

WATERTON HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

“Pat’s of Waterton”
224 Mount View Road

#4 on the History Walking Tour



Waterton Motors showing recessed entry circa 1928 – Parks Canada Collection

This is Waterton’s oldest building that was built to service the growing automobile transportation needs of the community and visitors. Originally named “Waterton Motors”, it was designed in the era when the parks branch architectural division kept a firm control over the design of Waterton construction, insisting on “Tudor-Rustic” or Swiss chalet-themed structures. The center section was originally open, to allow cars to pull right in for servicing.

BUILT: 1928

BUILDER: Park’s Architectural Division 1927 (William Cromarty) for Dell Ellison

OF NOTE: Originally called Waterton Motors, was also operated over the years by Charles Nixon and W. Bogart, Pat Carnell Jr (1953), Bud Sloan (1968), Pat Seerey (1986). Now own by the Wammas family.

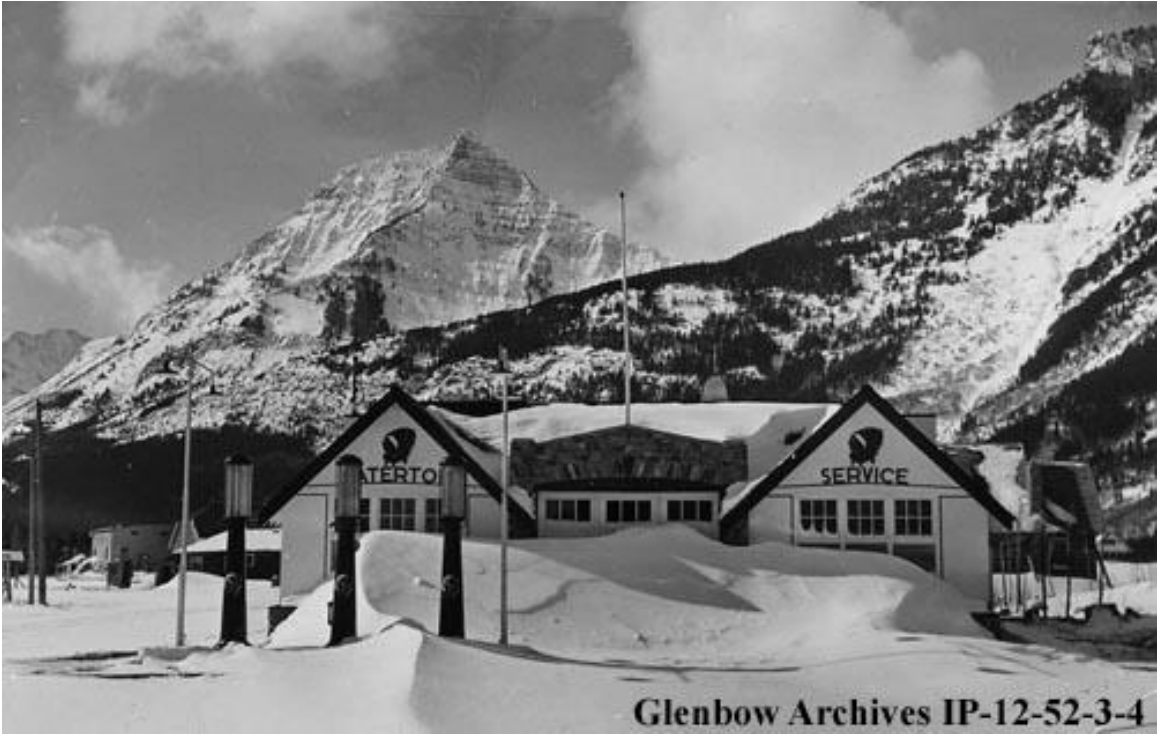
Parks Canada Heritage Character Statement:

Pat’s Garage is the oldest building associated with the transportation theme in the park. It is a good example of a Cromarty design that has not been substantially altered.

Character Defining Elements

Character defining elements include the white stucco exterior with stone foundation and piers, the central pediment and double entrance reflecting the garage function. The art deco stripes on the rear wing also contribute to the heritage character of the building. The signage is at present in keeping with the period appearance of this service station. Care should be taken to ensure that new signs are not overly obtrusive. Circular signs should be placed in the gable ends.

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