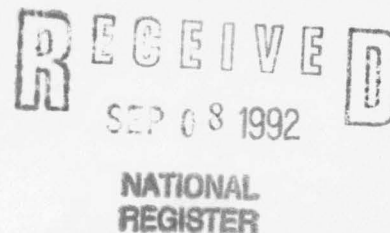


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: A. Landi General Merchandise Building

other name/site number: CH0043

2. Location

street & number: State Highway 8

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Grand Lake

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Chicot

code: AR 017

zip code: 71640

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources Associated With The Ethnic and Racial Minority Settlement of the Arkansas Delta

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn D. Byrd
Signature of certifying official

9-1-92
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register
_____ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the
National Register
_____ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register
☐ removed from the National Register
_____ other (explain): _____

~~entered in the~~
National Register

Melanie Byrd 10/8/92

for Signature of Keeper

Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: COMMERCE/TRADE

Sub: Department store

Current: VACANT/NOT IN USE

Sub: N/A

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other _____

Other Description: Plain Traditional

Materials: foundation Brick roof Asphalt
walls WOOD/Weatherboard other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: COMMERCE
ETHNIC HERITAGE/EUROPEAN

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1920-1940

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
X See continuation sheet.

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**National Register of Historic Places
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Section number 7 Page 1

Summary

The A. Landi General Merchandise Building, constructed c. 1920 and located on Highway 8 near Eudora (though it is actually within the community known as Grand Lake), is a single-story, detached wood frame commercial storefront building designed in the Plain Traditional style. Its plan is fundamentally rectangular, though it also features an attached wood shed to the north.

Elaboration

The A. Landi General Merchandise Building is a single-story, detached wood frame commercial storefront building designed in the Plain Traditional style. Its plan is fundamentally rectangular, though it also features an attached wood shed to the north. A single brick chimney rises through the roof near the center of the structure, just to the north of the gable ridge. The asphalt roof and wood novelty siding walls are supported by brick piers.

The eastern or front facade is composed of a wood parapet with a raised center section above the double entrance and windows on the first floor. The parapet originally featured the stenciled name of the mercantile enterprise housed within, but is otherwise undecorated. A shed roof porch supported upon four paired wood-plank posts shelters the two single-leaf entrances in the center of the wall below and the two pair of windows to either side of the entrances. Three pair of transom windows directly above also remain. The shed roof section to the north is accessed via a central, single-leaf entrance. The western elevation opposite contains two windows and a single-leaf central entrance.

The southern elevation is fenestrated only by two horizontal windows placed symmetrically on the facade and directly beneath the cornice. A single-leaf door accesses the wall near the western end. The northern elevation features the blank wall of the shed roof addition to the east and a single horizontal window beneath the cornice in the wall to the west.

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Section number 8 Page 1

Summary

Criterion A, local significance

The A. Landi General Merchandise Building is eligible under Criterion A locally through its associations with its builders and original occupants, the Landi family, one of only a few Italian immigrant families that remained in Chicot County after the failure of such plantation enterprises as Sunnyside in Lake Village that initially brought in the Italian immigrants to work as farm laborers, as noted in the associated historic context, *Minority Settlement in the Mississippi River Counties of the Arkansas Delta, 1870-1930, Section II,D*. Most left the county after these ventures failed, but some remained and prospered, largely as merchants.

Though little history has survived regarding this Italian immigrant family, it is known this structure was constructed by this family after World War I (approximately 1920) as a commercial mercantile building, and was operated by them as such up until approximately 1980. The building has remained largely as it appeared when it was constructed, and its exterior retains its original character. It is eligible under Criterion A with local significance through its association with this Italian immigrant family and their operation of a mercantile business within its walls, the only known such resource within the legal boundaries of Grand Lake, Arkansas.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See "Historic and Architectural Resources Associated With The Ethnic and Racial Minority Settlement of the Arkansas Delta" Multiple Property Documentation Form, Section H.

___ See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- _ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- _ previously listed in the National Register
- _ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- _ designated a National Historic Landmark
- _ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- _ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

X State historic preservation office

_ Other state agency

_ Federal agency

_ Local government

_ University

_ Other -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A 15 667000 3662700 B ___ ___ ___

C ___ ___ ___ D ___ ___ ___

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point on the western edge of State Highway 8 formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's southern elevation and located approximately 25 feet to the south thereof, proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 150 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's western elevation; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's northern elevation; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 150 feet to its intersection with the western edge of State Highway 8; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically-associated with this resource.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Name/Title: Kenneth Story, Architectural Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: August 31, 1992

Street & Number: 225 E. Markham, Suite 300 Telephone: (501) 324-9346

City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Landi, A., General Merchandise Building

MULTIPLE NAME: Ethnic and Racial Minority Settlement of the Arkansas Delta
MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Chicot

DATE RECEIVED: 9/08/92

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/22/92

DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/8/92

DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/23/92

DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92001347

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 10/8/92 DATE entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

___summary paragraph
___completeness
___clarity
___applicable criteria
___justification of areas checked
___relating significance to the resource
___context
___relationship of integrity to significance
___justification of exception
___other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone

Signed

Date



A. LANDI GENERAL MERCHANDISE BUILDING
GRAND LAKE, CHICOT Co, ARKANSAS
PHOTOGRAPHED BY T. FERGUSON
NOVEMBER, 1991
NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP
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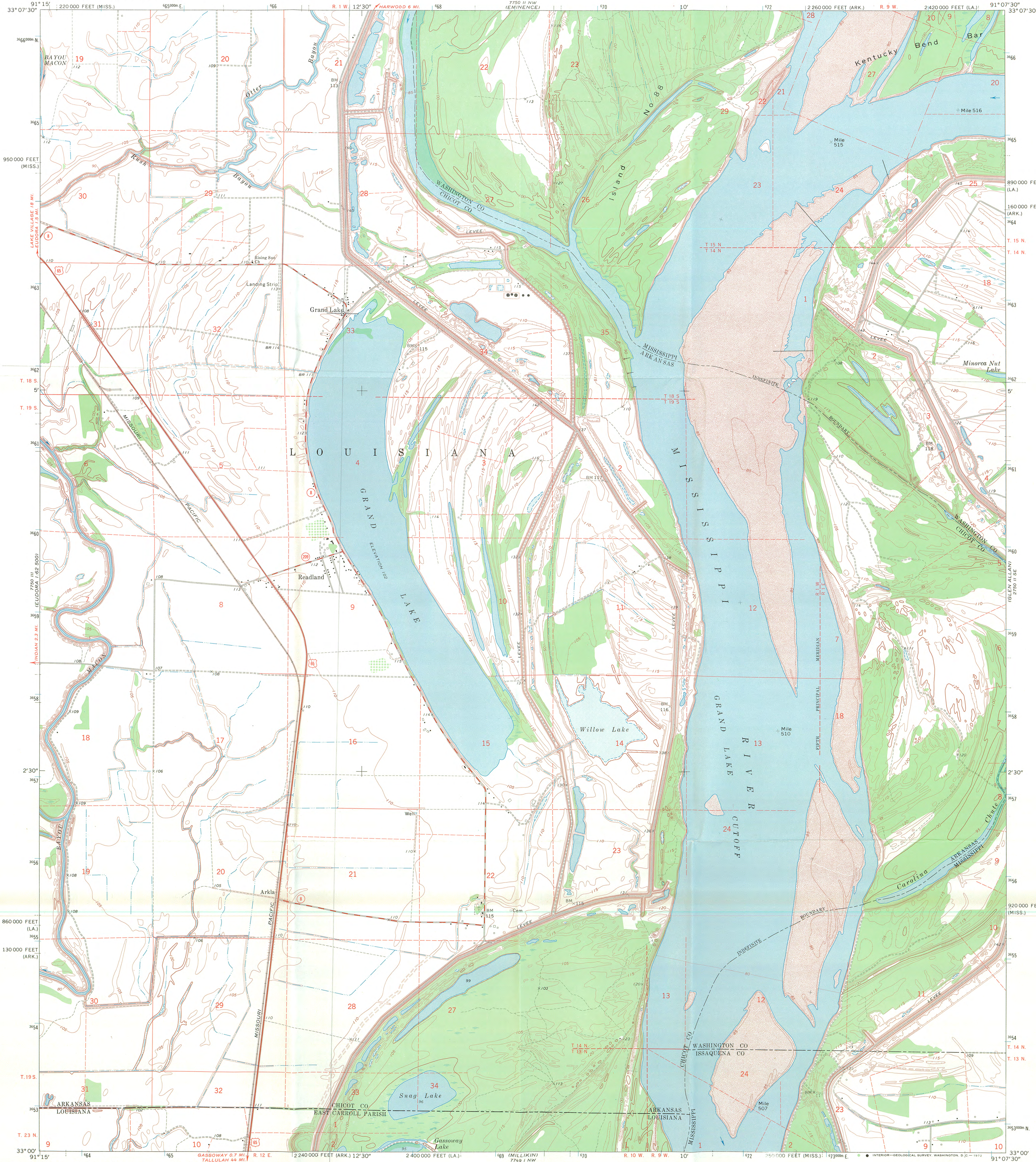


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READLAND QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS—MISSISSIPPI—LOUISIANA
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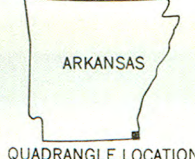


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UTM GRID AND 1970 MAGNETIC NORTH
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, all weather, hard surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface
Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
U.S. Route
State Route

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SW/4 READLAND 15' QUADRANGLE
N3300—W9107.5/7.5



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Washington, DC 20240

RE: A. Landi General Merchandise Building
Grand Lake, Chicot County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination of the above referenced property. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures

