\_\_OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

\_\_PUBLIC

PRIVATE

\_\_BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

OCCUPIED

\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

\_\_YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

#### PRESENT USE

\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_MILITARY

\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_OTHER:

### OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Bandow

STREET & NUMBER

101 1/2 Oak St., N.W.

CITY, TOWN

Elkader

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

### LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clayton County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

111 High St., N.E.

CITY, TOWN

Elkader

STATE

Iowa

### REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_FEDERAL \_\_STATE \_\_COUNTY \_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story brick residence in the vernacular Federal style is 8 bays wide, dimensions approximately 45' x 65'. The 6 over 6 double-hung sash windows are surmounted by stone lintels and retain their original shutters. Originally built as a duplex, the building has a double entrance to which a white frame porch was added in later years.

The original structure had a common kitchen and dining room, with sitting- and bedrooms on first and second floors. Summer kitchens have been removed, and the interior has been remodeled into four apartments, with few changes in the size of the original rooms.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES 1867

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Schmidt House was built in 1867 by two immigrant brothers from Bavaria, Wolfgang and John Blasius Schmidt. They purchased the property in 1865 from the son of Timothy Davis, an early town promoter in Elkader. The Schmidts built a brewry next to their home (since torn down), which was in operation until prohibition came to Iowa in 1884. The property remains in the Schmidt family, the present owner, Elizabeth Bandow, being a great-great-granddaughter of John B. Schmidt.

Although remodeled inside, this building retains the simple, clean lines of its original exterior design, and is a pleasant reminder of the early history of Elkader.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Clayton County, Iowa, 1882  
 125th Anniversary Edition, Clayton County Register (Aug. 5-8, 1971)  
 Information from Elizabeth Bandow

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,5	6,2,7	1,3,0	4,7	4,5	5,0,0	B					
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING					ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		
C							D					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

At the foot of Bridge Street, on Oak Avenue.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marjorie C. Costigan

15 June 1974

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Elkader Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

104 McKinley

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Elkader

Iowa

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Adrian D. Anderson*

TITLE

Director, Div. of Historic Preservation

DATE

April 14, 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

CHIEF

*Ray J. [Signature]*

DATE

3/28/97

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*

DATE

5/22/77

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Addenda to #7:

The low-peaked gable roof slopes into a "shed-type" roof at the back of the structure. Windows in the rear facade were originally segmentally-arched; the shape is retained, but they have been lengthened to serve as entrances for the rear apartments.

Changes made when the duplex was converted to apartments in the late 19th or early 20th century; a flat-roofed, screened-in porch of frame construction at the front (which, from the foundation, seems to have replaced an earlier, possibly original porch); a wooden stairway to the second floor, ending in a small roofed porch, on the right side (access to the end apartment); and wood steps and platforms to reach the doors on the second floor rear. Frame summer kitchens behind the house have long since been removed. A squat, hip-roofed garage to the left of the building is of recent construction (and not a part of the nomination). Original chimneys have been removed and replaced with a slender metal pipe on the right side of the building.

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SIDE VIEW:



Addenda to #8:

The use of the term "Federal" to describe the style of the Schmidt house is only tentative, for it is a very vernacular rendering of the style. Elements of the Federal found here are the rectilinear, box-like shape in red brick, symmetrical facade, and the straight lintels over the 6/6 light windows. It is eminently straightforward and functional, in keeping with the practical and direct character of the prosperous and businesslike Schmidt brothers.