

**Litchfield Heritage Preservation Commission
Historic Commercial District
Property History**

Parcel Identification Number: 27-0808000

Block: 65 Lot: 1, E 60'

Current Address: 18 East Second Street

Contributing

<u>Date</u>	<u>Owner/Name</u>	<u>Use</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1913		Built by Edmund Lenhardt but called the Shoultz building	
1913	William's Pool Hall	Pool Hall	
1914	Lindbloom Confectionery Oscar Lindbloom	Confectionery	
1914	Erickson Saloon August Erickson	Saloon	Litchfield went dry that year, saloons closed
1915	Hershey Talking Machine Company Judge Herman H. Hershey	Music store	
1919	Shoultz Malts & Soft Drinks William Schoultz	Soda fountain	
1922	The Fashion Shop Marie Palmquist & Ann Eastman	Clothing	West end of building
1931	Askeroth Paint Store Olaf O., Clarence M., and Veron Askeroth	Paint store	
1938		Second story added to the building	
1938	Fred Maahs	Dentist	
1940s (mid)	Hanson Studios Kermit B. Hanson	Photography	Upstairs
1950	Lowell Wilson	Chiropractor	Upstairs
1962	Walter C. Whitney	Optometrist	Upstairs
1960s (mid)	Frederick C. Brown	Dentist	Upstairs, remodeled
1978	Reff Interiors Allen & Gayle Reff	Paint store	
1982	Sleepy Hollow, Sunrise Waterbeds George Pollingo & Margi Strey	Waterbeds	
1983	Natural Food Co-op	Natural foods	
1989	Smith's Appliance Gary Smith	Appliance store	
1993	The New Tattoo Studio Scott Clark	Tattoos	Upstairs
2000	Litchfield Video Warren Reibe	Video Store	
2002		Various short term tenants	
2005		Purchased by Gubrud Corp.	
2008		Purchased by Big River Investors	

This two story brick commercial building is faced with medium brown brick. Eastern and southern walls have rectangular window and door openings with some filled in. It has two separate storefronts with an added second story. The eastern storefront has been filled in with glass brick.

Building Data, City of Litchfield Tax Assessor

Land Appraisal

General Desirability: Fair

Lot Record: Topography: Level

Improvements: Sidewalks Curb & Gutter City Water Sanitary Sewer

Street: Asphalt, Alley

Zoning or Use: Commercial 2

Location: Inside lot

Description of Principal Structure:

Building: Yr. Built 1912 Sq. Ft. 25' x 60', two stories

Foundation:

Exterior Walls: Brick

Roof: Flat, built up

Interior Finish: First floor Walls plaster Ceiling tin Floors wood

18 E. Second St.
Askeroth Paint Company (now Smith's Appliance)
Circa 1915
1 Contributing Building

1996 Application National
Register of Historic Places

The main facade of this two story brick Commercial Style building is faced with medium-brown brick and the side and rear walls are cream-colored common brick. The eastern and southern walls have rectangular and segmental-arched window and door openings. Some of these window openings have been filled with brick. The main facade has rectangular second story window openings with 6/1 sash, and two separate storefronts. The second story appears to have been added circa 1940. The western storefront has a metal canopy with horizontal fluting and metal-enframed display windows. The eastern storefront has three rectangular window openings which have been filled with glass block. The building has limestone and brick sills, brick-faced lintels, and subdued geometric brickwork at the cornice level and at the storefront cornice level. In 1917, a one story brick music store was on this site, and by 1956 the building was occupied by Askeroth Paint Company which had been established in 1885 and owned by several generations of the Askeroth family. Upstairs was the Anderson Insurance company and the office of Dr. F. C. Brown.

Continuous Service to Meeker County Since 1885

ASKEROTH PAINT CO.

Andrew Askeroth.....	1885-1912
Olof O. Askeroth.....	1893-1941
Clarence Askeroth.....	Since 1917
Vern Askeroth.....	Since 1921

Paint Contractors

Home Accessories

Wall Covering

Floor Covering

Phone 124

Litchfield

18 E. Second

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