



Emporia, Virginia

Like residential design, commercial buildings featured popular architectural styles to stay relevant to the public. The style of this former gas station is an adaptation of the Denver design introduced by Texaco circa 1920. The arched doorways were design features unique to period installations, though the company discovered their attempt to adapt them to lubrication bays were met with limited success. Showcasing a distinctive Spanish Revival flavor, these stations often featured slate or terracotta barrel tile roofing, though the shingles of this building represent a more modest budget.