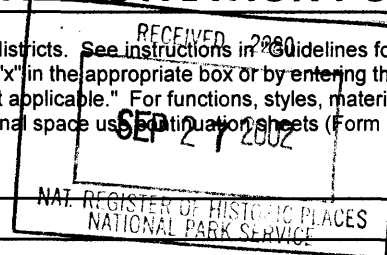


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

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 Candler County Jail
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 349 North Rountree Street
city, town Metter () vicinity of
county Candler code GA 043
state Georgia code GA zip code 30439

() not for publication

3. Classification

Ownership of Property:

- () private
- (X) public-local
- () public-state
- () public-federal

Category of Property:

- (X) building(s)
- () district
- () site
- () structure
- () object

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing

Noncontributing

buildings	1	1
sites	0	0
structures	0	0
objects	0	0
total	1	1

Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of previous listing: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination 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 meets the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet.

William C. Clowers
Signature of certifying official

9.12.02
Date

for W. Ray Luce
Historic Preservation Division Director
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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 or bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

Edson H. Beall 11/7/02

determined eligible for the National Register

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

other, explain:

see continuation sheet

[Signature]
Keeper of the National Register
Date

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

GOVERNMENT/CORRECTIONAL FACILITY/POLICE STATION, JAIL

Current Functions:

GOVERNMENT/GOVERNMENT OFFICE

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS/COLONIAL REVIVAL

Materials:

foundation	Brick
walls	Brick
roof	Asphalt
other	N/A

Description of present and historic physical appearance:

The Candler County Jail is located in downtown Metter, the county seat of Candler County, in southeast Georgia. It is a two-story, five-bay, painted brick building with a flat roof, featuring characteristics of the Colonial Revival style, constructed in 1916 (photographs 1 and 4). It has a single-story shed roofed front porch with four columns on brick piers (photographs 4 and 5). The front (east) façade features a pedimented parapet, six-over-six double-hung-sash replacement windows, and an original front door with transom (photograph 4). The north façade and south façade are five bays with six-over-six double-hung-sash windows (photographs 2 and 3). The rear (west) façade is three bays with six-over-six double-hung-sash windows and a one-story addition on the southwest corner of the building (photograph 3). The exterior has three string courses (photograph 4).

The first floor contains the original sheriff's residence quarters, now divided into five offices. It has a central front door with parallel rooms flanking the entry vestibule (photographs 5 and 6) with the stairway rising from one office (photographs 8 and 9) to the second floor.

The second floor contains an original prefabricated jail works containing ten metal jail cells and two bathrooms/showers (photograph 12) with a wide central hall (photograph 10) and a side stairway. The jail works was made by Pauly Jailworks of St. Louis, a nationally known jail works builder and jail designer. Features of the jail works include the original metal stairway (photograph 9), pull-down metal bunk beds (photographs 11 and 13), metal doors (photographs 8, 10, and 11), and other built-in features.

There is a full basement. Original steam heat radiators survive. The grounds contain small yards on the front, sides and rear with a modern fence enclosing most of the sides and rear (photographs 1, 2, and 3). The only outbuilding is a nonhistoric 1950s garage built of concrete blocks (photograph 3).

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Section 7--Description

Changes to the building from the 1996 renovations include window replacements, replastering some walls, upgrading the air-conditioning and electricity, and lowering the ceilings.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria:

A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions):

Architecture
Politics and Government

Period of Significance:

c.1916-1952

Significant Dates:

c.1916-Date of construction

Significant Person(s):

N/A

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

Fowler and Sage Construction, Builders
Pauley Jail Equipment Co. of St. Louis, Manufacturer of cell equipment

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Section 8--Statement of Significance

Statement of significance (areas of significance)

The Candler County Jail is significant in the area of architecture as a good and intact example of a building constructed to serve as a county jail and sheriff's residence. The two-story, brick building, constructed in 1916, retains its original porch, doors, residential floor, and on the upper floor, a pre-fabricated jail works by the Pauly Jail Building Company of St. Louis, a major jail-design firm. Characteristics of the Colonial Revival style featured on the building include the symmetrical façade, one-story front porch, stringcourses, and front door transom. Jails built during the late 19th and early 20th centuries were constructed of fire-proof materials, in this case brick, which reflect the concern for safety not offered in earlier log and frame jails, and also a prosperity in developing counties. The architecture of these jails is expressive of the multi-purpose uses of a jail. In addition to housing prisoners, space in the building had to provide for the jailer's office, family living quarters, and cooking facilities. The overall concept was for the jailer and his family to be housed on the first floor with cooking also carried out on this level and the prisoners housed on the second floor. This building also represents the evolution of jail architecture from primitive buildings in the early to mid-19th century to buildings considered modern and up-to-date by the end of the century. Around 1880, there appeared to be more concern for the health of prisoners. New jails provided for prisoners to be housed on the second floor and wood cells were replaced with metal cells that allowed for better ventilation and light.

The Candler County Jail is also significant in the area of politics and government because it served as the county's only jail from 1916 until the 1970s as well as the residence for the county sheriff and his family, a system common to the early 20th century, but not usually found today. This jail reflects the county government system that developed in the state of Georgia. Along with county courthouses, jails represented law, order, and a sense of community. In most cases the construction of the jail followed the building of the courthouse. Jails also prompted cooperation between counties which was not possible through courthouse structures. Prior to construction of a permanent jail most counties utilized a facility in an adjacent county to house their prisoners. The loss of a jail through fire or deterioration would prompt the sharing of a nearby jail facility as well. Through this cooperative arrangement, jail design appears to have also been shared.

National Register Criteria

The Candler County Jail is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A in the area of Politics and Government as the jail and sheriff's residence for Candler County and for the typical activities that occurred there during the historic period. It is also eligible for listing under Criterion C in the area of architecture as a good and intact example of a county jail facility with prefabricated jail works.

Criteria Considerations (if applicable)

N/A

National Register of Historic Places **Continuation Sheet**

Section 8--Statement of Significance

Period of significance (justification)

The period of significance for the Candler County Jail begins c.1916, the construction date of the building, and ends in 1952, the end of the historic period.

Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if necessary)

Candler County Jail is the one contributing resource on the nominated property. A 1950s garage is the noncontributing resource on the nominated property.

Developmental history/historic context (if appropriate)

The Candler County Jail was completed in 1916. The local firm of Fowler and Sage were awarded the construction contract of \$9,286. Other firms submitting bids included Roanoke Bridge and Iron Works at \$9,750 and Southers Structural Steel Co. at \$9,585. The specifications called for a fireproof brick building measuring 40' x 40' with living quarters for the sheriff on the first floor and 10 jail cells on the second floor. Pauley Jail Building Co. of St. Louis manufactured the cell equipment.

The historic Candler County Jail continued to serve in its original capacity until the 1970s when a new jail was constructed. Since that time, the facility has housed various county offices, including the current Emergency Management Office, as well as Code Enforcement, Victim's Assistance, and Magistrate Court.

The property received a Georgia Heritage grant in 2001 for development for a new roof.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Jaeger, Dale and Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr. "County Jails of the Georgia Mountains Area Planning and Development Commission." National Register Nomination Form, July 11, 1985. On file at the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.

Nail, Robin B. Historic Property Information Form. July, 2001. On file at the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia. With Supplemental information.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): (X) N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been issued
date issued:
- 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:

Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): N/A

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

A) Zone 17 Easting 400192 Northing 3585192

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated property is indicated on the attached map by a heavy black line.

Boundary Justification

The boundary of the nominated property includes the jail building and the intact portion of land that is historically associated with the jail.

11. Form Prepared By

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() **other:**

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city or town Metter **state** Georgia **zip code** 30439
e-mail (optional)

National Register of Historic Places **Continuation Sheet**

Photographs

Name of Property: Candler County Jail
City or Vicinity: Metter
County: Candler
State: Georgia
Photographer: James R. Lockhart
Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Date Photographed: December, 2001

Description of Photograph(s):

Number of photographs: 14

1. Front (east) façade and north façade; photographer facing southwest.
2. North façade; photographer facing south.
3. Rear (west) façade and south façade; photographer facing northeast.
4. Front façade; photographer facing west.
5. Porch detail; photographer facing north.
6. Interior, first floor, foyer; photographer facing west.
7. Interior, first floor, office; photographer facing south.
8. Interior, first floor, stairwell door; photographer facing west.
9. Interior, first floor, stairwell; photographer facing north.
10. Interior, second floor, stairwell door; photographer facing southwest.
11. Interior, second floor, jail facilities; photographer facing south.
12. Interior, second floor, jail facilities; photographer facing west.
13. Interior, second floor, jail cell; photographer facing northwest.
14. Front façade and south façade; photographer facing northwest.


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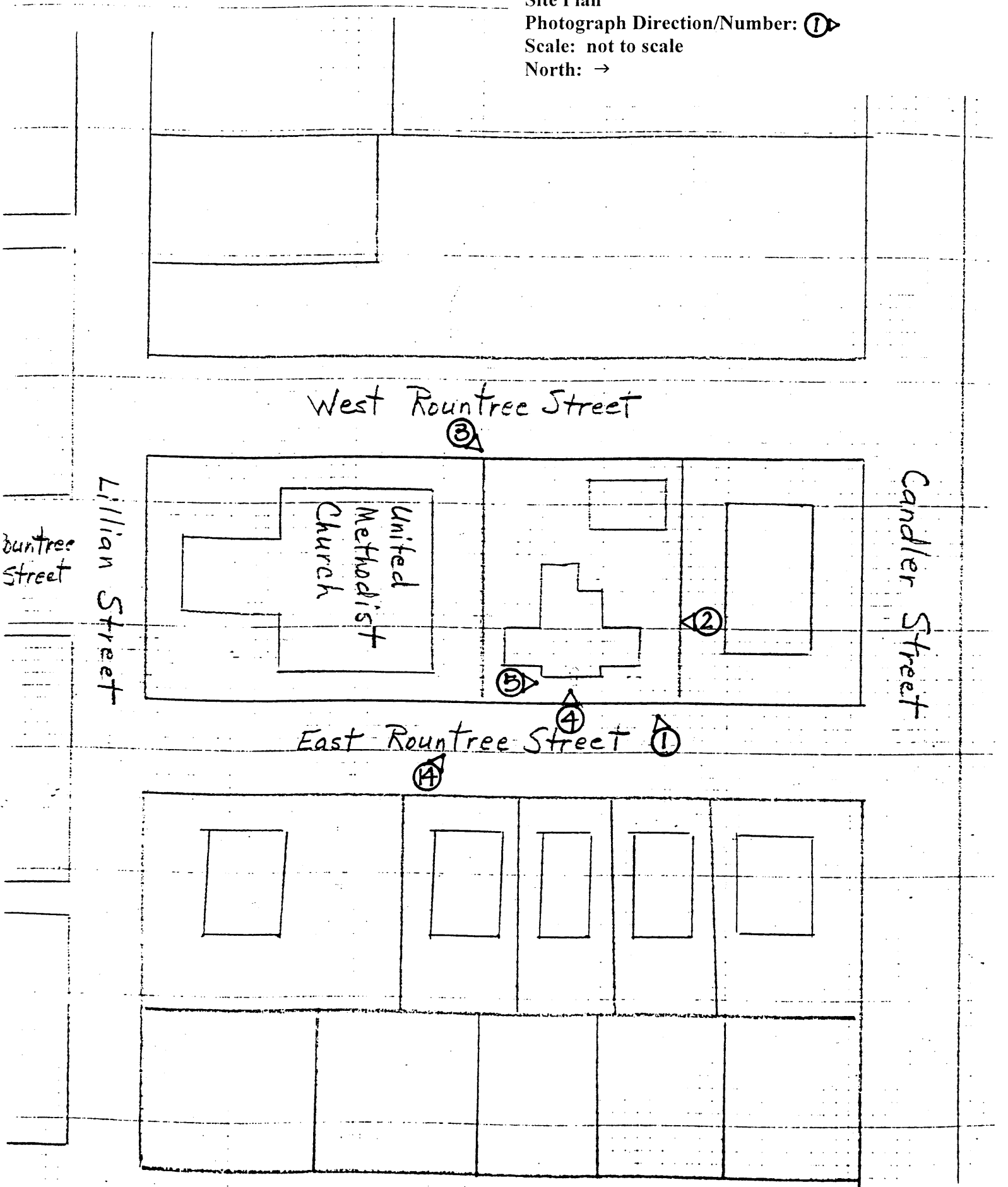
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Metter, Candler County, Georgia
Site Plan

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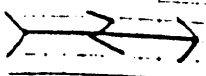
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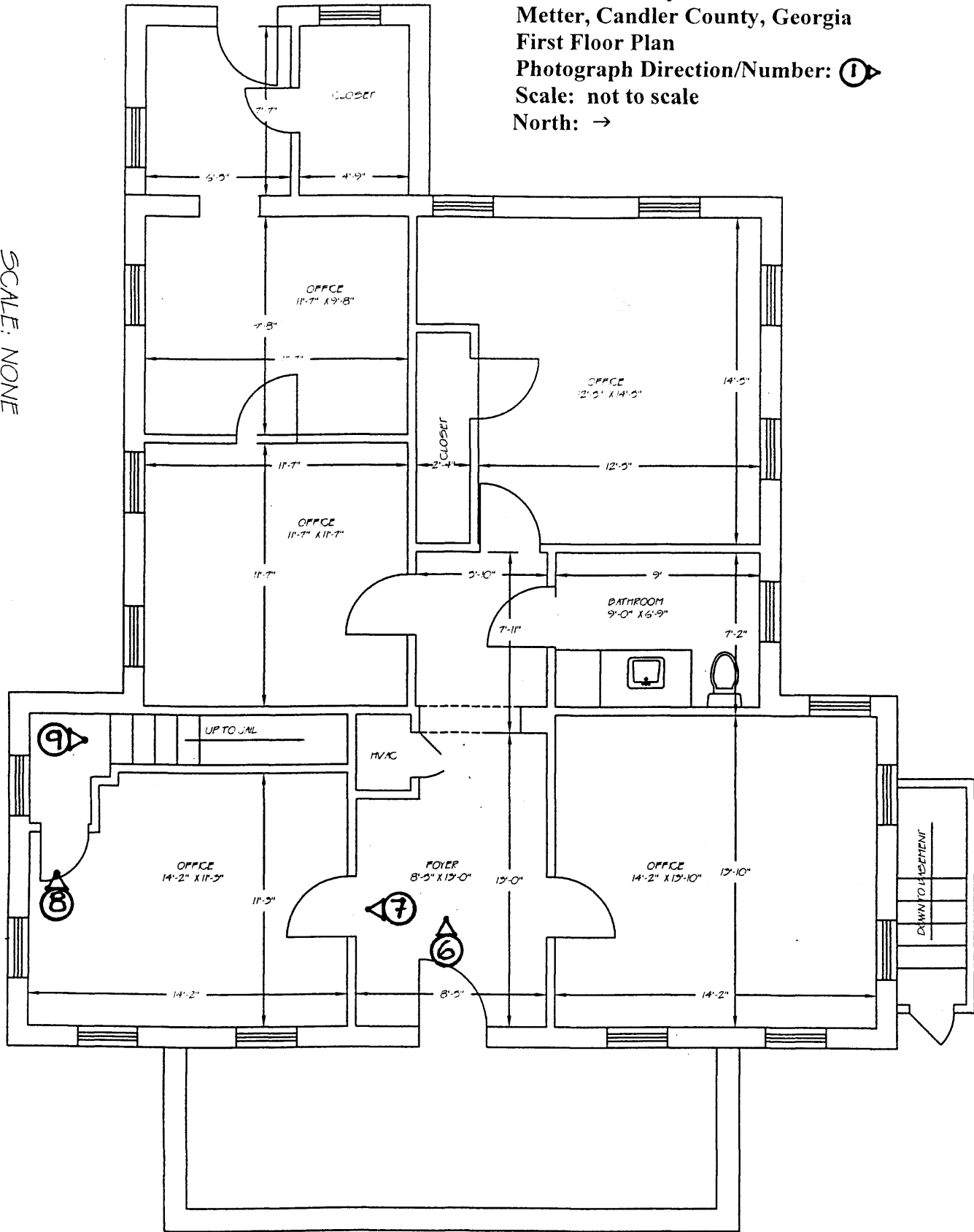
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 Metter, Candler County, Georgia
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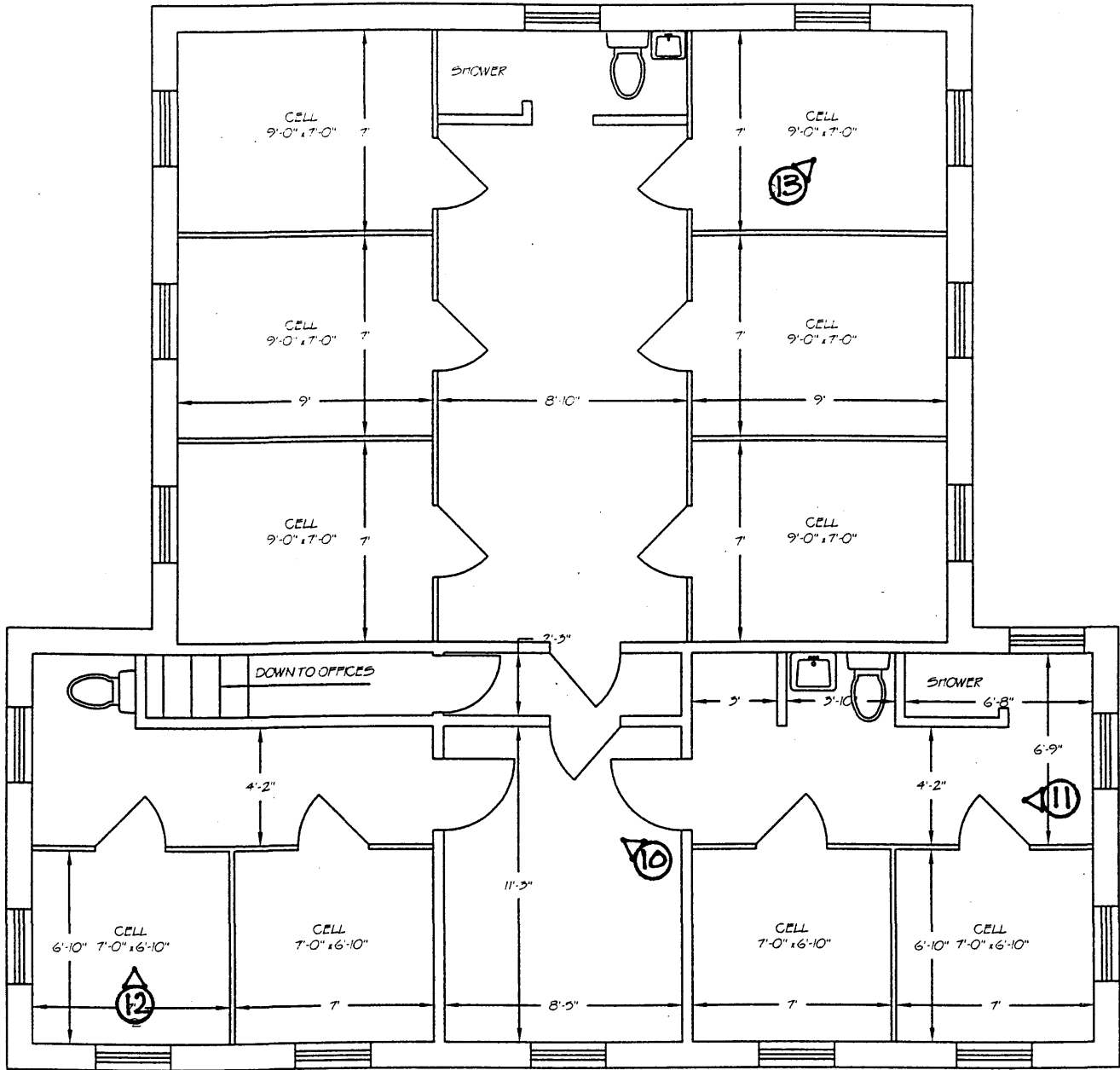
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CANDLER COUNTY JAIL BUILDING
 DRAWN FOR THE CANDLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION USE

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Candler County Jail
 Metter, Candler County, Georgia
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SCALE: NONE



CANDLER COUNTY JAIL BUILDING

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