

WATERTON HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

“Rocky Mountain Food Mart”
307 Windflower Avenue

#13 on the History Walking Tour



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George Delaney, a much-beloved Waterton character, took the lease on this bare lot in 1934 to build a grocery store- as long as he could be a year-round resident. Parks allowed this, and their architectural division even designed the original building. The hip-roofed building was originally sided with log, and has the half-timbered detailing prevalent in building designs of that era. It has always operated as a grocery store, although declining numbers of year-round residents now makes it unprofitable to operate in winter months.

BUILT: 1935-1936

BUILDERS: Carl Carlson and Erik Hagglund

OF NOTE: George Delaney was a much loved Waterton character. Upon his death in 1949, his eldest son George took over and ran it with his wife Mary Edith until 1967. It has had three other owners since that time.

Parks Canada Heritage Character Statement:

The building has undergone alterations since it was first built but maintains the integrity of its original symmetrical design. The stucco and half-timbering detail is consistent with other buildings of this age in the park. The building reinforces the park architecture of the streetscape in materials and scale. Its significance is enhanced by its continued use as a grocery store since its opening in 1935.

The design for this building was supplied in 1935 by the Architectural Division of the Parks Service. The original owner was Mr. Delaney. The store was sold in 1970 but has remained in operation as a grocery store until the present time.

The building was originally faced with log siding and had wood window and door frames. The windows were segmented into smaller panes. The original materials have been replaced with new stucco having a "modern" finish and wood detailing to reflect the half-timbering motif of the park architecture. The wood shingles are compatible with the typical roofing materials of the park. The windows and doors are new replacements for the originals.

The building's location in the middle of the street helps to reinforce the character of the streetscape. The materials and scale of the building are consistent with the other buildings in this block and in the commercial core of the townsite.

Character Defining Elements

The heritage character of the building derives from the symmetry and the choice of materials.

Future alterations to the building should be designed to maintain the scale of the building and should incorporate materials consistent with typical park materials - i.e. stucco, half-timbering, wood shingles, log siding.



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Under construction the winter of 1935-1936



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1930's view of Windflower Avenue- Glendell Foods, Delaney Market and Brewerton Cinema

