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Searcy County
Marshall
Oscar Redman Building

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Oscar Redman Building

other name/site number: SE0177

2. Location

street & number: 119 East Main Street

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Marshall

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Searcy code: AR 129 zip code: 72650

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 of Searcy County, Arkansas

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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.

Carolyn Byrd Slater _____ 6-7-93
Signature of certifying official 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

5. National Park Service Certification

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

6. Function or Use

Historic: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: Specialty Store

Current: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: Specialty Store

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other

Other Description: Plain Traditional

Materials:	foundation	<u>Concrete</u>	roof	<u>Asphalt</u>
	walls	<u>Concrete</u>	other	<u>N/A</u>

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, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE
COMMERCE

Period(s) of Significance: 1920-1943

Significant Dates: 1920

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 of Searcy County, Arkansas," Section H.

X 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

A	<u>15</u>	<u>533290</u>	<u>3973760</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the northern edge of Main Street with a perpendicular line running along the building's eastern elevation, proceed northerly along said line for a distance of 68 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the building's northern elevation; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of 25 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the western party wall; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of 68 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the northern edge of Main Street; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of 25 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Description

The Oscar Redman Building is a single-story, concrete block masonry commercial building designed in a simple, Plain Traditional commercial storefront style. Its plan is rectangular, as it shares a party wall with the adjacent storefront building to the west and is located upon a typical rectangular downtown lot. Its built-up tar roof stands behind the raised concrete block parapet and walls, all of which rests upon a continuous, cast concrete foundation.

The first story of the southern or front elevation is composed of the two large storefront windows that flank the central, recessed single-leaf entrance. Though the windows have been replaced, the original entrance molding and recessed entry are intact. The original transom windows above the storefront have been covered and painted, though the original lintel over the opening remains both intact and visible. The raised parapet above -- constructed of concrete blocks formed to resemble quarry-faced stone -- is entirely original.

The other visible walls are blank.

The significant exterior details are limited to the gingerbread trim at the upper corners of the exterior molding on the recessed entry and the three-dimensional texture lent by the rough faces of the formed concrete blocks.

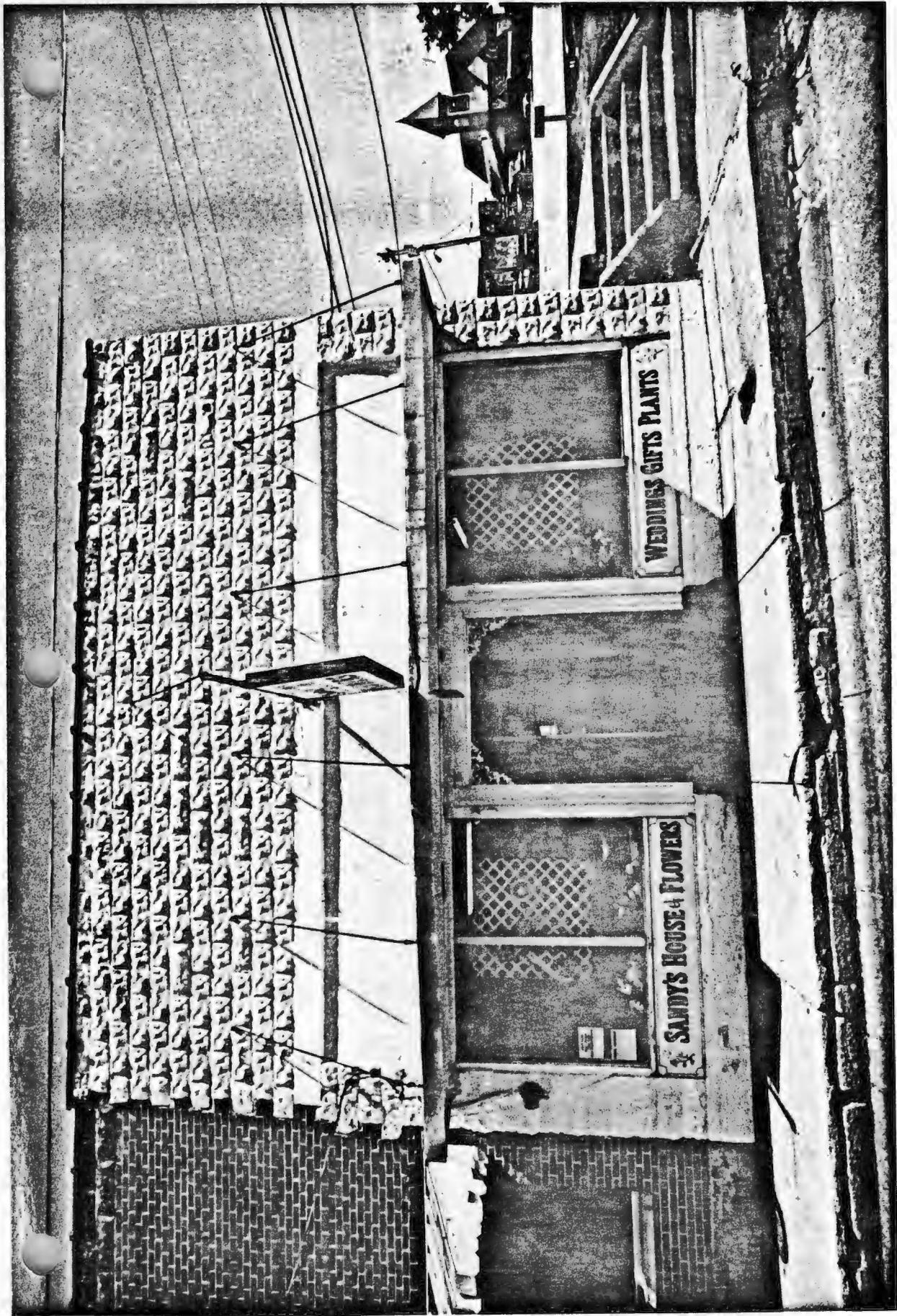
The interior of this building has been largely remodeled, though it does not appear as if major structural walls were moved or replaced. It is in good condition.

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Continuation SheetSection number 8 Page 1**Significance**

Criteria A and C, local significance

The Oscar Redman Building was constructed around 1920 by Oscar Redman to shelter his retail produce business. The Oscar Redman Produce Company sold chicken, eggs and cream from this storefront during the early years of the business, which was later run by his son John.

The Oscar Redman Building was constructed as a commercial storefront building on Main Street in downtown Marshall. Though little else is known about Oscar Redman, its original owner, its construction date of 1920 and its simple Plain Traditional commercial storefront style represent the historic context *Searcy County in the World War Era, 1910-1945: Economic Realignment, The Great Depression and World War*. Though this was, generally speaking, a period of county-wide economic decline, some construction continued, and particularly in the area of smaller retail businesses that stocked a broad range of either farming equipment, general household goods and hardware, or groceries. As Marshall and Searcy County attempted to cope with the economic decline that came with the Prohibition era and its effect upon the county's previously profitable small industries, local businessmen re-focused their marketing emphasis on the more predictable local economy and the relatively dependable demand for common agricultural and household goods. The Oscar Redman Building is thus eligible with local significance under Criterion A for its direct association with the down-scaled retail economy that responded directly to the drastic changes taking place in the local manufacturing and transportation base during the 1920's. It is also eligible under Criterion C as a relatively representative example of a mid-1920's downtown mercantile store constructed of formed concrete block, a building material that would gain more currency as the twentieth century progressed.



OSCAR BEDMAN BUILDING (SEE 0177)
MARIETTA, JERRY R., ARKANSAS
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ARRIET 7 MI.

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