

MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURE-HISTORY INVENTORY FORM

Property Location			
Property Name:	Black and White Inn	Inventory No.	ME-LTC-0196
Address:	311 Sibley Avenue North	County:	Meeker
City/Twp:	Litchfield	PIN	27-0677000
T-R-S Quarter:	T119N R31W Sec. 11 SW ¼	Block:	52
USGS Quad	Litchfield North, Minnesota	Lot:	18

Property Information			
Architect:	Unknown	Style:	Art Moderne
Date Const:	c. 1935	Historic Context:	Railroad and Agricultural Development 1870-1940
Historic Use:	Restaurant	Present Use:	Restaurant
Property Type:	Building	Survey Name:	Downtown Historic Resources Resurvey
NR Status:	Contributing	NR Recommendation:	Contributing
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Description:

This is a small one story building faced with glazed yellow ceramic tile. It is built of hollow clay tile and has a flat roof. The storefront has restrained Moderne features such as glass block at the entrance and window surrounds framed in metal. The building originally offered two storefronts, with paired, recessed entries at the center. A shed roof, clay-tile wing extends from the rear.

History:

The National Register lists this building's construction date as circa 1935 but Terry Tales dates it as early as 1932. The Weis Hamburger Stand occupied the site in 1932, and was shortly followed by the Black and White Inn, the Olson Park Café (1936), and the Paradise (1937). By the 1950s, a restaurant named Janousek's, operated by Paul and Henry Janousek, occupied the site, as did Dr. G. Cueva's veterinary clinic. A variety of commercial businesses used the building in the 1960s and 1970s until it returned to a restaurant, the Park View Lunch, in 1983.

Evaluation:

This building is a contributing property to the Litchfield Commercial Historic District.

Integrity: Good

The small building remains largely intact, and exhibits its modest Art Moderne style. Minor alterations have occurred, including changes to the paired store entries and doors, and the removal of the retractable canvas awning (leaving an unpainted board in its place).

Condition:

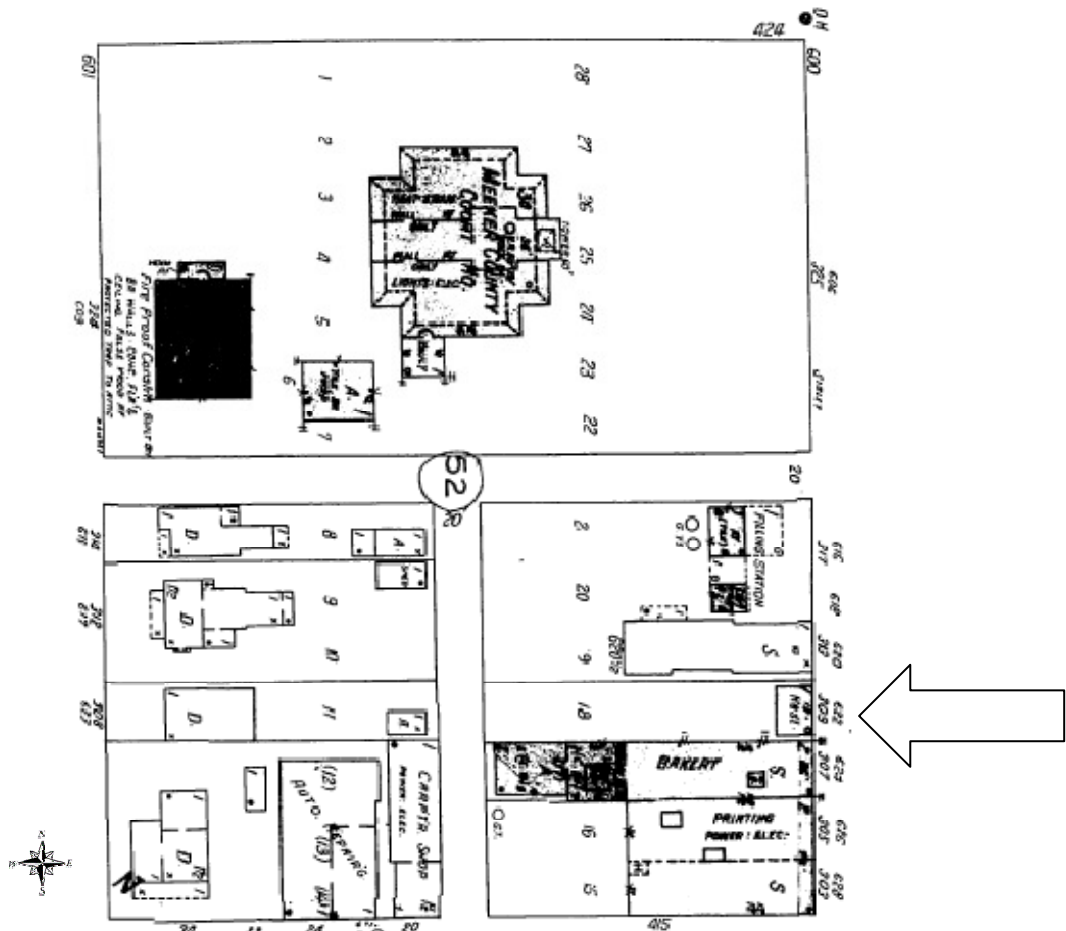
This building is in good condition. Minor tuck pointing is necessary in some locations.



Facing SW



Facing SE



1941 Sanborn