## A Photo Essay of Gas Stations on Highways

## **RESPECT.**

There was a day when design was respected, even for gas stations along the nation's highways. Pure Oil Company led the way with "cottage" designs as depicted herein.

The surviving gas station buildings, now adapted for a variety of other uses, serves as witness to the durability of good design.

Pure Oil Gas Station is a historic service station located at Saratoga Springs in Saratoga County, New York. It was built in 1933 by the Pure Oil Co. in the English Cottage style. It was moved to its present location on Spring Street in 1978 after having been located at 522 Broadway.

It is a one-story, brick building in three sections, measuring 34 feet by 27 feet. It consists of the main block housing the office with a rear wing and one stall garage. It features a steeply pitched roof of durable tile.<sup>[2]</sup>

It was listed on the <u>National Register of</u> Historic Places in 1978.<sup>[1]</sup>

The building has now been adapted for reuse as a restaurant.



Former Pure Oil Gas Station, now repurposed as a restaurant, Saratoga Springs, NY

## Link:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pure\_Oil\_G as\_Station





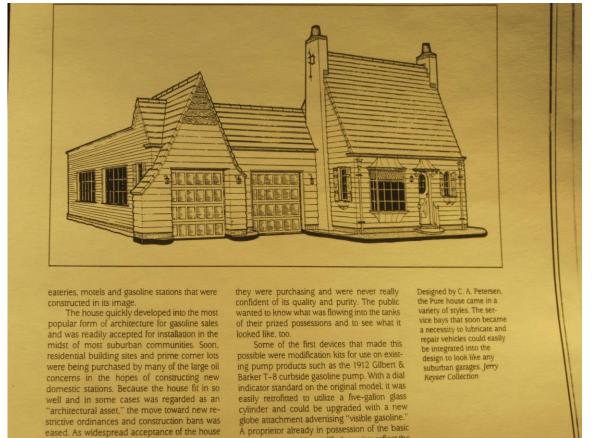
Preserved and displayed by the current owner.



Currently a very chic jewelry store, Ohio.

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Gasoline Becomes Visible

The blind gasoline pumps that first appeared streetside at the earliest gasoline stations rapidly became outmoded and inefficient. Suspicious motorists felt isolated from the product

grew, focus was taken off the oil companies and

their consumptive real estate acquisitions.

pump could quickly modify the unit to reflect the new visible style with a minimal cash investment and only minor installation work

Within a short time, all new gasoline pumps were constructed in the visible-register design making upgrading unnecessary. Manufacturers like Guaranteed Liquid Measure Company, Fry, Wayne Oil Tank & Pump Company and S. F





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