

HISTORIC NAME: Smith, W.W., House COUNTY: Brown
 CURRENT NAME: CITY/TWP.: Sleepy Eye
 LEGAL DESC.: Brackenridge Second Add. B11 - L1,2 ADDRESS: 101 Linden Street S.W.

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 <u>X</u> Restricted ___	PRESENT USE:
VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD:	Yes <u>X</u> No ___	Residence
OCCUPIED:	Yes <u>X</u> No ___	

DATE CONSTRUCTED:	c. 1901	ORIGINAL USE:	Residence
ORIGINAL OWNER:	W.W. Smith	ARCHITECT/BUILDER:	Unknown

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:	Edna S. Uken Schmidt 500 1st Avenue South Sleepy Eye, MN 56085	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 / 362540 / 4905620
FORM PREPARED BY:	Dennis Gimmetad	
DATE:	January 1979	

DESCRIPTION:

The W.W. Smith House is located on the southwest corner of Linden Street and First Avenue South in Sleepy Eye, in an area of town in which several large frame homes were constructed by Sleepy Eye businessmen around the turn of the century.

The two-and-one-half story clapboard-sheathed house utilizes detailing characteristic of both the Queen Anne and the classical. The second story roof overhang, four attic gables, and one-story wrap-around front porch all utilize modillions under the eaves. Curvilinear wooden ornaments are intact at all four gable peaks and at each end of the ridge line of the flared hipped roof. Two large interior chimneys pierce the roof on the west and south.

Most windows are two-over-two double-hung sashes. A second story staircase bay is on the west side and a two-story bay on the east side. The front attic gable contains a recessed three-sided bay surmounted by a semi-circular ornament of wooden molding, and the west attic gable contains a small projecting roof supported by columns. A full Palladian window is utilized at the second level on the front.

At the alley is a hip roofed frame carriage house. Both the house and the carriage house are in good condition; the carriage house has had some alteration with the addition of overhead garage doors.

SIGNIFICANCE:

As in the other larger towns of the county, the presence of significant commercial and industrial activity in Sleepy Eye produced several larger residences around the turn of the century. In Sleepy Eye, these residences were scattered over several blocks in the southern part of town.

The W.W. Smith House is one of the most imposing and the best preserved of this group of homes. It was erected in about 1901 for W.W. Smith, who, with C.D. Griffith, headed the First National Bank of Sleepy Eye.

The W.W. Smith House is significant as the best preserved "large residence" in Sleepy Eye, as a representative index of the town's commercial and industrial activity around the turn of the century.

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