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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

Lawrence County Jail

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Waterloo Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Lawrenceburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

VICINITY OF

STATE

Tennessee

CODE

47

COUNTY

Lawrence

CODE

099

**CLASSIFICATION**

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

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Lawrence County

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Lawrenceburg

VICINITY OF

STATE

Tennessee

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lawrence County Courthouse-Register's Office

STREET & NUMBER

West Gaines Street

CITY, TOWN

Lawrenceburg

STATE

Tennessee

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built in c. 1893, the Lawrence County Jail was designed by Pauly Jail Building and Manufacturing Company of St. Louis, Missouri. Original plans for the design of the two story brick structure were similar to other buildings designed by this company. The two main bays and central main entrance at the first story level are identical to areas located above. The two story service area, kitchen and cell block area, designated for the rear portion with short west and east wings extending beyond the rectangular shape, forward section.

In 1922 the Manley Jail Company of Dalton, Georgia, contracted to re-model the structure for \$13,050. Major remodeling of the service wings, kitchen and main cell block area resulted in a new design for these areas and extension of the west wing. The remodeling included completely rebuilding the jail and kitchen, and fireproofing the structure. The cell block was made fireproof by concrete floors, ceilings and other features. Brick bearing walls with fixed, metal partition walls, gates, cell dividers, grates and doors, the "old jail" has the remaining original metal fixtures and hardware. The building is structurally sound; however, it has been proven unsuitable for its former use as a county jail.

The original architectural style remains unchanged. Surprisingly, the architectural design does not appear to relate to its former use as a public building designed for its intended purpose as a county jail. The architectural treatment of the facade, overall scale and proportion features and stylistic detail/<sup>are</sup> more commonly associated with the domestic architecture of the period. The two story design, three by two bay main facade with gambrel roof, gallery style attached front porch and single stack brick chimney are more in keeping with the latter. The architectural design features symmetrically spaced, round-headed window surrounds, radiating voussiors, large 2/2 light, inset, sash type windows, throughout. The main entrance doorway is enhanced by a fan-light transom. The closed eave frieze is accentuated by the precisely detailed step corbel-course brick motif which extends around the entire facade. The roof is clad in standing seam tin, as are the attached door awnings and roof of the center gallery porch.

At present, the property is not landscaped. Parks have been planned for the adjacent property, located in front, beyond the circular drive, and behind the structure. Restored early pioneer buildings will be placed in a parklike setting located behind the proposed museum.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES    c.1893

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Chosen for its historic associations, its overall scale, design, location and architectural style, the Lawrence County Jail is a popular candidate for preservation. The structure is the last remaining public building in Lawrence County built prior to 1900. In October, 1974, the Quarterly Court appropriated funds for the necessary restoration work to preserve the Old Jail building as the Lawrence County Museum and Archives Building. The Lawrence County Historical Society has assumed responsibility for the restoration of the structure, further development and maintenance of the historic archives and county museum.

The Lawrence County Jail, located in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, was built by the Pauly Jail Building and Manufacturing Company of St. Louis in 1893, for the sum of \$6,250.00. The original structure was remodeled as late as 1922, however it has not been changed to the extent that it has lost its original architectural unity. The architectural style of the structure is closely associated with the 19th century era. Additionally, the building is a landmark in Lawrence County. The political history, the life and legends of former sheriffs who served in county offices, and historic events related to the history of Lawrence County are being compiled in the form of public records and historic memorabilia intended for the county museum and archives.

The building remains structurally sound. The fireproof feature of the cell block area makes it a suitable place for the storage of the archive records. Properties adjacent to the building have been designated as park areas for the future landscaping and development of a community park and pioneer park for restored historic log buildings.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Minutes of the County Court  
 Newspapers on microfilm in Lawrence County Library and Archives  
 Scrapbooks of County Historian Virginia F. Lindsey  
 Land Titles

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES See continuation sheet

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Edward M. Lindsey, County Historian

ORGANIZATION

Lawrence County Historical Society

DATE

2-18-75

STREET & NUMBER

Box 431

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Lawrenceburg

STATE

Tennessee

# 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

*Herbert L. Hays*

TITLE

Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE

11/10/75

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

Acting

*Robert B. Ketting*

DATE

3/6/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*Robert B. Ketting*

DATE

3-14-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

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10. Geographical Data

The latitude and longitude coordinates are:

35° 14' 28"                      87° 20' 15"

UTM Mercator ticks are not shown on the map