



Huffman's Standard Station and Huffman's Beauty Shop. Richland County History Room photo.

Huffman's Standard Station – Intersection of West 6th and North Main Streets.



Mabel and Jesse Huffman. Richland County History Room photo.

Jesse and Mabel (Schoonover) Huffman were owner-operators of the Standard Oil Station at Main and Sixth Streets on the north end of Richland Center. Jesse Huffman operated it most of his adult life since it was installed early in 1927. The building is still intact, but the canopy has been removed long ago as the structure has gone through many different tenants and remodels over the years.

Mabel Huffman ran the Huffman Beauty Shop out of the Huffman home adjacent to the service station for 50 years. She began the Beauty Shop in 1930 in one small room that had been added onto their home; the shop grew through two additions, both of which were much larger than the original quarters and it had eight persons employed when Mrs. Huffman retired from active management of the business in 1965.

Mabel Huffman died on May 23, 1976, at the age of 74. Jesse Huffman preceded her in death in 1968, at the age of 76.

The beauty shop is still operating as Connie's Creations at 218 West 6th Street.



The Huffman Standard Station and a twin illustrating the Bungalow style look.

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Repurposed as a retail store, this station is located on the southwest corner of Church and Seminary Street in Richland Center.

By the late 1920s, gas stations began providing additional services to their customers, such as car washes and oil changes. Additional service bays were added on to the existing structure. Prior to 1935, these bays usually reflected the style of the building. Eventually, after 1935, service bays were simple, flat-roof boxes. These two photos are representative of service stations that had service bays instead of a canopy as filling stations evolved to add more services for the motorists.

A canopy is any type of roof supported by one or more posts sheltering the gas pumps and the cars that pull up to the station. The first gas station with a canopy appeared around 1910 and remained an integral part of gas station design through the 1920s and, to a lesser extent, the early 1930s. Pumps were usually near the station office and canopies projected out from the main building. After WWII, in the late 1940s and early 1950s, the canopy returned. These later canopies were larger and more simplified and were branded with the company name and logo. Often the canopies were not attached to the building. These images provide only a small sample of the types of house style stations constructed during this time period.



An example of a gas station with added service bays.

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The LeHew Standard Station was located at the northeast corner of Church and Seminary Streets.

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