

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME:	K & S Machine Shop	HISTORIC NAME:	<u>Pure Oil Service Station</u>		
STREET ADDRESS:	<u>56 West Avenue</u>	CITY:	Lavonia	COUNTY:	Franklin
PRESENT OWNER:	Lloyd Smith	MAILING ADDRESS:	56 West Avenue		
CITY:	Lavonia	STATE:	GA	ZIP CODE:	30553
CURRENT USE:	Machine Shop	ACREAGE:	Less than one		
U. S. G. S. QUADRANGLE:	Lavonia, Ga.-S.C.	U. T. M. REFERENCE:			
V. B. D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER:	303-3-12		Z17 E 306320 N 3812250		

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:

One-story brick structure with steeply-pitched roof. Structure design follows national service station styling. This design attempted to blend a commercial structure into village and residential settings through domestic design elements. This structure includes hooded and arched doorway with residential stoop, bay window, and side chimney. Interior features include arched doorways and pressed-metal ceilings. Brick and concrete block additions have been added to the rear. The original blue tile roof which served as a corporate symbol has been replaced.

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER:	Pure Oil Company	ORIGINAL USE:	service station
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:	Designed by Pure Oil Co.; builder unknown.	HISTORIC AREA:	Less than one.
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:	1935	DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:	Post World War II

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):

This structure was built in 1935 by the Wofford Oil Company, known locally as Woco Pep. Wofford Oil was a small oil company in the southeastern United States which was affiliated with the Pure Oil Company. The company hired local citizens for the management of the station. The service station was sold in 1961 to Lloyd Smith, who retains ownership today. Smith continued to operate the station as a Pure Oil facility. In the early 1970's Pure Oil merged with Union Oil so the station named was changed. In the late 1970's Smith closed the station and opened a tire recapping business in the building. This operation was recently closed and Smith now uses the structure as a machine shop.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE:

N. R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture, LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local
transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):

This structure is significant in architecture as an example of national service station design in a small community. The intent of the design was to blend a commercial structure into village and residential settings through the use of domestic design elements. The location of this structure (on the edge of the commercial district adjoining a residential neighborhood) allows this structure to serve as a bridge between two distinct areas and fulfills the function of the design. In transportation the building is significant as one of several local service stations which document the history of the automobile in Lavonia. These service stations replaced the earlier livery stables. This service station is one of three in Lavonia which illustrate the evolution of service station design in the early 20th century (the other two are located in the Lavonia Commercial Historic District). Two of these (including this one) made use of prevailing domestic design trends in an attempt to blend into their surroundings; the third was more straightforwardly commercial.

V. SOURCES

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REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: None

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: "Filler Up: An Architectural History of America's Gas Stations."
Daniel I. Vieyra
Interviews - Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith.

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