

Medicine Hat Garage (today the Rellim Building)

518 - 524 2 St. S.E.

Lot 35/36

Block 5

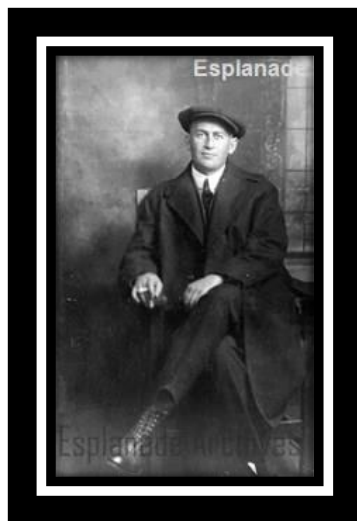
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Date of Construction: 1917

Apr. 12, 1917: Permit #25 is issued to Smith, Burns and Pingle to build a two storey garage, valued at \$14,000. The builder was A.P. Burns. This brick building was built as the new home for Medicine Hat Garage. E.C. Drake and Ed Middleton, an auto mechanic by trade, were the earliest proprietors, transitioning from the old location east of the tracks at 740 Second St.

Jul. 9, 1917: The new Medicine Hat Garage opens as advertised below in the Medicine Hat News.

By 1923, Middleton's brothers-in-law, Thompson and George Atkinson were managing the business.



From around 1930 until 1946, younger brother George Atkinson was the sole proprietor.

George Atkinson #0883.0740*

MH News
Feb 14, 1918

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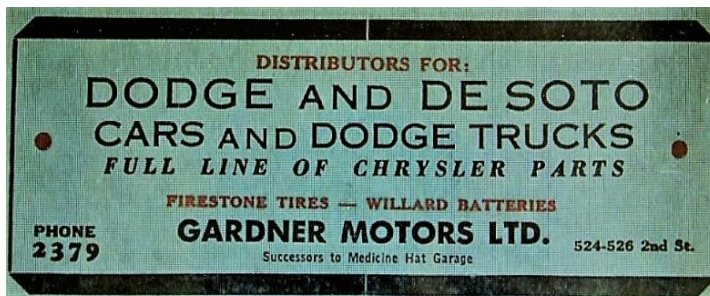
Medicine Hat Garage 1934 #0442.0859 *

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MH News Dec. 22, 1934



In 1946, Gardner Motors became the “successors to Medicine Hat Garage.” Medicine Hat Garage had occupied the building for 29 years.



Left: 1946 AGT advertisement Gardner Motors at 524-526 2nd St.

A year later, Gardner Motors moved into a new location across the street at 501-2 St. S.E.

In the same year, the Motor Car Supply Co. of Canada Ltd. leased and remained in the building until 1965. The building was remodeled in 1965 by Necker and Woefle. From 1966-1976, the main occupant of the building was Val Marshall Printing Ltd. After Val Marshall left the building, further interior office renovations were required.

In **1974**, the building was locally purchased from the Lethbridge owner and legally restructured in 1977.

In **1977**, the building was coined the Rellim Building after owner and local businessman JC Miller.
(“Rellim” is “Miller” backwards.)



Medicine Hat Garage as the Rellim Building, 2016



James C. Miller
#0055-0097*

***Additional information and digital copies of photos may be available by contacting or visiting the Esplanade Archives.**

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