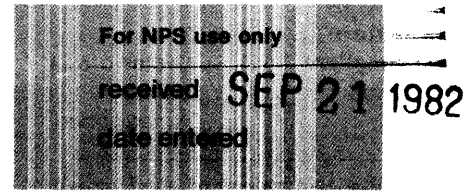


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Old Frankfort City Jail

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number Railway Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Frankfort N/A vicinity of congressional district

state Kansas code 20 county Marshall code 117

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: city storage

4. Owner of Property

name City of Frankfort

street & number City Hall

city, town Frankfort N/A vicinity of state Kansas 66427

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds

street & number Marshall County Courthouse

city, town Marysville state Kansas 66508

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date N/A federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Old Frankfort City Jail is located on Railway Avenue in Frankfort, Kansas. It faces south toward the railroad tracks which run parallel to the street for several blocks. The building is situated on a sparsely developed block, the main feature of which is the depot that sites kitty-corner across the street and on the other side of the tracks. The jail is a simple single-cell stone structure, measuring 20 feet by 16 feet.

The Frankfort city jail is built of the native limestone found in abundance in the Vermillion valley area. The stone blocks are carefully laid up in courses. The gable end of the single-story structure faces the street. Situated atop the roof peak at the south end of the building is the chimney. The stove to which it was connected is no longer in the jail.

The only door is located on the south wall. The east and west walls each have two windows located directly beneath the cornice. Sills and lintels of the windows and door are made of single slabs of stone. The wooden box cornice is badly rotted but provides the only bit of what could be called architectural detailing with its cornice return.

The interior consists of one room that originally held a stove and presumably a cot. It has bare stone walls and stone floors, and a corrugated tin ceiling.

The structure is currently used by the City of Frankfort as a storage facility. A stone block was removed from the south wall in order to thread a hose to the outside from the inside. Aside from that, the jail appears very much as it did when it was first constructed.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1896 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Frankfort city jail is typical of city jails built throughout Kansas. Characteristic of this building type is the rectangular plan, single story height, medium pitched gable roof, small barred windows, and the barred door. The Kansas Historic Sites Inventory reveals that stone was a popular building material for the jails, but concrete block and wood also were used. The Frankfort jail was recycled by the city in the early 1950's for use as a storage shed when it could no longer be used as a jail. Its significance derives from its high level of architectural and contextual integrity.

Frankfort grew steadily from its founding in 1867 through the first couple of decades of the twentieth century. Law enforcement came to Frankfort full time in 1875 with the election of the first marshal. By 1893 a calaboose stood one block east of the business district. This frontier jail was shown on a Sanborn insurance map of that year.

In February of 1896 the city purchased the lot just west of the calaboose, on which the new jail was built. By June of that year the jail was complete. This is known from a June 16 account in the Frankfort Bee which reported that "a drunken fracas of some kind occurred at the joint near the city jail last Saturday . . . "

The Frankfort city jail continued to function as such until it was closed for unspecified reasons in the early 1950's. Unlike many other city jails, the Frankfort jail has not been moved. It still occupies its original site across from the railroad tracks and behind the main business district. Alterations have been restricted to the addition of a hose to the front facade and this has not detracted from its jail-like appearance. Many city jails have disappeared entirely and many more are in serious states of disrepair. The Frankfort jail is a fine example of a vanishing species.

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS CURRENT KNOWLEDGE AND IS SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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(see continuation sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Frankfort

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Lot 19, Block 86, Plat of the City of Frankfort. This is the lot that the jail has occupied since it was built.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state N/A code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Nora Pat Small, Architectural Historian
Historic Preservation Department

organization Kansas State Historical Society date 9-16-82

street & number 120 West Tenth telephone 931 296-3251

city or town Topeka state Kansas 66612

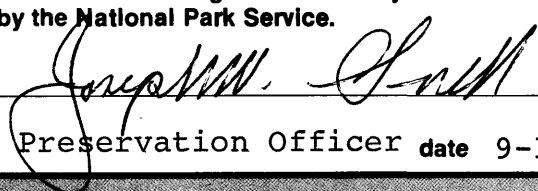
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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 Executive Director & State Preservation Officer date 9-16-82

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

 date 11/1/82
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Continuation sheet

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