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### United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines* for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" In the appropriate box or by entering the requested information, if an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property			
historic name Beebe Jail			
other names/site number Resource	e #WH1368		
2. Location			
street & number N/A			not for publication N/A
city, town Beebe			vicinity N/A
state Arkansas code	AR county White	code 14	
3. Classification			
Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Reso	ources within Property
private	X building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
X public-local	district	1	buildings
public-State	site		sites
public-Federal	structure		structures
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		1	OTotal
'ame of related multiple property listin-	<b>A</b> 1	Number of sent	
istoric and Architectural			ributing resources previously
of White County, Arkansas	RESOUTCES	listed in the Nat	Ional Register <u>N/A</u>
4. State/Federal Agency Certifica	tion		
In regionizing the property X meet	s does not meet the National He	gister criteria See	5-13-90
Signature of certifying official	/)		Date
Arkansas Historic Pres	servation Program		
State or Federal agency and bureau			
In my opinion, the property meet	s does not meet the National Re	gister criteria. See	continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official			Date
State or Federal agency and bureau			
5. National Park Service Certifica	tlon		
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	the Keener	Date of Action

distoric Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functi	ons (enter categories from instructions)
Government/ Correctional Facility	Va	cant/ Not in Use
7. Description		
Architectural Classification enter categories from instructions)	Materials (ente	er categories from instructions)
	foundation	Concrete
Other: WPA Architecture	walls	Concrete
	roof	Concrete
	other	Iron

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

8. Statement of Significance		***
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Applicable National Register Criteria 🖳 A 🔲 B 🔲 C	D	
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	D [E ]F [G	
Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)  Law	Period of Significance  1935  Cultural Affiliation	Significant Dates  1935
Significant Person	N/A N/A Architect/Builder	
N/A  State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considere	Works Progress Admini	

9. Major Bibliographical References	
See "Historic and Architectural Resources of	White County, Arkansas," Section H.
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:
48. Gangarahlari Bata	
10. Geographical Data	
Zone Easting Northing	Zone Easting Northing
Verbal Boundary Description	
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	See continuation sheet
Boundary Justification	
	X See continuation sheet
11. Form Prepared By	
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#### Description

This small, now-abandoned jail, unaltered and in good condition, is located in an alley in the southwest White County town of Beebe and was built in 1935 as a project of the Works Progress Administration. Although its simple design, construction method and materials used can be found in the other WPA jails in the county, the Beebe jail does feature some unique characteristics; namely, a rounded top with parapeted roof, stationary windows, and an interior flue chimney.

The one-story structure is constructed of steel rod-reinforced cast concrete, with cast concrete roof and foundation. The parapet extending above the roofline is also made of cast concrete. The jail's exterior steel door, which has a small barred window, swings open to reveal a second door constructed entirely of iron bars. Inside there are two small cells, each with a barred stationary window; there is also one barred stationary window next to the exterior door across the front elevation. One cell has the interior flue chimney on its north wall, and an interior door separates the two cells.

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#### Significance

The Beebe jail is one of only three cast concrete, WPA-constructed jails in the county, and the only one of the three with a parapeted roof, interior flue chimney and stationary windows. [See the associated property type for Depression Era Religious and Institutional Buildings]. Therefore, the jail is locally significant under National Register Criterion C for embodying a particular form and method of construction.

Built in the mid-1930's using WPA labor, the jail symbolizes the Depression era for residents of Beebe, and thus is also locally significant under Criterion A. Beebe is a small town that was settled along both sides of the railroad and was even named for the first president of the Cairo and Fulton line. With its growth so obviously tied to the railroad, Beebe flourished throughout the turn of the century and on into the war years, primarily through shipping vast amounts of fruit and lumber to city markets. Yet this economic dependency upon the railroad eventually threatened the town's stability, especially during the difficult Depression years and subsequent decline of the railroad. [See Historic Context 3: Boom and Bust: The War and Depression Years].

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**UTM** References:

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#### Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point on the southwest lot line 53 feet northwest of the southeast corner of Lot 12, Block 2, Original Town of Beebe, proceed northeasterly along a perpendicular line for a distance of 30 feet; thence proceed northwesterly along a perpendicular line for a distance of 17 feet; thence proceed southwesterly along a perpendicular line for a distance of 30 feet; thence proceed southeasterly along a perpendicular line for a distance of 17 feet to the point of beginning.

### Boundary Justification:

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.







