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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Present physical appearance is good. Some interior repairs are needed. Is still being used as county jail, but anticipate that it will be condemned for such such because of lack of security of building itself.

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__ECONOMICS

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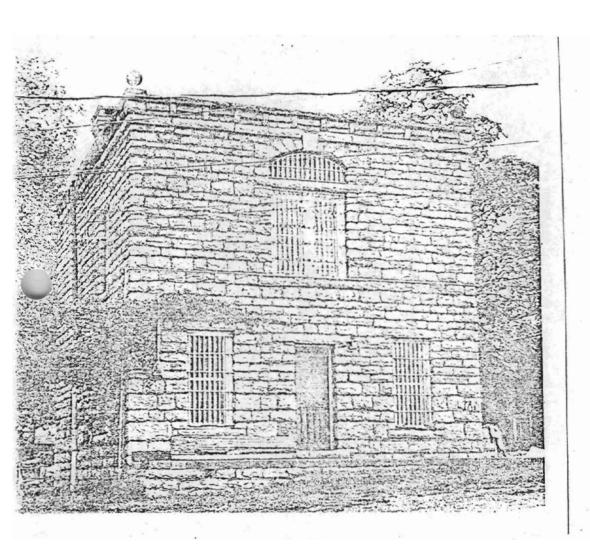
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'ATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Newton County Courthouse was authorized by "court" to purchase land for a courthouse site and such land was purchased from William J. and Manda Brasel on December 28, 190/ The court had earlier, on October 16, 1901, levied a 5 mill tax on Newton County property for the purpose of building and erecting a "court howe and jail" for Newton County. It was assumed that private donations would be received to supplement this appropriation, but we have no record of them so far. In any event, the the courthouse and jail were built and so far as we can determine completed in 1903 or 1940. The courthouse burned in 1930s and has been replaced. The jail building still stands and is in use as a temporary holding point for arrested persongs. It is anticipated that it will not longer be used as a jail at an early date and since the building is unique, sound structural condition, and represents an era of our local heritage that can not be replaced, we feel it should be designated as a historical site. We have been verbally assured by county officials that our application for long-term use of the building as a historical museum for Newton County will receive favorable consideration.



MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICA: REFERENCES

None available

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