					ECEN	TD 0000
United States Depart	nent of the Inte	rior		R	EVEIV	ED 2280
National Park Service						
		1.2.1.1.1	543		JUN C	5 2009
National Regist	er of Histo	ric Places	いつ			
<b>Registration Fo</b>	rm			NAT	REGISTER OF	HISTORIC PLACE
This form is for use in nomin	ating or requesting of	leterminations for i	individual properties	Sec. 1997	NATIONAL P	ARK SERVICE
National Register of Historic by entering the information r architectural classification, n entries and narrative items of	Places registration I equested. If an item naterials, and areas	Form (National Reg does not apply to of significance, ent	gister Bulletin 16A). the property being the only categories a	Complete each it documented, enter and subcategories	em by marking " "N/A" for "not a from the instruc	"x" in the appropriate applicable." For func- tions. Place addition
1. Name of Property						
historic name John (	)sterman Gas S	ation				
other names/site numb	The second se	adon				
2. Location						
street & number 888	SCAR CHARTER AND				U N	A not for publica
city or town Peach S						N/A vicinity
state Arizona	code	AZ county	Mohave	code	_015_zip	code 86434
3. State/Federal Ager	au Cartification					
As the designated author nomination is request National Register of Hist my opinion, the property considered significant	rity under the Nation for determination of oric Places and mee Mathematical meets and do nationally astat	al Historic Preserv eligibility meets the ets the procedural a ss not meet the Na ewide 🛛 locally.	e documentation sta and professional red ational Register crite (See continuation	andards for registe quirements set for eria. I recommend sheet for additiona	ing properties in n 36 CFR Part that this proper comments.)	60. In
As the designated author nomination arequest National Register of Hist my opinion, the property considered significant are Signature of certifying	rity under the Nation for determination of oric Places and mee [ meets ] doe [ nationally ] stat chan - Kully official/Title	al Historic Preserveligibility meets the sts the procedural a ses not meet the Na ewide I locally.	e documentation sta and professional red ational Register crite (See continuation	andards for registe quirements set for eria. I recommend sheet for additiona	ing properties in n 36 CFR Part that this proper comments.)	60. In
As the designated authonomination arequest National Register of Hist my opinion, the property considered significant are Signature of certifying Hualapai T State or Federal agend In my opinion, the prope for additional comments Signature of certifying	rity under the Nation for determination of oric Places and mee Meets doe nationally stat cham-kully official/Title	al Historic Preserveligibility meets the sts the procedural a ses not meet the Na ewide I locally. Tribul History	e documentation sta and professional rec ational Register crite (See continuation foric Preservat	andards for registe quirements set for eria. I recommend sheet for additiona tion <i>DFFicer</i> , Date	ing properties in 36 CFR Part that this properties in that this properties is comments.) $\frac{5/20}{9}$	60. In ty be
As the designated author nomination is request National Register of Hist my opinion, the property considered significant is Signature of certifying Hualapai T State or Federal agend In my opinion, the prope for additional comments	rity under the Nation for determination of oric Places and mee Meets doe nationally stat cham-kully official/Title	al Historic Preserveligibility meets the sts the procedural a ses not meet the Na ewide I locally. Tribul History	e documentation sta and professional rec ational Register crite (See continuation foric Preservat	andards for registe quirements set for eria. I recommend sheet for additiona tion <i>DFFicer</i> , Date	ing properties in 36 CFR Part that this properties in that this properties is comments.) $\frac{5/20}{9}$	60. In ty be
As the designated author nomination design request National Register of Hist my opinion, the property considered significant design Signature of certifying Hualapai T State or Federal agend Signature of certifying State or Federal agend	rity under the Nation for determination of oric Places and mee Meets doe nationally stat official/Title cribe of Are cy and bureau	al Historic Preserv eligibility meets the its the procedural a ewide I locally. Tribul Hist 220NA	e documentation sta and professional rec ational Register crite (See continuation foric Preservat	andards for registe quirements set for eria. I recommend sheet for additiona tion <i>DFFicer</i> , Date	ing properties in 36 CFR Part that this properties in that this properties is comments.) $\frac{5/20}{9}$	60. In ty be
As the designated authonomination arequest National Register of Hist my opinion, the property considered significant Signature of certifying <u>Hualapai</u> T State or Federal agend Signature of certifying State or Federal agend State or Federal agend State or Federal agend	rity under the Nation for determination of oric Places and mee Meets doe nationally stat official/Title ribe of Ak cy and bureau rty meets do c.) official/Title	al Historic Preserv eligibility meets the its the procedural a ewide I locally. Tribul Hist 220NA	e documentation sta and professional rec ational Register crite (See continuation Hotic Preserve)	andards for registe quirements set for eria. I recommend sheet for additiona tion <i>DFFicer</i> , Date	ing properties in 36 CFR Part that this properties in that this properties is comments.) $\frac{5/20}{9}$	60. In ty be
As the designated authonomination arequest National Register of Hist my opinion, the property considered significant Signature of certifying Hualapai T State or Federal agend In my opinion, the prope for additional comments Signature of certifying State or Federal agend State or Federal agend	rity under the Nation for determination of oric Places and mee Meets doe nationally stat dofficial/Title ribe of Ak cy and bureau rty meets do c,) official/Title cy and bureau rty and bureau	al Historic Preserv eligibility meets the its the procedural a ewide I locally. Tribul Hist 220NA	e documentation sta and professional rec ational Register crite (See continuation Hotic Preserve)	andards for registe quirements set for eria. I recommend sheet for additiona tion OFficer, Date iteria. ( See Co Date	ing properties in 36 CFR Part that this properties in that this properties is comments.) $\frac{5/20}{9}$	60. In tybe
As the designated authonomination arequest National Register of Hist my opinion, the property considered significant are Signature of certifying Hualapai T State or Federal agend In my opinion, the prope for additional comments Signature of certifying State or Federal agend State or Federal agend A. National Park Serv I hereby certify that the prop entered in the Natio See contin determined eligible	rity under the Nation for determination of oric Places and mee meets doe nationally stat official/Title official/Title official/Title cy and bureau official/Title cy and bureau <b>ice Certification</b> erty is: nal Register. uation sheet for the	al Historic Preserv eligibility meets the its the procedural a ewide I locally. Tribul Hist 220NA	e documentation sta and professional rec ational Register crite (See continuation Hotic Preserve)	andards for registe quirements set for eria. I recommend sheet for additiona tion OFficer, Date iteria. ( See Co Date	ing properties in 36 CFR Part that this properties in that this properties is comments.) $\frac{5/20}{9}$	60. In tybe
As the designated authonomination request National Register of Hist my opinion, the property considered significant Signature of certifying <u>Hualapai</u> T State or Federal agend Signature of certifying State or Federal agend State or Federal agend State or Federal agend	rity under the Nation for determination of oric Places and mee meets doe nationally stat official/Title official/Title official/Title cy and bureau rty meets d official/Title cy and bureau rty and bureau rty and bureau	al Historic Preserv eligibility meets the its the procedural a ewide I locally. Tribul Hist 220NA	e documentation sta and professional rec ational Register crite (See continuation Hotic Preserve)	andards for registe quirements set for eria. I recommend sheet for additiona tion OFficer, Date iteria. ( See Co Date	ing properties in 36 CFR Part that this properties in that this properties is comments.) $\frac{5/20}{9}$	60. In tybe
As the designated authonomination    request National Register of Hist my opinion, the property considered significant    Signature of certifying <u>Hualapai</u> T State or Federal agend In my opinion, the prope for additional comments Signature of certifying State or Federal agend State or Federal agend <b>4. National Park Serv</b> I hereby certify that the prop entered in the Natio    See contin    determined eligible National Register.    See contin    determined not eligi	rity under the Nation for determination of oric Places and mee meets doe nationally stat official/Title official/Title official/Title cy and bureau rty meets d official/Title cy and bureau rty and bureau rty and bureau rty and bureau rty contraction rice Certification erty is: nal Register. uation sheet for the uation sheet ble for the	al Historic Preserv eligibility meets the its the procedural a ewide I locally. Tribul Hist 220NA	e documentation sta and professional rec ational Register crite (See continuation Hotic Preserve)	andards for registe quirements set for eria. I recommend sheet for additiona tion OFficer, Date iteria. ( See Co Date	ing properties in 36 CFR Part that this properties in that this properties is comments.) $\frac{5/20}{9}$	60. In tybe
As the designated authonomination    request National Register of Hist my opinion, the property considered significant    Signature of certifying <u>Hualapai</u> T State or Federal agend In my opinion, the proper for additional comments Signature of certifying State or Federal agend State or Federal agend thereby certify that the proper entered in the Nation entered in the Nation determined eligible National Register. See contin determined not eligi National Register removed from the N	rity under the Nation for determination of oric Places and mee Meets doe nationally stat official/Title cy and bureau dis.) official/Title cy and bureau <b>tice Certification</b> erty is: nal Register. uation sheet for the uation sheet ble for the	al Historic Preserv eligibility meets the its the procedural a ewide I locally. Tribul Hist 220NA	e documentation sta and professional rec ational Register crite (See continuation Hotic Preserve)	andards for registe quirements set for eria. I recommend sheet for additiona tion OFficer, Date iteria. ( See Co Date	ing properties in 36 CFR Part that this properties in that this properties is comments.) $\frac{5/20}{9}$	60. In tybe
As the designated authonomination    request National Register of Hist my opinion, the property considered significant    Signature of certifying Huala pai T State or Federal agend In my opinion, the prope for additional comments Signature of certifying State or Federal agend State or Federal agend A. National Park Serv I hereby certify that the prop entered in the Natio    See contin    determined eligible National Register.    See contin    determined not eligi National Register    removed from the N Register.	rity under the Nation for determination of oric Places and mee Meets doe nationally stat official/Title cy and bureau dis.) official/Title cy and bureau <b>tice Certification</b> erty is: nal Register. uation sheet for the uation sheet ble for the	al Historic Preserv eligibility meets the its the procedural a ewide I locally. Tribul Hist 220NA	e documentation sta and professional rec ational Register crite (See continuation Hotic Preserve)	andards for registe quirements set for eria. I recommend sheet for additiona tion OFficer, Date iteria. ( See Co Date	ing properties in 36 CFR Part that this properties in that this properties is comments.) $\frac{5/20}{9}$	60. In tybe
As the designated authonomination    request National Register of Hist my opinion, the property considered significant    Signature of certifying Huala pai T State or Federal agend In my opinion, the prope for additional comments Signature of certifying State or Federal agend State or Federal agend A. National Park Serv I hereby certify that the prop entered in the Natio    See contin    determined eligible National Register.    See contin    determined not eligi National Register    removed from the N Register.    other,	rity under the Nation for determination of oric Places and mee Meets doe nationally stat official/Title cy and bureau dis.) official/Title cy and bureau <b>tice Certification</b> erty is: nal Register. uation sheet for the uation sheet ble for the	al Historic Preserv eligibility meets the its the procedural a ewide I locally. Tribul Hist 220NA	e documentation sta and professional rec ational Register crite (See continuation Hotic Preserve)	andards for registe quirements set for eria. I recommend sheet for additiona tion OFficer, Date iteria. ( See Co Date	ing properties in 36 CFR Part that this properties in that this properties is comments.) $\frac{5/20}{9}$	60. In tybe
As the designated authonomination    request National Register of Hist my opinion, the property considered significant    Signature of certifying Huala pai T State or Federal agend In my opinion, the prope for additional comments Signature of certifying State or Federal agend State or Federal agend A. National Park Serv I hereby certify that the prop entered in the Natio    See contin    determined eligible National Register.    See contin    determined not eligi National Register    removed from the N Register.	rity under the Nation for determination of oric Places and mee Meets doe nationally stat official/Title cy and bureau dis.) official/Title cy and bureau <b>tice Certification</b> erty is: nal Register. uation sheet for the uation sheet ble for the	al Historic Preserv eligibility meets the its the procedural a ewide I locally. Tribul Hist 220NA	e documentation sta and professional rec ational Register crite (See continuation Hotic Preserve)	andards for registe quirements set for eria. I recommend sheet for additiona tion OFficer, Date iteria. ( See Co Date	ing properties in 36 CFR Part that this properties in that this properties is comments.) $\frac{5/20}{9}$	60. In tybe

John Osterman Gas Station

Name of Property

Mohave, Arizona County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property (Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in count)

private	building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing	
public-local public-State	district	1	0	buildings
public-Federal		0	0	_ Sites
	object	0	0	structures
		3	0	objects
		4	0	Total
Name of related multiple p (Enter "N/A" if property is not part	or operty listing of a multiple property listing.)	Number of Contrib	uting resources previ jister	ously listed
Historic Route 66 in Arizona in 1996	, as amended	0	_	
6. Function or Use		Second March		
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions	)	Current Functions (Enter categories from in	structions)	
COMMERCE/TRADE: spec station)	ialty store (service	COMMERCE/TRAD	E: specialty store (serv	ice station)
		1.1.1.1.2.1		
	1			
a de la della de la della d				
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
7. Description				
Architectural Classificatio (Enter categories from instructions		Materials (Enter categories from in	structions)	1
Other	"	foundation CONC		
	4	walls CONCRET		
		roof METAL		
		other WOOD		

#### **Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 7 Page 1

John Osterman Gas Station Peach Springs, Mohave County, Arizona

### DESCRIPTION

Constructed in 1929, the John Osterman Gas Station is a one-story concrete building with a poured concrete foundation, a corrugated metal gable roof, and a rock-faced concrete block exterior. The station is located in the community of Peach Springs (pop. 600), Arizona facing the original alignment of U.S. 66. The community contains the offices of the Hualapai Tribe, the owner of the property. The building occupies a rectangular lot on the south side of the highway and is currently used as a garage. The property consists of the gas station building, two concrete gas pump islands, and a sign pole, all of which date to 1929. In front of the building is a large curb cut and a paved area of asphalt; a larger paved parking area is located to the west. The gas station is one of only a few commercial buildings constructed in Peach Springs in the early Twentieth century along U.S. 66 which remain extant. The former service station retains a high degree of integrity as to its original location, design, materials, and feeling and association.

The John Osterman Gas Station is a one-story concrete block building with a poured concrete foundation, a gable roof of corrugated metal, and an exterior of rock faced concrete block (Photo 1). The building was constructed with poured concrete vertical and horizontal piers with the rest of the walls of rock faced concrete block. The main (north) façade has an original gable roof, drive-thru bay (Photo 2). This bay retains two original, concrete gas pump islands. The north island is rectangular and approximately 11" in height. This island retains two, ca. 1980-1990 gas pumps and two steel posts which support the canopy. The south island is also rectangular and has a surface of wood planks over the pump foundations. This island is supported by original square concrete posts with chamfered corners and tapered concrete bases. The canopy has exposed eave rafters and an original roof of pressed metal shingles. In front of the island is a sign pole; the sign has been removed.

The storefront of the station has two display windows with original concrete sills and above the windows and door is a shared poured concrete lintel (Photo 3). The display windows were originally single-light design but were replaced ca. 1998 with the existing single-light design with rectangular frame and plywood panels. The main entrance has a ca. 1988 two-light glass-and-wood door. Above the door is an original single-light transom. The garage bay on the main façade has paired hinged wood doors added in 1994. Windows on the main façade are original six- and nine-light steel awning units with concrete lintels and sills (Photo 4). Some windows have security bars. The roofline of the main façade has a stepped parapet with a rectangular opening to access a storage room.

The east façade contains a garage bay with an original sliding track wood garage door (Photo 5). This door is of vertical board design with two upper window lights of three-light fixed design. This door is missing its window glass and has added plywood panels. This entrance has an original concrete ramp and a concrete lintel above. This façade also has an original nine-light steel awning window with a concrete lintel and sill. At the roofline of the façade is a stepped parapet wall. At the northeast corner of the building is a concrete pier with a round finial at the roofline. The west façade of the building has three original nine-light steel awning windows with concrete lintels and sills (Photo 1). This façade also has a stepped parapet at the

## National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 7 Page 2

John Osterman Gas Station Peach Springs, Mohave County, Arizona

roofline. The rear or south façade has an entrance in the west bay with a solid steel door added in 2004 (Photo 6). This façade also displays six window bays with original nine-light steel awning windows with concrete lintels and sills.

The interior of the station office is partitioned from the rear storage and adjacent garage bay areas by original wood and plaster walls. The office walls have a plaster surface while the partition walls separating the garage and storage areas have surfaces of rock faced metal panels (Photo 7). The floor of the office is of concrete scored into a rectangular pattern. The garage section has a concrete floor and exposed walls of concrete blocks (Photo 8). The ceiling has a post and tress system with wood planks and corrugated metal at the roofline. The garage retains its original hydraulic jack floor hoist. Along the north wall of the garage section are two restrooms which are partitioned by rock faced concrete block walls. The east restroom is used for storage and no longer has a door or fixtures. The west restroom has an original five-panel wood door and ca. 1970 bathroom fixtures.

### John Osterman Gas Station

Name of Property

## 8. Statement of Significance

of etatement of eighteentee		-
Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)	Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)	
A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.	COMMERCE	
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.		
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity who's components lack individual distinction.	Period of Significance 1929-1959	
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.		-
Criteria Considerations N/A (Mark "x" in all boxes that apply.)	Significant Dates 1929	
<ul> <li>Property is:</li> <li>A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.</li> </ul>		
<b>B</b> removed from its original location.	Significant Person (complete if Criterion B is marked) N/A	
C moved from its original location.		-
D a cemetery.	Cultural Affiliation N/A	
<b>E</b> a reconstructed building, object, or structure.		_
F a commemorative property		
<b>G</b> less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.	Architect/Builder Unknown	
Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sh	eets.)	
9. Major Bibliographical References		
Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form	on one or more continuation sheets.)	
<ul> <li>Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A</li> <li>preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested</li> <li>previously listed in the National Register</li> <li>Previously determined eligible by the National Register</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Primary location of additional data:</li> <li>State Historic Preservation Office</li> <li>Other State Agency</li> <li>Federal Agency – National Park Service</li> <li>Local Government</li> <li>University</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>designated a National Historic Landmark</li> <li>recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey</li> </ul>	Other Name of repository:	

# recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # Mohave, Arizona County and State

## National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 8 Page 3

John Osterman Gas Station Peach Springs, Mohave County, Arizona

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John Osterman Gas Station, located on U.S. 66 in Peach Springs, Arizona is eligible for the National Register under Criterion A for its historical association with U.S. 66, a primary transportation route between the Midwest and California during the early- to mid-twentieth century. The service station is significant as a representative example of the types of privately-owned commercial businesses that emerged along U.S. 66 and flourished due to the heavy use of the highway. As the automobile quickly became the preferred method of transportation, numerous auto-related businesses such as gas stations and repair shops opened along the nation's emerging roadways. As one of the most prominent east-west highways, U.S. 66 supported thousands of such businesses. The John Osterman Gas Station is one of several that operated in the small town of Peach Springs, which relied heavily on U.S. 66 traffic for its livelihood. The station is one of the few surviving auto-related businesses in Peach Springs. As such, it serves as a significant resource for interpreting and understanding the history of U.S. 66. The John Osterman Gas Station meets the registration requirements of the "Traveler Related Facilities" property type set forth in the "Historic US Route 66 in Arizona," Multiple Property Documentation Form, as amended in 1996.

#### CONTEXT

Peach Springs is located approximately twenty miles south of the Grand Canyon in the traditional territory of the Hualapai Tribe. Travel and transportation has played a large role in the town's history, as the rise and decline of various transportation corridors have shaped its development. During the eighteenth and nineteenth century, travelers and explorers discovered the natural springs in this area and it became a common stopping point and watering place. As railroads penetrated the West, the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad (later the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe) was completed through northern Arizona in 1883, and the ample water supply at Peach Springs made it a division point along the line. A small town organized along the tracks and a post office was established in 1887.<sup>1</sup>

Peach Springs experienced a period of prosperity during the late nineteenth century. Numerous businesses appeared in the town, including a Fred Harvey Company Harvey House.<sup>2</sup> Saloons and other Peach Springs establishments also catered to the traveling public and local residents. In addition to being a prominent spot along the railroad, Peach Springs drew a number of tourists by offering easy access to the Grand Canyon via Diamond Creek. However, in 1901 the Santa Fe and Grand Canyon Railway was constructed, which provided better access to the Grand Canyon, and tourists began to bypass Peach Springs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Don W. Ryden, "Historic Resource Survey of Commercial Properties Along Historic Route 66 between Parks and Hackberry, Arizona," (prepared for the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office, Phoenix, AZ, August 1996), 35; Pat Haigh Stein, "Peach Springs Trading Post," National Register Nomination, August 2003, 8-10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Michael Cassity, "Route 66 Corridor National Historic Context Study," (Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program, National Park Service, National Trails Systems Office – Intermountain Region, Santa Fe, New Mexico, December 15, 2004), 79.

## National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 8 Page 4

John Osterman Gas Station Peach Springs, Mohave County, Arizona

The town fell into a period of decline, which was worsened when the railroad moved its division operations to Seligman in 1907, and Peach Springs became only a minor stop on the line.<sup>3</sup>

In the years following World War I, improvements in area roads ushered in a new era of prosperity to Peach Springs. During this period the National Old Trails Road was constructed through the region. This route served as a major transportation corridor in northern Arizona as it linked several roads and trails into a single roadway.<sup>4</sup> The route inspired new growth and development in Peach Springs. Through the late 1910s and the 1920s several new businesses emerged in the town including two trading posts, a hotel, and various garages and service stations.

One of those who initiated a business on U.S 66 in Peach Springs was John Osterman. Osterman was a Swedish immigrant who after first serving in the Swedish and then German Merchant Marines found himself traveling through the Southwestern United States during World War I. He found work on a dairy farm in Tempe and then on a cattle farm in Peach Springs. Osterman applied for citizenship and enlisted in the U.S. Army. After serving in World War I, Osterman returned to Peach Springs and opened a garage and service station in 1923. Later that year he married a local young woman named Dorothy Shawver.<sup>5</sup>

In 1926, the alignment of the National Old Trails Road in Arizona was designated as U.S. Highway 66. At this time the road was widened and improved, and traffic through the town increased steadily as automobile use rose and U.S. 66 became one of the nation's primary highways. Peach Springs became one of the busiest communities on the highway along the stretch of U.S. 66 between Kingman and Flagstaff. Much of the highway between these two communities was an oil surfaced gravel road until the late 1930s when asphalt paving was completed.

With the rise in automobile traffic, Osterman had his brother Oscar join him in Peach Springs, and the two opened a trading post in addition to their service station. Business continued to increase and in 1929, John Osterman built a new Shell service station and garage on U.S. 66 (Figure 1). Next door to the station, he constructed the Peach Springs Auto Court, which consisted of fourteen units, a bath house, and an office and the Ostermans' home.<sup>6</sup> Osterman's gas station joined a number of new properties in the community including the Peach Springs Trading Post (NRHP 2003) and the Qumacho Café and Tourist Court (Figures 2 and 3). The Trading Post became well known for its Native American crafts from the nearby Hualapai Tribe and other merchandise.

+

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ryden, "Historic Resource Survey of Commercial Properties Along Historic Route 66 between Parks and Hackberry, Arizona," 35.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Ibid.; Dorothy (Shawver) Osterman, Oral History Transcript, 18 August 1980 (On file at the Hualapai Department of Cultural Resources, Peach Springs, Arizona).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Ryden, "Historic Resource Survey of Commercial Properties Along Historic Route 66 between Parks and Hackberry, Arizona," 35

## National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 8 Page 5

John Osterman Gas Station Peach Springs, Mohave County, Arizona

The building constructed by Osterman was a vernacular design of poured concrete and rock-faced concrete block. The station has few allusions to any popular style of the period and was built in the tradition of the "House with Bays" form. This gas station form featured an office which was designed to resemble a small house and then had a series of attached garage bays.<sup>7</sup> The John Osterman Gas Station is a variation on this form with a much larger garage bay than the office section. The size of the garage is indicative of the large amount of repair work the station undertook in addition to the sale of gasoline and other automotive products.

The development of such businesses as the John Osterman Gas Station was a common occurrence along U.S. 66 in the early twentieth century. Throughout the road's length, small, privately-owned businesses were opened to cater to the many travelers and tourists. These were often operated by a married couple that started out with one business, such as a restaurant or gas station, and expanded into other areas, such as motels or tourist courts, that also benefited from the tourist dollars. Gas stations were especially prevalent along U.S. 66 as a necessary requirement of automobile travel. Automobile use rose rapidly in the 1920s and 1930s leading to a boom in gas station construction. As author John Margolies noted, "The overbuilding of gas stations in the 1920s was exceeded only by the building boom of the 1930s. There were 143,000 retail outlets for gas in 1929, 170,000 by 1933, and this number ballooned to a staggering 231,000 in 1940.<sup>398</sup> Gasoline consumption rocketed as well. In 1909, gasoline consumption accounted for 25% of the petroleum market. A short ten years later, it was 85%.<sup>9</sup>

John Osterman and his family operated both the gas station and the adjacent tourist court into the late 1930s. The section of U.S. 66 that passed through Peach Springs was paved around 1936, which further facilitated the flow of traffic. The Ostermans eventually sold their Peach Springs business and moved to Kingman where John Osterman began a car dealership. By the late 1930s the gas station in Peach Springs was operated by Earl Boyd, who continued to operate the business into the 1950s. The gas station remained affiliated with the Shell Corporation into the late Twentieth century as it passed through various owners including the Martin, Byars, and Ricardi families. In 1982, Robert Goldstein purchased the station. Goldstein and his family had moved to Kingman, Arizona from Nebraska in 1937 when he was fourteen years old. He later moved to Peach Springs and operated a grocery store in the trading post building. Goldstein purchased the John Osterman Gas Station in Peach Springs in 1982 and continued to use it as a gas station and garage for several years. The property is now owned by the Hualapai Tribe.

Traffic along U.S. 66 through Peach Springs remained heavy until Interstate 40 was constructed. The section of I-40 between Kingman and Seligman was completed in 1979, bypassing the eighty-four-mile stretch of U.S. 66 that had connected the two towns. The change in Peach Springs businesses was abrupt as one local business owner recalled: "Before the bypass, Route 66 was 'almost like a city street, a city

134.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> John A. Jakle and Keith A. Sculle, *The Gas Station in America*, (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1994),

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> John Margolies, Pump and Circumstance: Glory Days of the Gas Station (Boston: Bullfinch Press, 1993), 58.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Jakle and Sculle, The Gas Station in America, 50.

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 8 Page 6

John Osterman Gas Station Peach Springs, Mohave County, Arizona

boulevard.' After Interstate 40 was completed it was 'ghostly quiet.'"<sup>10</sup> Businesses soon closed and the population began to decline. As a result, a number of commercial buildings in the community were razed including the Peach Springs Auto Court.

With the renewed interest in U.S. 66, tourism is increasing all along the highway, and especially on the section between Kingman and Flagstaff. This former section of U.S. 66 is one of the longest stretches of the original roadbed in the Southwest and is now a state highway with the designation as "Highway 66." The John Osterman Gas Station remains as a reminder of the prosperity Peach Springs experienced during the early- to mid-twentieth century as an important community along U.S. 66. Although no longer in use, the building retains much of its original design and form and continues to reflect the history of transportation along the highway. By seeking National Register designation, the tribe hopes to recognize the historical significance of the service station and garage. The tribe is currently engaged in developing a preservation plan for the building with the intent of reopening the gas station as an outlet for alternative fuels.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Ryden, "Historic Resource Survey of Commercial Properties Along Historic Route 66 between Parks and Hackberry, Arizona," 31.

## National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 9 Page 7

John Osterman Gas Station Peach Springs, Mohave County, Arizona

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Cassity, Michael. "Route 66 Corridor National Historic Context Study." Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program, National Trails System Office – Intermountain Region, National Park Service, Santa Fe, New Mexico, December 15, 2004.
- Jakle John A. and Keith A. Sculle. *The Gas Station in America*. Baltimore: The John Hopkins University Press, 1994.
- Malach, Roman. Peach Springs in Mohave County. Kingman, AZ: Private Printing, 1975.
- Margolies, John. Pump and Circumstance: Glory Days of the Gas Station. Boston: Bullfinch Press, 1993.
- Osterman, Dorothy (Shawver). Oral History Transcript, 18 August 1980. On file at the Hualapai Department of Cultural Resources, Peach Springs, Arizona.
- Ryden, Don W. "Historic Resource Survey of Commercial Properties Along Historic Route 66 between Parks and Hackberry, Arizona." Prepared for the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office, Phoenix, Arizona, August 1996.
- Stein, Pat Haigh. "Peach Springs Trading Post." National Register of Historic Places Nomination, on file at the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office, Phoenix, Arizona, August 2003.
- "Welcome to Historic Route 66." Souvenir Commemorative Edition of *The Mohave Daily Miner*, 17 April 1988.

ohn Osterman Gas Station lame of Property			, Arizona nd State	
0. Geographical Data				-
Acreage of Property Less than one acre				
ITM References place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)				
12         280455         3934105           Zone         Easting         Northing	3 z	Zone	Easting	Northing
	4 [	Se	e continuation	sheet
Verbal Boundary Description Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) Boundary Justification Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)				
1. Form Prepared By				
ame/title _ Philip Thomason/Teresa Douglass		_		
rganization Thomason and Associates	dat		March 15, 20	
treet & number 1907 21 <sup>st</sup> Ave. S.	_ telepho	one -	615-385-49	Contract and An
ty or town Nashville state	e <u>TN</u>		_ zip code	37212
additional Documentation ubmit the following items with the completed form: continuation Sheets				
Maps A USGS map (7.5 0r 15 minute series) indicating the property's I	ocation			
A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large ad	creage or	nume	erous resour	rces.
hotographs				
Representative black and white photographs of the property.				
Additional items Check with the SHPO) or FPO for any additional items				
Property Owner				
Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)				

street & num	ber _ P.O. Box 179			telephone	928-769-2216
city or town	Peach Springs	state	AZ	zip code	86434

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listing. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*)

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P. O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20303.

## National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 10 Page 8

John Osterman Gas Station Peach Springs, Mohave County, Arizona

#### **VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The boundary for the John Osterman Gas Station is shown as the dashed line on the accompanying Mohave County Tax Map. The property encompasses a lot of less than one acre at the southwest corner of State Highway 66 and Diamond Creek Road. The property is bounded on the north by State Highway 66, on the east by Diamond Creek Road, on the west by an imaginary line fifty feet to the west of the west façade of the building, and on the south by an imaginary line five feet south of the south façade of the building. All of the property in this section of Peach Springs is communally owned by the Hualapai Tribe. This lot is part of Township 25N, Range 11W, and Section 26 NE.

#### VERBAL BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary for the John Osterman Gas Station includes all property historically associated with the construction and operations of this business. The boundary is drawn to include the gas station and an adjacent parking area to the west of the building. The boundary also includes a gravel driveway which leads to a garage entrance on the east side of the building. No other buildings or structures associated with the gas station and its operations are extant.

## National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number Photos Page 9

John Osterman Gas Station Peach Springs, Mohave County, Arizona

### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

#### John Osterman Gas Station

Peach Springs, Mojave County, Arizona Photo by: Thomason and Associates Date: January 11, 2006 Location of Negatives: National Park Service, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Photo 1 of 8: North and west elevations, view to the southeast.

- Photo 2 of 8: Original canopy on the main (north) elevation, view to the east.
- Photo 3 of 8: Detail of storefront and office entrance on the north elevation.

Photo 4 of 8: North and east elevations, view to the southwest.

Photo 5 of 8: East elevation, view to the west.

Photo 6 of 8: South elevation, view to the northeast.

Photo 7 of 8: View of office interior.

Photo 8 of 8: View of garage interior.

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number Figures Page 10

John Osterman Gas Station Peach Springs, Mohave County, Arizona



Figure 1: John Osterman Gas Station and U.S. 66, ca. 1945. This view is towards the east from just to the west of the gas station. In the distance on the same side of the road is the Qumacho Café and Motel which has been razed. (Courtesy of Joe Sonderman Collection).

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number Figures Page 11

John Osterman Gas Station Peach Springs, Mohave County, Arizona



Figure 2: View of Peach Springs and U.S. 66 looking east just west of the Trading Post. The John Osterman Gas Station is not visible in this view. Note the gravel roadbed of the highway. (Courtesy of Joe Sonderman Collection).

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number Figures Page 12

John Osterman Gas Station Peach Springs, Mohave County, Arizona



Figure 3: The Qumacho Café and Motel was one of several motels and tourist courts located in Peach Springs. This complex is no longer extant. (Courtesy of Joe Sonderman Collection).

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

John Osterman Gas Station Peach Springs, Mohave County, Arizona Section number Figures Page 13 N LANE UTILITY 110.00 WILDER WALLAPAI 110.00 97.00 70.00 3 2 LANE \$7.00 UTILITY 80.00 FIELDING DRIVE 00 110.00 80.00 1 2 8 110.00 137.00 4 80.00 66 80.00 HIGHWAY 100.00 5 100.00 85.00 AZ 3 2 240 18°45' 30"4 131 (1.5 Hc) SEE MAP 03 2 of 2 1 80.52 100.65 R= 5680 100.86 YUMA 78.28 WABBA APOR (A) A.T. & S.F. A.A. RIW Ditch Drainage AT & S & TO HUAL AGI TRISS 564.26 A.I. & S.E. R.R. N:-8045'30'E

Figure 4: Parcel Map for John Osterman Gas Station.

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number Figures Page 14

John Osterman Gas Station Peach Springs, Mohave County, Arizona



Figure 5: Aerial Parcel Map of John Osterman Gas Station.

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

 Section number
 Figures
 Page
 15
 John Osterman Gas Station

 Peach Springs, Mohave County, Arizona



Figure 6: John Osterman Gas Station Floor Plan (not to scale).

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number Figures Page 16 John Osterman Gas Station Peach Springs, Mohave County, Arizona



Figure 7: John Osterman Gas Station Floor Plan with Photo Key (not to scale).

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number Figures Page 17

John Osterman Gas Station Peach Springs, Mohave County, Arizona

Index of Figures

- Figure 1: John Osterman Gas Station and U.S. 66.
- Figure 2: Peach Springs and U.S. 66.
- Figure 3: Qumacho Café and Motel.
- Figure 4: Parcel Map for John Osterman Gas Station.
- Figure 5: Aerial Parcel Map of John Osterman Gas Station.
- Figure 6: John Osterman Gas Station Floor Plan.
- Figure 7: John Osterman Gas Station Floor Plan with Photo Key.

#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY John Osterman Gas Station NAME :

MULTIPLE NAME :

STATE & COUNTY: ARIZONA, Mohave

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/22/09 DATE RECEIVED: 6/05/09 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 7/07/09 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/19/09 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 09000543

**REASONS FOR REVIEW:** 

APPEAL:	N	DATA PROBLEM:	N	LANDSCAPE:	Ν	LESS THAN 50 YEARS:	N
OTHER:	Y	PDIL:	Ν	PERIOD:	Ν	PROGRAM UNAPPROVED:	N
<b>REQUEST:</b>	Y	SAMPLE:	N	SLR DRAFT:	Y	NATIONAL:	N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

RETURN REJECT DATE ACCEPT

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

hotographs and c.d. if photos eight images. are a

RECOM. / CRITERIA Return /Ho	dd
REVIEWER L. M. Clilland	DISCIPLINE History
TELEPHONE	DATE 7/17/09
DOCUMENTATION see attached comme	ants V R see attached SLR V/A

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y y see attached SLR Y (N)

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

NAME: John Osterman Gas Station

MULTIPLE HISTORIC Bude 66 in Arizona NAME :

STATE & COUNTY: ARIZONA, Mohave

DATE RECEIVED: 03/15/12 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 04/29/12 DATE OF 45TH DAY: DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 09000543

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

RETURN DATE ACCEPT REJECT

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Historic gas station in Peach Springs to ignificantly associated with the motory US Route 66. This resource is representative privately rimed commercial businesses of privately rimed commercial but settled frag the RECOM. / CRITERIA DISCIPLINE REVIEWER, DATE TELEPHONE DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N) see attached SLR 4/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.

#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY John Osterman Gas Station NAME:

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARIZONA, Mohave

DATE RECEIVED: 3/12/12 DATE OF PENDING LIST: DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/28/12 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 09000543

DETATLED EVALUATION:

ACCEPT

RETURN

REJECT 3.15.12 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in The National Register of Historic Places

RECOM./CRITERIA		
REVIEWER	DISCIPLINE	1
TELEPHONE	DATE	

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N









HUALAPAI TRIBE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES PO Box 310 – 878 W. Route 66 Peach Springs – Arizona 86434 PH # 928.769.2223/2234 FX# 928.769.223

May 20, 2009



Linda McClelland, Historian United States Department of the Interior National Park Service National Register of Historic Places 1201 Eye Street, N.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Washington D.C. 20005

### RE: John Osterman Gas Station, Peach Springs, Mohave County, Arizona

Dear Ms. McClelland:

Please find enclosed a nomination for the John Osterman Gas Station.

The Hualapai Nation Tribal Council voted 8 in favor, 1 excused, on May 19, 2009 at a Special Council meeting to nominate the former gas station and forward it to the Keeper for consideration for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The gas station is nominated under the "Historic Route 66 in Arizona" Multiple Property Documentation Form, as amended in 1996.

Thank you for your assistance, and please call me if you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

fund Jackson - fle

Ms. Loretta Jackson – Kelly, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Hualapai Nation

Enclosure: one National Register nomination



"Loretta Jackson-Kelly" <lorjac@frontiernet.net> 03/14/2012 04:54 PM

To <Linda\_McClelland@nps.gov>

CC bcc

Subject RE: Peach Springs nominations

History: P This message has been replied to.

Can you call me ? Loretta Jackson-Kelly, 928-769-2223. Thank you.

----Original Message-----From: Linda McClelland@nps.gov [mailto:Linda McClelland@nps.gov] Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2009 2:27 PM To: LORJAC@frontiernet.net Subject: Peach Springs nominations

Hi Loretta --

As we talked by telephone I will hold the 1) Osterman Gas Station nomination and 2) Additional Documentation for the Peach Springs Trading Post and Gas Station, so that you can send the missing photographs, map, and cd's.

Here's the break down of what is needed for each:

Osterman Gas Station:

0 Photographs 1-8

CD with TIFF digital images at least 1600 x 1200 pixels (CD 0

required if photographs are digital images printed on digital paper) USGS Quadrant map with UTM coordinates marked 0

Replacement pages for nomination with new information 0

Peach Springs Trading Post (additional documentation/increase significance) Photographs 1-6 0

CD with TIFF images (if photographs are digital images -- see 0 above)

Please send this material Fed Ex or via some other package service to my attention:

Linda McClelland National Register of Historic Places (8th floor) 2001 Eye St, NW. Washington, DC 20005

If you have any questions, you can call me at 202-354-2258 or e:mail: linda mcclelland@nps.gov



	RECEIVED 2280
	MAR 1 5 2012
NAT	REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

### HUALAPAI NATION

Department of Cultural Resources P.O. Box 310 Peach Springs, AZ 86434 (928) 769-2223/2234 fax: 769-2235 March 14, 2012

To: Linda McClelland National Register of Historic Places National Park Service, Washington DC

Fr: Loretta Jackson-Kelly, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Hualapai Tribe Department of Cultural Resources

RE: National Register Nomination of the John Osterman Gas Station located in Peach Springs, AZ.

Please consider this a request to resubmit the nomination for the 1929 John Osterman Gas Station, which is a one story concrete building with poured concrete foundation, a corrugated gable roof, and a rock-faced concrete block interior. The station is located in the community of Peach Springs. The former service station retains a high degree of integrity as to its original location, design, materials, and feeling and association.

Thank you very much.

Linda McClelland/WASO/NPS 03/15/2012 04:37 PM To "Loretta Jackson-Kelly" <lorjac@frontiernet.net>

cc bcc

Subject RE: Emailing: Historic Osterman Gas Station March 15, 2012 021

Loretta--

I am happy to announce that the John Osterman Gas Station, Mohave County, AZ, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on March 15, 2012.

Linda McClelland Historian

Linda McClelland Historian National Register of Historic Places 202-354-2258 202-371-6447 (FAX) linda\_mcclelland@nps.gov