

GRAND CANYON INN & NATIONAL PARK HEADQUARTERS,  
SERVICE STATION

**HABS No.** AZ-144-J

(Grand Canyon Inn & National Park Headquarters, Building 125)  
Santa Fe River, Intersection of Canyon & Cerro Gordo Roads  
Grand Canyon  
Coconino County  
Arizona

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

**HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEY**  
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Location: National Park Administrative Area, Grand Canyon National Park, North Rim, Coconino County, Arizona

UTM Reference: 12/403400/4008100

Date of Construction: 1933

Present Owner: U.S. Department of the Interior

Present Occupant: National Park Service

Present Use: Gas station

Significance: Constructed in 1933, this building, which has had a few minor alterations, is typical of service stations of the era.

Prepared By: John P. White

Project Information: Project prepared in 1982 under the direction of the National Park Service, Western Region, Marjorie Baer, historian. The team comprised project supervisor John P. White (Associate Professor of Architecture, Texas Tech University), architects Linda Kay Heinrich and Paula Beth Miller (Virginia Tech), and student architect Deborah Rehn Hurst (Washington University, St. Louis). Richard Frear was photographer.

## I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

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## II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

### A. General Statement:

1. Architectural Merit and Interest: This wooden frame station forms a harmonious part of the administrative area.

2. Condition of Fabric: Good

### B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: This three-bay, one-story, rectangular building is approximately twelve feet by seventeen feet with a vehicle passage on the front.

2. Foundation: Concrete.

3. Wall construction, finish, color: Wooden clapboard siding, painted brown.

4. Structural system, framing: Wooden frame.

5. Porches, stoops, bulkheads, etc.: There is a covered canopy across the east side of the building, which served as a drive-through. The roof, an extension of the main roof, is supported by two large log columns resting on a concrete island base. The island also has three gas pumps on it. There are wooden knee braces extending from the columns. Asphalt paving is under the canopy. Open structure at the ceilings.

6. Openings:

a. Doorways and doors: The main entrance to the station is in the center of the east facade. There is a window on each side of the doorway, with the head trim extending across both windows and door. There is a wooden batten door, with no sill.

b. Windows and shutters: Wooden windows have four-over-four, single-hung sashes.

8. Roof

- a. Shapes, covering: The gable roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal.
- b. Cornice, eaves: Open eaves.

C. Description of Interior:

- 1. Floor plan: The entrance, in the center of the east façade, opens into the station. The one-room structure has a double window on the north and south walls and a single window on the west wall. On the east wall is a window on each side of the door.
- 2. Flooring: Concrete.
- 3. Walls and ceiling finish: Exposed studs and rafters and sheathing, unpainted.
- 4. Mechanical equipment:
  - a. Heating: No heating equipment.
  - b. Plumbing: No plumbing equipment.
  - c. Lighting: Single bulb, porcelain socket lighting fixtures.

D. Site

- 1. General setting and orientation: The gas station sits in a row of structures along the west side of the roadway in the area. To the south is Shop Building 124 and to the north is the fire station. Immediately east, across the road, is the Headquarters Building. There are numerous ponderosa pine, aspen and fir trees to the west. A small toilet and laundry sit behind the gas station on the west.

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