

HISTORIC SITE DESIGNATION APPLICATION

1. Name

Historic: Diner - C.L. Hommel Bolder - Peter Clos

and/or Common: Architect - Chas Kirkoff Jr.
↳ 2673-79 N MLK

2. Location

Street & number: 2673-79 N MLK Dr / 311-317 W Center St

Alderson: Cobles

District(s): 6th

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Present Use			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> park	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> cemetery	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> other
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> religious	<input type="checkbox"/> military	
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> private-residence	<input type="checkbox"/> museum	

4. Owner of Property

Name: J Crawford Investments / Christopher Frenno - Agent

Street & number: 2714 N MLK

City: Milw State WI Zip 53212

5. Representation Existing Surveys

Inventory: Unknown

Date: 1979 federal state county local

Depository for survey records:

Organization City of Milwaukee / State of Wisconsin

Street & number 809 N Broadway / 816 State St

City Milwaukee / Madison State WI Zip 53202 / 53106

Previous historic designation:

National Register Date _____ Name N/A
 City of Milwaukee Landmark Date _____ Name _____
 Other _____
Name of Program _____ Date designated _____

6. DESCRIPTION

Condition:

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins

Check one:

- original site
- moved date
- altered
- unaltered

Building form:

Number of stories 3

Foundation:

- stone
- brick
- concrete block
- concrete
- other _____

Roof:

- gable (flank; end; cross)
- gambrel (flank; end; cross)
- hip
- mansard
- flat
- other _____

Walls:

- clapboard
- brick
- stucco
- stone
- wood shingle
- slate
- terra cotta
- asphalt siding
- asbestos tile
- aluminum siding
- artificial stone
- other _____

Written description: (Continue on a separate sheet, if necessary)

This BLDG is situated on the South-West corner of MLK Drive & Center St. It is a 3 story Victorian Built in 1889. The foundation is limestone blocks, followed by the 1st floor walls being 4 courses and narrowing as it goes up ending in 2 courses on the 3rd floor. There is a square turret on the South East corner of the main bldg (2673 MLK) The 2 story storefront on the South side of 2673 was built in the teens. This was followed by 4 storefronts being built in the 1920's on the West End of 2673. Additionally, there are many decorative features on 2673 including a 2 story oriel on the Clark Drive side.

7. SIGNIFICANCE

Areas of significance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion | _____ |

Date built or altered: 1889

Builder/architect: _____

Written statement of significance: (continue on a separate sheet, if necessary)

The building materials used for the main structure are not readily available to the average builder. The main entrance features a large arch made of rusticated stone. The square turret features a widow's walk. A 2 story oriel with cedar fish scale shingles graces the mlk side of the bldg. There are 2 large onion shaped ornamentations on the corners of the bldg. These are approx 10' in height. The architect, Chas Kirkoff Jr, is one of Milwaukee's most prominent. Born July 22nd 1856 to immigrant parents, Kirchoff went east to study architecture in Boston and New York eventually returning to Milwaukee to practice. Kirchoff took on a partner in 1897, Thomas L. Rose. This partnership designed the addition on the South side of 2673 mlk. Significant landmarks were designed by the team. The 2nd Ward Savings Bank (now the mil co Historical Society) the Empire Bldg (Riverside Theatre) and the Joseph Uihlein mansion at 3318 N Lake Dr are but a few examples of their accomplishments.

8. Major Bibliographical References

9. Property Description

Acreage: Less than one Acre

Legal property description:

Lot 1 and the North 10 feet of lot 2 in block 1 in William P Young's subdivision of the West 58.722 Acres of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 17 Township 7 North Range 22 East in the City of Milwaukee Milwaukee County Wisconsin

PIN# 322-0901-2 Tax Key# 322-0901-000

10. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Christopher Freund/owner

Organization: _____

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