

## Restoration Project – Rogers Lumber/Solheim Service Station



### Roger's Lumber

The first business in Manfred was established in 1894. It was the Smith and Rogers Lumber Co, and was managed by Gullik Nordtorp from 1894 to 1899, and was located near Gullik's Stone House.



The building was later moved to the triangle, (note orange \* on picture for location).

The O. K. Melby Lumber Co. was taken down and the Rogers Lumberyard building put in its place facing Lincoln instead of Railroad as before. Rogers Lumber closed in 1932.



In 1933, Rudolph Peterson purchased Rogers Lumberyard to remodel it for use as a station. Rudolph had Guy Fisher move the building to its present location in June of 1933.



In April, 1945, Harley Boese sold his farming interests and purchased the gas station, but experiencing health problems, Harley was forced to sell the station in Manfred.

### **Solheim Service**

Helmer Solheim bought the gas station on October 23, 1945 and operated it until 1969 as a Standard Oil service station. In addition to selling gas, he did other mechanical work on cars such as fixing tires, changing oil, and greasing cars.



Ted Jorstad purchased the gas station in December 1969 and continued operating it until 1974.

The building was then purchased by Delbert Rask for a garage, later by Harry Detling.

Audrey Solheim purchased the building in November of 2003. A steel roof was added in April 2004 and the exterior was painted during the fall of 2005.



The exterior was restored to the look of the era from 1945 – 1969 when Audrey's father Helmer owned and operated the gas station.