

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Newton County
Jasper
Newton County

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME
HISTORIC
Newton County Jail

AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER
3rd

CITY, TOWN
Jasper

Just off
VICINITY OF NW corner of square

STATE
Arkansas

CODE

COUNTY
Newton

CODE
76141

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED (at present)	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
NAME
Newton County

STREET & NUMBER
Jasper, Arkansas 72641

CITY, TOWN
Jasper

STATE
Arkansas

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Office of County Clerk
Newton County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Jasper

STATE
Arkansas

72641

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE
Not known. Property is described by Warranty Deed from William J. Brasel to County of Newton dated 28 December, 1901 Deed is recorded in full in Newton County

DATE

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Courthouse

CITY, TOWN
Jasper, Arkansas 72641

STATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL: TE .
☐ MOVED DATE _____

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.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

PREHISTORIC
99
500-599
600-1699
700-1799
800-1899
900-

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

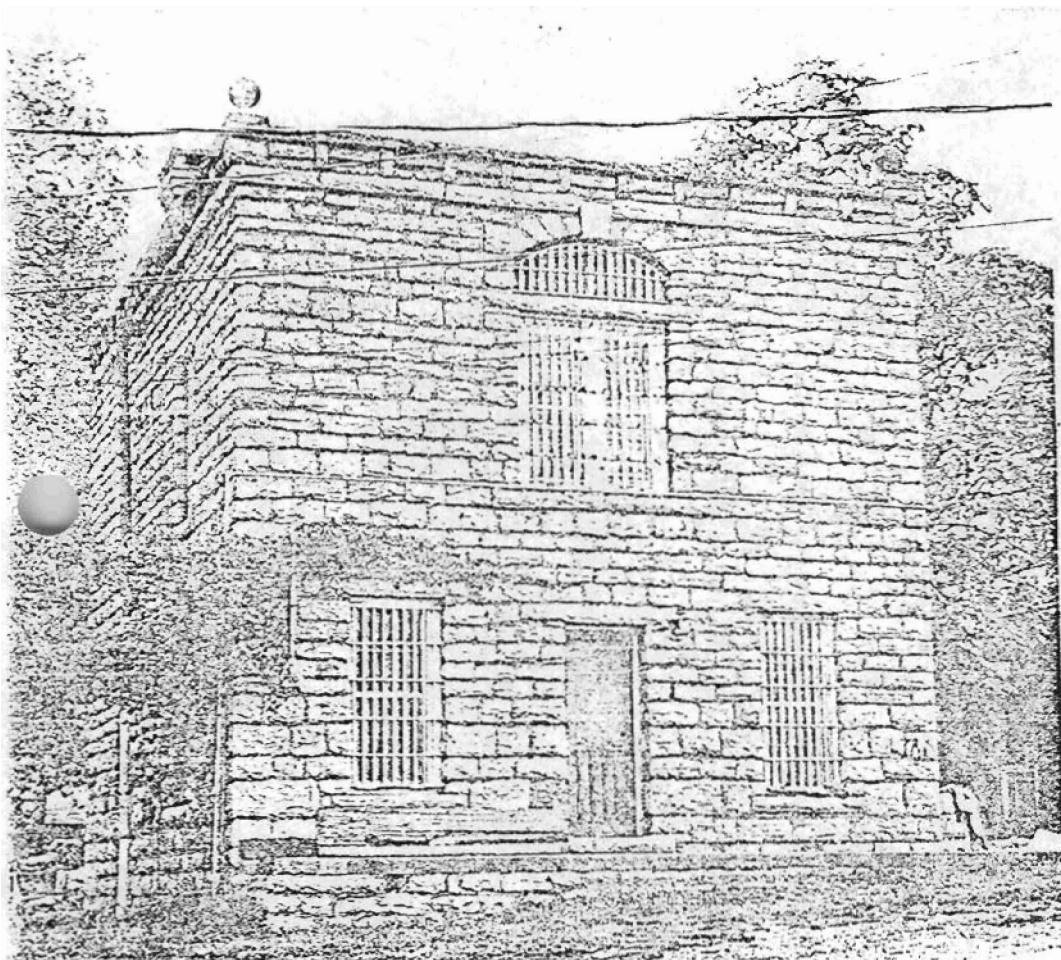
October 16, 1901

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

unknown

STATEMENT 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, 1901. 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 house 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 1904. 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 persons. 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 BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

None available

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately 25 x 30 feet

QUADRANGLE NAME Block 3, Jasper township

QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

A
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

D

E

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Legal description in warranty deed available if needed. Rather lengthy.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Leland W. Smith, Vice-chairman

May 9, 1979

ORGANIZATION

Newton County Historical Society

DATE

428 5967

STREET & NUMBER

Box 38-B, Route #3

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Jasper, Arkansas 72641

STATE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL _____

STATE _____

LOCAL _____

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

OR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION