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HISTORIC NAME: Bendixon-Schmid House APR 18 1979 COUNTY: Brown
 CURRENT NAME: CITY/TWP.: Springfield
 LEGAL DESC.: O.P. B7-L17, 18 ADDRESS: 123 N. Marshall

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

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

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1894 ORIGINAL USE: Residence
 ORIGINAL OWNER: H. Bendixon ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: John McCracken
 123 N. Marshall
 Springfield, MN 56087 ACREAGE: Less than one acre X

LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Brown County Historical Society
 27 No. Broadway; New Ulm, MN 56073 UTM REFERENCE:
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DESCRIPTION:

The Bendixon-Schmid House is located on the corner of Marshall and Van Dusen in Springfield, in an area of the community that once contained residences of several figures prominent in area commerce and industry.

The two-story frame house features the characteristic Queen Anne builders elements of an irregular roof line with numerous gables, cut shingles, decorative wood relief panels, leaded glass transoms, and front and rear porches with heavy turned posts and balustrades. Wood detailing on the interior, including doorway grilles and staircase, is intact.

Located at the rear of the property is a hip-roofed ice house, a vine-covered arbor, and a garage.

SIGNIFICANCE:

As one of the early trackside towns of the area established along the first railroad, Springfield developed into an industrial, commercial, and marketing center for the surrounding agricultural area as well as for the smaller towns of the area. Consequent to this development was a three-block section of Marshall Avenue which became an identifiable "large residence" district. According to a local authority, the Bendixon-Schmid House was the first large residence built on the street and is associated, through its first two owners, with a number of enterprises contributing to Springfield's early commercial role.

Builder of the house was Henry Bendixon, who maintained a general store in Springfield and constructed the Bendixon Block (still standing) as part of the Springfield State Bank building project in 1900. In the mid-1890's, he acquired, in partnership with Peter Bendixon and Peter Ruenitz, the Springfield Milling Company, and later served as its president. In 1905, he sold the house to John R. Schmid, who was active in the commercial life of the community through his affiliation with the Springfield State Bank and the real estate firm of Paffrath and Schmid.

The Bendixon-Schmid House is significant in Springfield as a well-preserved Marshall Avenue residence associated with the community's development as an area center of agricultural processing and commerce. The good integrity of its Queen Anne styling is also exceptional for the area.