

Al Ring's American Service

August 25, 1965 to December 14, 1965

**4601 Shelbyville Road
Louisville, KY 40207**

By Al Ring, 2007

While waiting for American Oil to build my American station at Westport Road and Goose Creek Road, a man named Frymire (who ran the American station at 4601 Shelbyville Road) got quite ill and Commonwealth Distributing company ask me to takeover that station until mine was built. I took over the station August 25, 1965 (my first Service Station). This was the same day DuPont Corporation on the other end of town blew up killing several people. We watched our windows as well as Frish's Big Boy's windows across the street shake. I paid Frymire \$3,669.63 for all items. I also bought Frymier's 1955 Chevy Truck for \$325.00. I invested another \$325.00 in it and eventually sold it for \$325.00. In September 1965, I had a sales promotion at the station with Antique Auto Imprint glasses. That initiative was vary popular and helped business quite a lot. On September 30, 1965, I got paid back \$5.75 for the first bad check I took on the very first day of businss. On September 1965, I completed my first station's profit & loss report. I had \$7,914.63 in total sales, for a gross profit of \$1,718.98, (with expenses costing \$1,526.88) for a net profit of \$192.10, I took \$50.00. As it turned out I was only there until December 1965, when Bob Schulten my mentor moved his business out to Hurstbourne Lane, I bought his station at 4300 Shelbyville Road where I had worked for several years for him.

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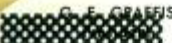


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This is the field, "lot" at Westport Road and Goose Creek Road in 1965 that was to be the location of my new American Oil Station. While waiting for it to be built a Mr. Frymire got ill and I took over his station at 4601 Shelbyville Road. This site eventually had an American station as well as a complete shopping center with a K-Mart. The Google print is what is there today.



Aug. 25, 1965: Explosions and fires roll through the DuPont plant most of the day, killing 12 workers, injuring 37 and destroying much of the plant.

July 16, 1965, James E. Durham, Jr. wrote a letter to the Army trying to get a 3 month deferment for me so I could open my new business. Jim Durham was a very good man, he died not long after this from Cancer and was the first time I was exposed to acquaintances dying. It was quite a loss. Jack Wessling became a good business acquaintance of mine and we still did business after I moved to another brand station.

 J. E. DURHAM, JR. President	 J. T. WESSLING Vice President	 LONNIE HARVEY Secretary Treasurer
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COMMONWEALTH DISTRIBUTING CO.

1220 RIVER ROAD
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40206
587-0584
July 16, 1965

Commanding Officer
Company "A"
100th Regiment (CST) 100th Div. (TNG)
P. O. Box 7003
Louisville, Kentucky - 40207

SUBJECT: PFC ALBERT RING
(ER15703341)


Dear Sir:

This letter is a request for temporary deferment (approximately three months) for the above subject.

PFC Ring is going to be one of our American Oil Company dealers at 4801 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, Kentucky, on or about August 23, 1965. He has sacrificed and prepared himself for eight (8) years for the opportunity to go into his own business, and I feel it would be detrimental to his business to be taken away from it at this crucial time of establishing it.

We consider PFC Ring a most promising service station dealer, but being taken away from his business at this time would be a very definite disadvantage to him.

We would certainly appreciate your consideration of the above request.

Yours very truly,

JAMES E. DURHAM, JR.,
President

JTW:lgt

August 25, 1965

I bought out Frymire American and opened

Al Ring American Service
4601 Shelbyville Road
Louisville, KY 40207

COST:

Petroleum	\$512.02
Cash	\$63.81
Soft Drinks	\$26.36
TBA (tires, batteries, accessories)	\$2,014.50
Equipment (see below)	\$1,052.50

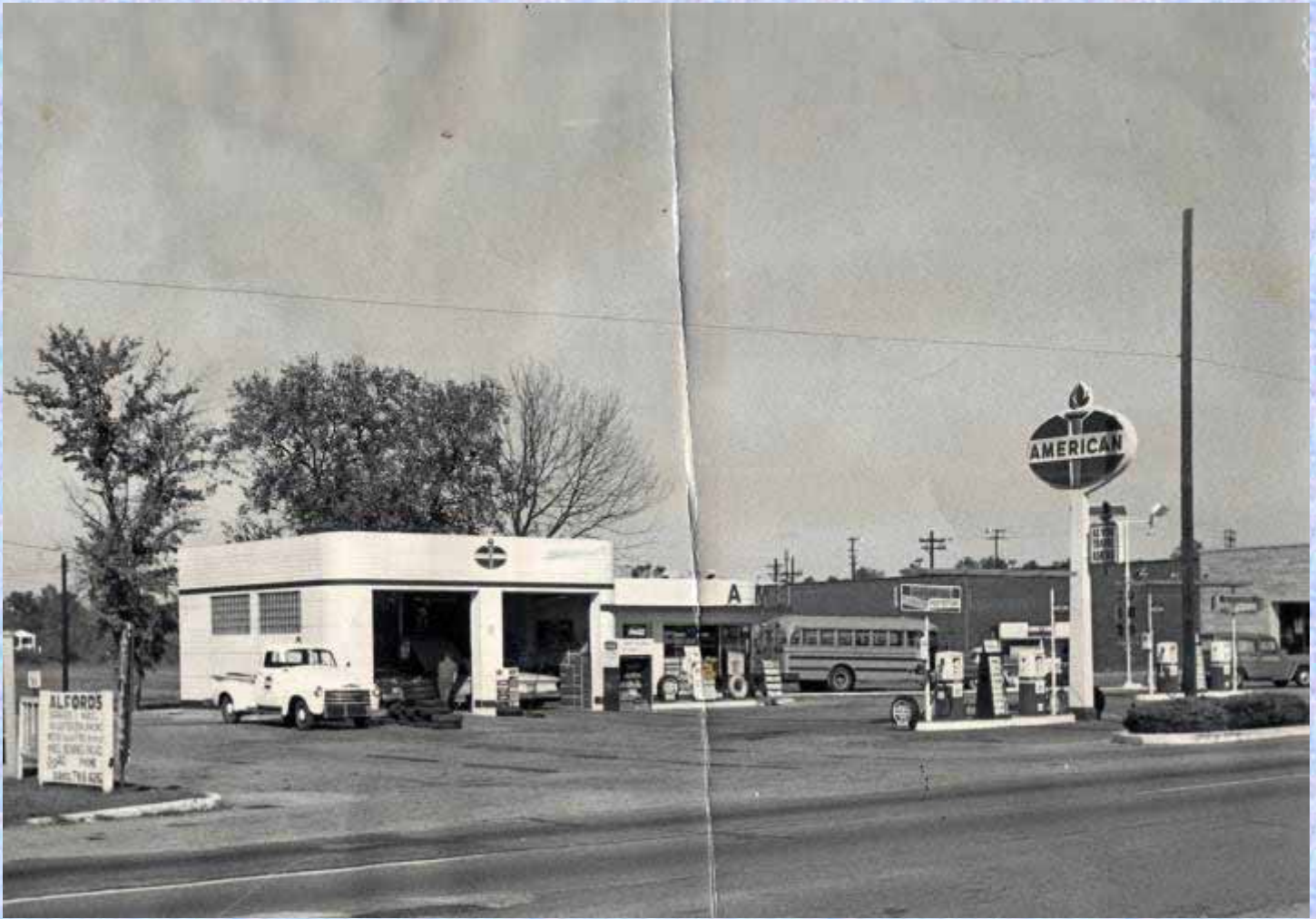
TOTAL **\$3,669.63**

Equipment bought from Frymire in August 1965:

4 auto nozzles	\$25.00
3 Islanders	\$5.00
2 air hoses & gages	\$10.00
2 Seloil cabinets	\$30.00
1 tire selling center	\$8.00
1 metal chair	\$1.50
1 tube test tank	\$1.00
1 tire changer (I sold for \$125.00)	\$125.00
1 analyzer AMA-7	\$375.00
1 pressure tester	\$5.00
1 alemite set (lubrication equipment)	\$249.00
1 desk & chair	\$5.00
1 adding machine	\$10.00
1 cash register (\$173.00 to overhaul)	\$187.00
2 waste baskets	\$1.00
1 travel cabinet	\$8.00
1 soap dispenser	\$2.00

TOTAL **\$1,052.50**

4601 Shelbyville Road, Frymire American Station



Precision Tune was in the spot in 1994. It is now Medley's Auto Care.



Collected on first bad check

THOMAS E. GATES
ATTORNEY AT LAW
406 LOUISVILLE TRUST BUILDING
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40202
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TELEPHONE 582-1371

September 17, 1965

Ring's American Service Station
4106 Shelbyville Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$5.75. You will recall that this money represents reimbursement to you for a check that you are holding drawn on the account of Anita Kittle and which was returned by the bank.

Please return the check you are holding to me, or a receipt evidencing payment.

Should you have any question regarding this, please feel at liberty to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Thomas E. Gates

Thomas E. Gates

TEG:mw

Enclosure

*first bad check I ever took.
on the first day of business*



AL RING'S AMERICAN SERVICE



4601 SHELBYVILLE ROAD
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY PHONE 896-9123

FREE

**BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED
16-oz. COOLER SIZE GLASS
With Antique Auto Imprints**

With The Purchase of 8 Gallons or More of
American or Amoco Super Premium Gasoline

We Feature:



AUTO SERVICE

FREE PICK-UP & DELIVERY SERVICE

MOTOR ANALYZER TUNE-UP SERVICE

BRAKE WORK

MINOR AUTO REPAIR SERVICE

ATLAS TIRES - BATTERIES - ACCESSORIES

BUDGET PLAN ON SERVICES & PRODUCTS

AL RING'S AMERICAN SERVICE

Shelbyville Road At Beechwood Village

Phone 896-9123

These pictures were taken by Dad and that is his Corvair in the picture.



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Loran Tindal and employee



Bought new Pontiac Catalina 2+2 limited edition, October 27, 1965

December 14, 1965 sold my service station at 4601 Shelbyville Road to Mr. Riebel. December 16, 1965 bought my new business at 4300 Shelbyville Road. From Bob Schulten whom I had worked for, for many years.

Sold business to Riebel Dec. 14, 1965

<i>Gas</i>	<i>461.39</i>
<i>Oil</i>	<i>269.06</i>
<i>Equipment</i>	<i>375.50</i>
<i>TBA.</i>	<i>1462.71</i>
<i>Cash</i>	<i>52.87</i>
<i>soft drink</i>	<i>12.15</i>
<i>fuel oil</i>	<i>48.36</i>
<i>Herane</i>	<i>4.65</i>
	<i>2686.69</i>

Equipment sold to Riebel Dec. 14, 1965

<i>4 auto nozzle</i>	<i>25.00</i>
<i>3 Islander</i>	<i>9.00</i>
<i>2 air hoses and gauges</i>	<i>10.00</i>
<i>2 seloit cabinets</i>	<i>30.00</i>
<i>1 tire selling cab.</i>	<i>8.00</i>
<i>1 mental chair</i>	<i>2.50</i>
<i>1 oil drain car</i>	<i>5.00</i>
<i>1 Alemite set</i>	<i>250.00</i>
<i>1 Bench and Chair</i>	<i>5.00</i>
<i>2 Waste Baskets</i>	<i>1.00</i>
<i>1 Travel cabinet</i>	<i>8.00</i>
<i>1 soap dispenser</i>	<i>2.00</i>
<i>1 brake fluid pump</i>	<i>5.00</i>
<i>1 adding machine</i>	<i>10.00</i>
<i>1 Shrim way hose and bell</i>	<i>5.00</i>
	<i>375.50</i>