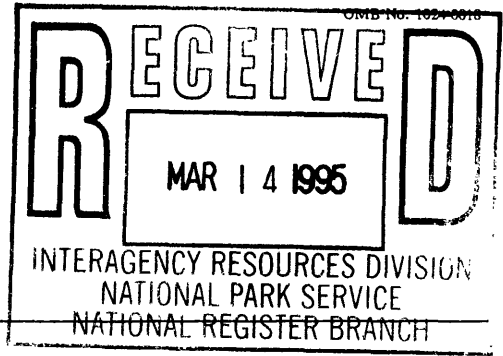


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United States Department of the Interior  
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property

historic name: Utah Parks Company Service Station

other name/site number: HS-117

2. Location

street & number: Bryce Canyon National Park

not for publication: n/a  
vicinity: X

city/town: Bryce Canyon

state: Utah code: UT county: Garfield code: 017 zip code: 84717

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_ nationally X statewide \_\_\_ locally. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

*[Signature]* \_\_\_\_\_ 3/14/95  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

National Park Service

State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria.

*[Signature]* \_\_\_\_\_ 2-9-95  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

Utah State Historic Preservation Office

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register  
\_\_\_ see continuation sheet
- determined eligible for the  
National Register  
\_\_\_ see continuation sheet
- determined not eligible for the  
National Register  
\_\_\_ see continuation sheet
- removed from the National Register  
\_\_\_ see continuation sheet
- other (explain):

for Signature of the Keeper  
*[Signature]* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Date of Action  
4/25/95  
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### 5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal	Number of Resources within Property		
	Contributing	Noncontributing	
Category of Property: Building(s)			
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: None	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	building(s)
Name of related multiple property listing: Bryce Canyon National Park Multiple Property Submission	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

### 6. Function or Use

Historic Functions: Commerce/Trade, specialty store	Current Function: Vacant
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### 7. Description

Architectural Classification: Modern movement	Materials: foundation: Concrete walls: Stone roof: Tar other: Wood/Glass
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### Narrative Description

#### Summary and Setting

The Service Station is located adjacent to a paved park road, approximately midway between the Bryce Canyon Lodge area and the administrative/service area near Sunrise Point. The hillslope behind the building is rather densely timbered with native ponderosa pine. A large ponderosa pine is located within an "island" with a raised stone retaining wall, between the park road and the service station. This tree obviously was left in place at the time that the building was constructed. A stone curb extends out from both sides of the stone wall that forms the rear of the building.

#### Description

This irregularly shaped, one-story building rests on a concrete foundation. The west elevation, curved wall is constructed of rough cut, regularly coursed stone from a local quarry. There is a small stone chimney at this elevation, and the stone wall extends beyond the length of the remaining walls of the building. The wood frame portion of the building combines glass and wood paneling to produce an open appearance. The south, east and north elevations consist largely of glass windows. The facade of the sales room consists of rectangular picture windows paired with smaller windows above. Some of the upper windows are fixed and two are hinged awning style windows. A wood door with one large light provides access to this sales area. An overhead sliding garage door with glass windows provides access to the "lift room" or mechanics area. On the east elevation, a canopy supported by steel posts extends from the flat roof of the building and provides protection for a pump island (pumps and underground storage tanks have been removed). A phone box is fixed to the south wall near the entrance to the rest rooms.

The interior of this building contains five rooms. The central portion of the building contains a sales office with a utility room to the rear. The sales room has a sealed concrete floor, and 1X6" beaded board paneling in a chevron pattern on the north wall and ceiling. To the right of the sales office and utility room is a lift room. The lift room is accessible via a large overhead garage door, and from the interior of both the sales office and utility room. The rear

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

Applicable National Register Criteria: A

Areas of Significance: Entertainment/Recreation

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): G

Period(s) of Significance: 1947

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: 1947

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder: Spence, Ambrose, Talley and Lee Architects Associated of San Francisco, California/Harmon Brothers Construction Company, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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### Narrative Statement of Significance

The service station possesses local significance under National Register criterion A, for its association with the development of recreational and administrative infrastructure within Bryce Canyon National Park, 1924-1944; specifically the development of concessioner facilities. It also possesses significance under criterion C, as an example of the trend towards the use of modern architectural styles advocated by the NPS towards the end of the historical period. This building is included in the property type that includes resources constructed by the Utah Parks Company (UPC), and is included as a component of the Bryce Canyon National Park Multiple Property Submission.

The 1979 Determination of Eligibility entitled Historic Resources of Bryce Canyon National Park, includes the service station as a contributing component of the Bryce Canyon Lodge Historic District. However, since the original recordation and evaluation, a large number of buildings have been removed from the district. The entire cabin group located north of the lodge has been removed and replaced with two large motel units. There is no longer a continuous distribution of historic resources between the extant district and the service station. Due to a lack of continuity in the distribution of historic resources, the service station must now be evaluated as an individual resource.

This building represents the last major improvement constructed by the Utah Parks Company (UPC) within BRCA, and was aimed at upgrading their facilities and extending the range of services to tourists within the park. The presence of a service station within BRCA mirrors the development in other western parks, wherein the range of services demanded by park visitors expanded to include not only gas stations but full service facilities. Although not yet 50 years of age, the construction style and function of the building is critical to a complete understanding of the concessioner services available within BRCA.

Although the building was designed by architects under contract to the concessioner, the NPS approved the design. In the late 1940s and 1950s, some NPS architects rejected the "exaggerated" rustic style of the 1920s, 1930s and early 1940s, in favor of buildings that reflected simpler, contemporary design principles. For this particular building, form defines function. The station is significant as an example "roadside architecture". This style is a distinctly American contribution to the built environment, indicative of a period of service station construction during which buildings were designed to accommodate a full range of services including mechanical repairs.

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### 9. Major Bibliographic References

"Preliminary Plans & Elevations" no number; available at BRCA.

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Location of Additional Data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository:

### 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property: Less than one acre

*MA*

UTM References:

Zone	Easting	Northing
A 12	397080	4165115

### Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for this building parallels the west wall of the building and includes the area between the building and the roadway in front of it. The boundary includes the pump island and the small stone retaining wall that surrounds a large ponderosa pine tree in front of the building.

### Boundary Justification

The boundary includes all of the area historically used in association with the services provided at this location.

### 11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Janene Caywood  
organization: Historical Research Associates, Inc. date: December 31, 1994  
street & number: P.O. Box 7086 telephone: 406 721-1958  
city or town: Missoula state: MT zip code: 59807-7086

### Property Owner

name/title: USDI National Park Service  
street & number: telephone: 801 834-5322  
city or town: Bryce Canyon state: UT zip code: 84717

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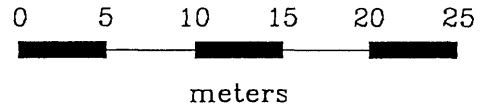
Utah Parks Company Service Station  
Garfield County, Utah

### Narrative Description

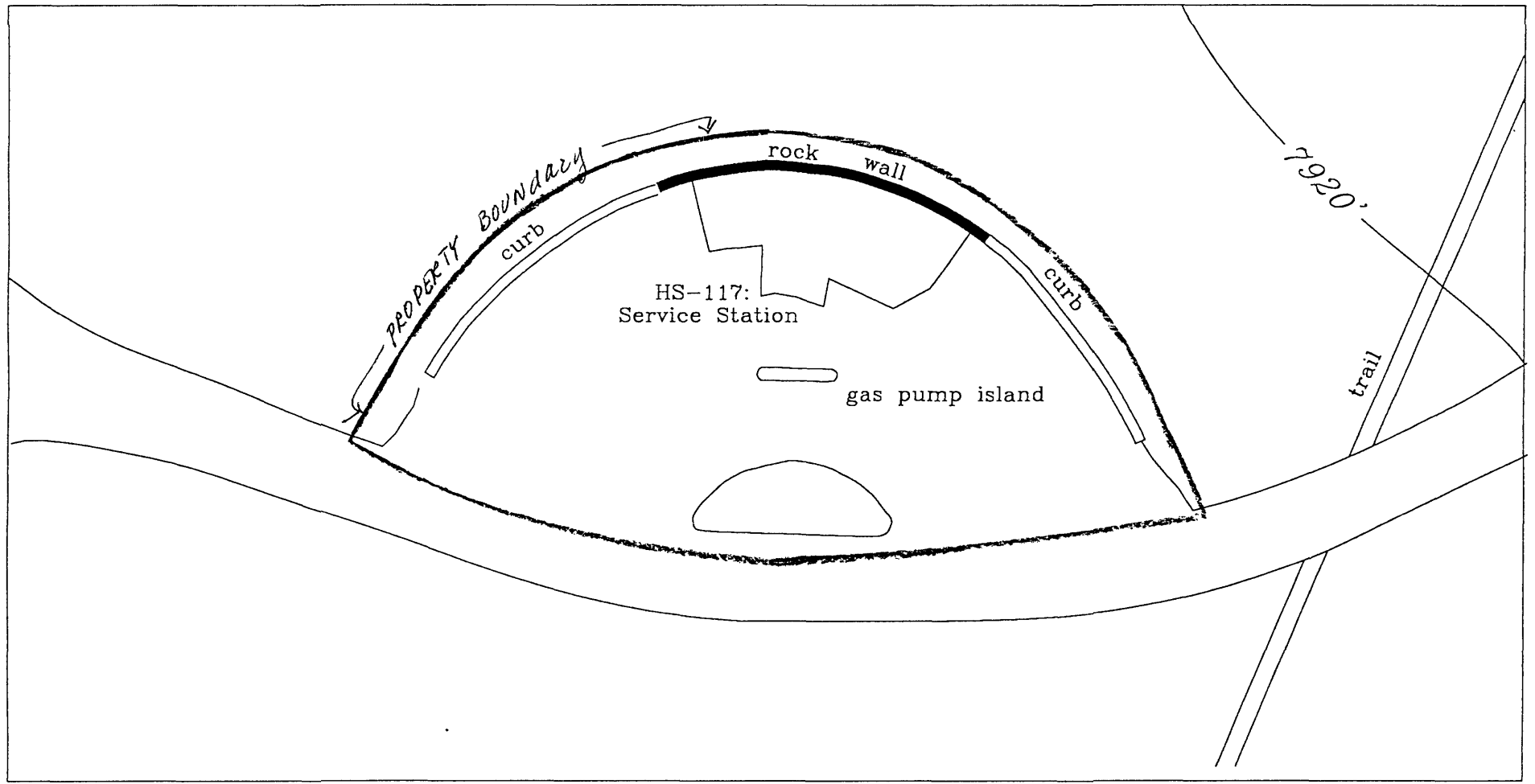
(north) wall of the lift room is stone; the east and south walls have exposed 2X6" wood stud framing. The west wall is finished with 1X6" beaded board paneling in a chevron pattern. The 2X12" rafters are exposed in the roof, and the floor is concrete. (The finishing on the interior of the storage room is identical to that of the lift room.)

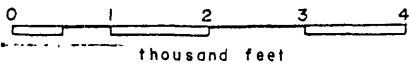
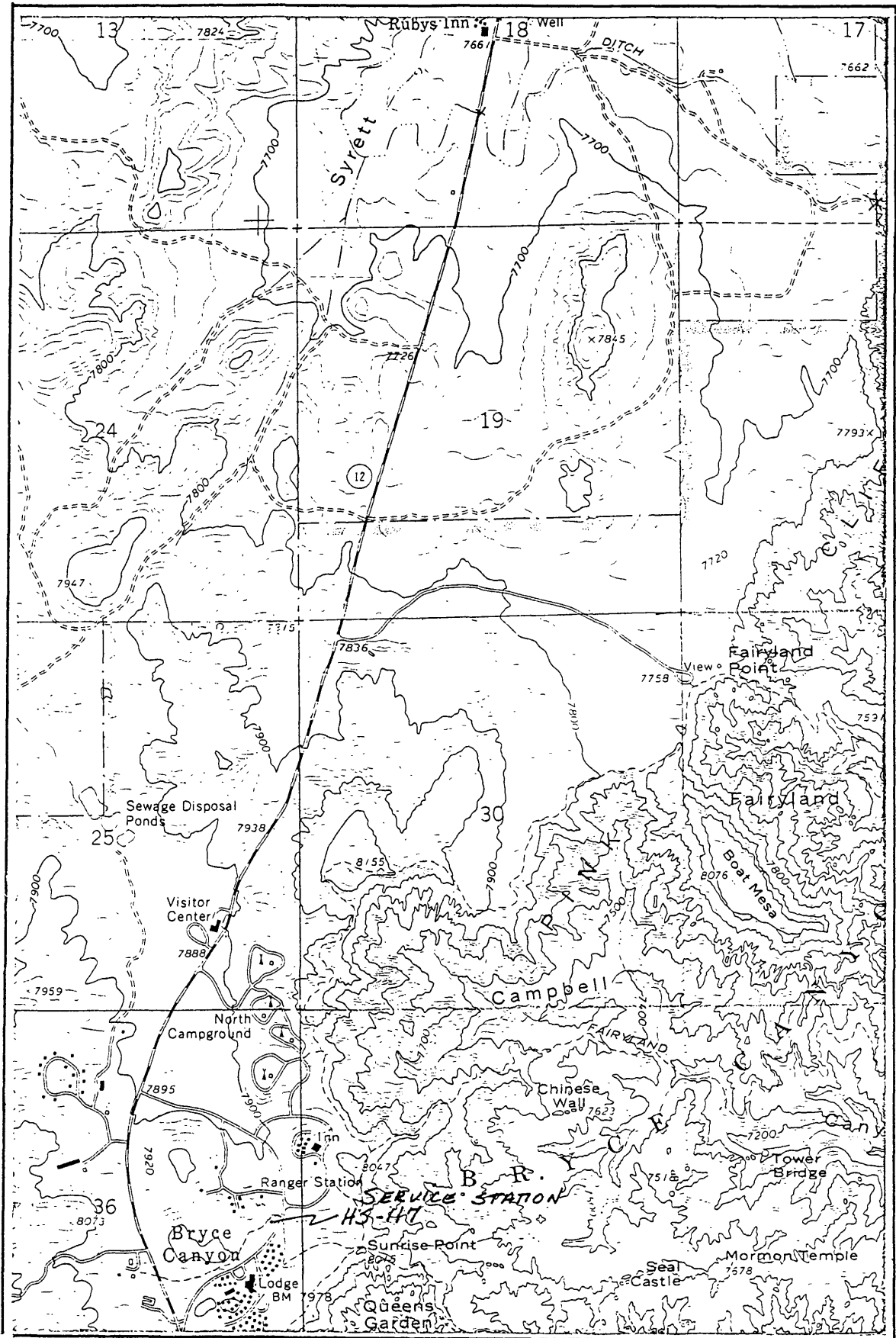
Two bathrooms with separate entries are located on the left side of the sales office/utility room area. The interior walls of the men's and women's bathrooms are finished with vertical 6" beaded board paneling. They have drywall ceilings, wood stall partitions, and the original plumbing fixtures. The gas pumps and underground storage tanks were removed in the early 1980s.

# SERVICE STATION BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK



HRA Project 144-025\gas WRH 8/92





1: 24000



USGS 7.5' Quad BRYCE CANYON, UTAH  
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 County GARFIELD

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### Utah Parks Company Service Station Garfield County, Utah

1. Utah Parks Company Service Station (HS-117), Bryce Canyon NP
  2. Garfield County, Utah
  3. Janene M. Caywood (HRA, Missoula MT)
  4. June, 1992
  5. NPS Rocky Mountain Regional Office, Denver, Colorado
- (Information in items 1-5 applies to all photos for the Service Station.)

Photo #1

Looking northeast to west and south elevations.

Photo #2

Looking northwest to south and east elevations.

Photo #3

Looking south to north elevation.





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NO SMOKING  
NO OPEN FLAMES



