

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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not for publication: N/A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>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	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 A. 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): _____

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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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:

- 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

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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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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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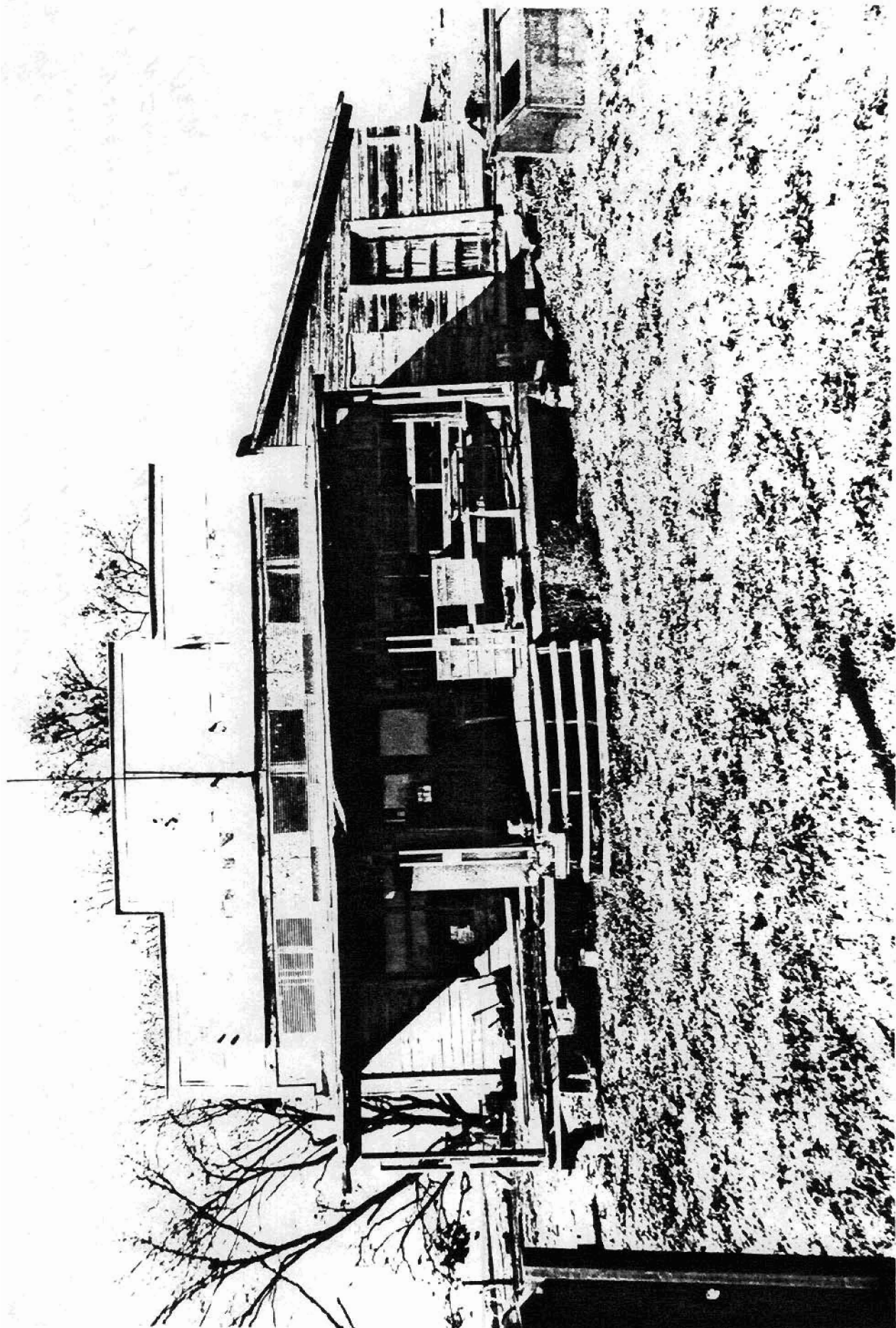
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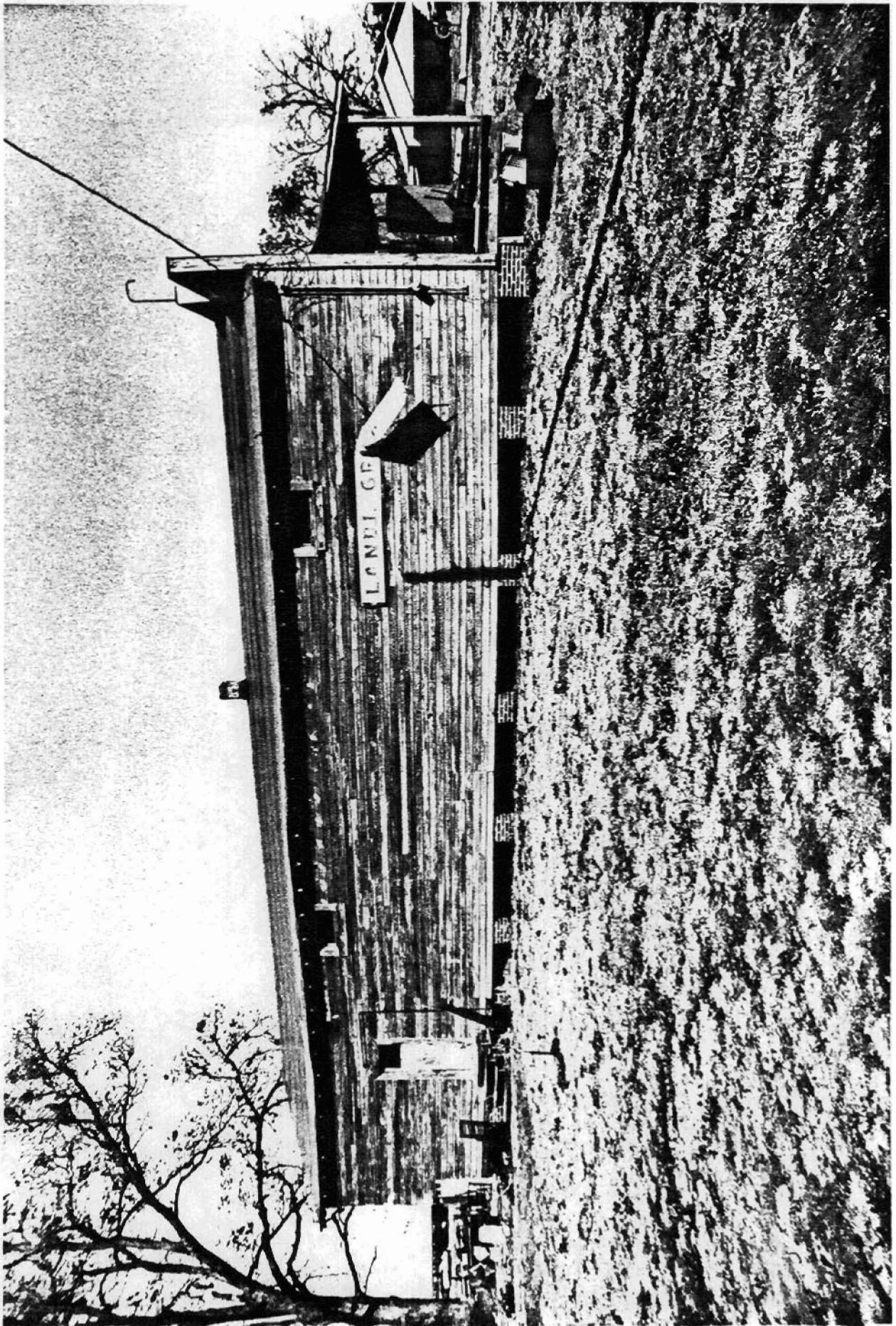
Summary

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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