

CLARENDON MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA
MONROE COUNTY

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number CL-4

Owner Frank Rich

Property Name Goldman and Son Store

Address 209 Main

Address 101 Main

Clarendon, AR 72029

City Clarendon, AR

Significant Date/s 1893

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Goldman and Son Store is located across from the Courthouse on the corner of Main and Madison. The one-story brick building runs east and west with the western wall near the east bank of the White River. The pressed metal facade faces east and Main Street. The building still has its original pressed metal storefront. The original multi-paned glass storefront has metal and wood framework and a double-door recessed entrance. The front is topped by a small raised cornice with two large pilasters running down the corners of the building. Decorative pressed metal runs above the windows and along the cornice. The flat roof has a small parapet on the front and stairs on the northern side. The northern wall also has the construction date attached in iron numbers.

The rear segment of the building runs perpendicular to the main section and is original. This portion was used as storage and a warehouse for the original cotton dealers and dry goods merchants who built the structure. The fish market has operated out of the building since 1930, and this rear section was used to prepare the fresh fish. It is the last of the nineteenth century brick commercial buildings left on Main Street.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Goldman and Son Store is the oldest commercial structure in Clarendon and the last of the 1890's brick commercial buildings on Main Street, which was the original focus of the commercial activity in Clarendon. Built originally by Goldman and Sons in 1893, the building served as a dry goods store, a warehouse, and a shipping headquarters for the Goldman cotton merchants. They had the first telephone in Clarendon installed from the Cotton Belt Depot to this store in 1899. Cotton at that time was the major crop in the area, and Clarendon was the main cotton market with over ten thousand bales of cotton shipped out of the town each year. It later became a furniture/hardware store, and also housed the Jefferies and Sons dry goods. The building was purchased around 1930 by Jesse Rich to be used as a fresh fish market. A dock extended behind the store to the White River. Frank Rich took over from his father, and remains the owner. It is still used as a fish market today. The exterior has changed very little with its original pressed metal front intact. It remains one of the few nineteenth century buildings still actively in use in the town.

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Verbal Boundary Description: Original Town of Clarendon Lot 18 Block 10

Acreage: less than one

Quadrangle Name: Clarendon, Ark.

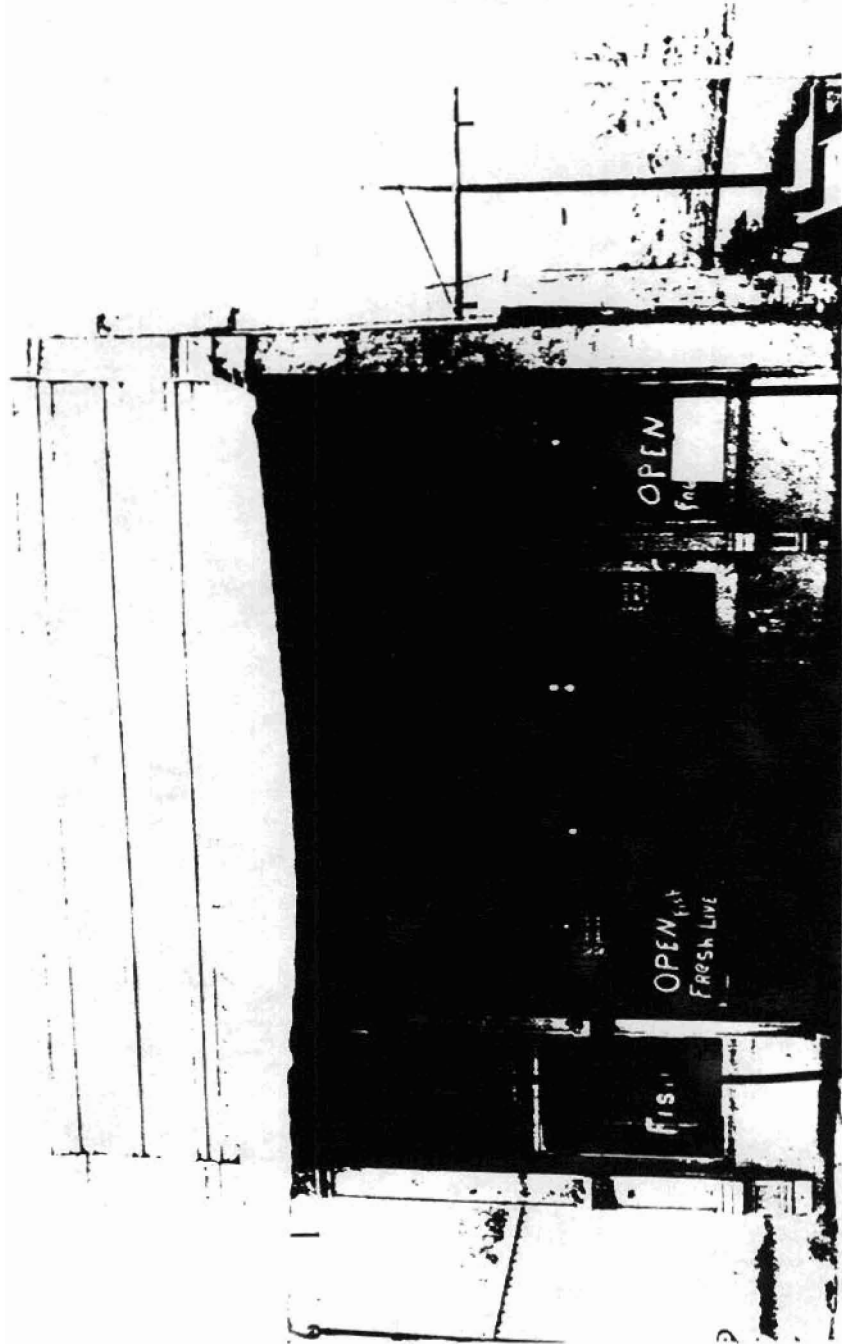
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UTM Reference:

Zone: 15

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