

Chase City, Virginia

Small towns in rural Southside Virginia and northern North Carolina often saw buildings repurposed from country stores or someone's house into a roadside filling station by adding gas pumps. This early twentieth century filling station features architectural elements echoing its neighborhood. The rooftop faux Palladian arch conceals a vent that allowed hot air to escape the attic. Windows and doors with segmented arch soldier-style brick courses are reminiscent of the more formal Italianate architectural style of the period.