

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

Parcel Identification Number: 27-0725000

Block: 58 Lot: 10

**Current Address: 214 Sibley Avenue North
Contributing**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Owner/Name</u>	<u>Use</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1929	Dielke's Dry Cleaners	Dry Cleaners	
1946	Dielke's Dry Cleaners Howard Koehn, half interest	Dry cleaners	
1947	Berg Dry Cleaners Ernest Berg	Dry cleaners	
1949	Howard's Cleaners Howard and Ruth Koehn	Dry Cleaners	
1957		Garage in rear	
1973	Benage Jewelers	jewelry store	
1974		Garage razed	
1975	Clay Pot Floral	Florist	
1984	Dragon Shop Joel Lutz	Athletic store	
1985	Pizza Factory	Pizza	
1980s (late)	Youth For Christ	Regional office	
1988		Remodel office	
1992		Rear storage shed, 14' x 28'	
1994		Razed storage shed, poor condition	
2003		Shed gone	
2008	Dept. of Corrections Tim Cook	Remodel	

Building Data, City of Litchfield Tax Assessor

Land Appraisal

General Desirability: Good

Lot Record: Topography: Level

Improvements: Sidewalks Curb & Gutter City Water SanitarySewer

Street: Asphalt, Alley

Zoning or Use: Commercial 2

Description of Principal Structure:

Building: No. Stories 2. Built 1931 Sq. Ft. first story 25' x 91', second story 25' x 61

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Roof: Flat, built up

Interior Finish: First floor Walls plaster

Heating:

Wiring: Rigid Conduit

Basement:

214 N. Sibley Ave.
Dielke Cleaners (now Crow River Area Youth For Christ)
Built 1929
1 Contributing Building

1996 Application National
Register of Historic Places

The Youth For Christ office is a two story Commercial Style building faced with textured, dark red and brown brick. It has slightly projecting brick cornices with contrasting white-colored brickwork at the roofline and above

the storefront. The wide rectangular window openings have brick sills and brick-faced lintels. The storefront, which is intact, has a recessed entrance, and there is another recessed entrance which leads to the second floor. The rear wall is built of common brick with a one story concrete block addition. C. F. Dielke built this drying cleaning establishment in 1929. He had founded his business in 1923. His daughter, Ruth, and son-in-law, Howard Koehn, took over the business and operated it as Howard's Cleaners until at least the 1960s.

HOWARD'S CLEANERS

Established as "Deilke's" in 1923

Tailors, Furriers, Hatters, Dyers

C. F. Deilke—Owners—Howard Koehn

Phone 90 214 N. Sibley

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