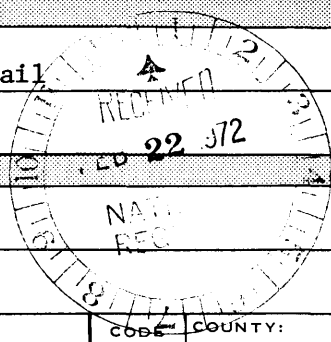


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Iowa	
COUNTY: Pottawattamie	
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ENTRY NUMBER MAR 16 1972	DATE



1. NAME

COMMON:
Pottawattamie County Jail

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
226 Pearl Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Council Bluffs

STATE: Iowa CODE: 14 COUNTY: Pottawattamie CODE: 155

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition:	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes:
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
				No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	Vacant	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors

STREET AND NUMBER:
Pottawattamie County Court House

CITY OR TOWN: Council Bluffs STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Courthouse of Pottawattamie County

STREET AND NUMBER:
228 Pearl Street

CITY OR TOWN: Council Bluffs STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Property has not been included in any Historical Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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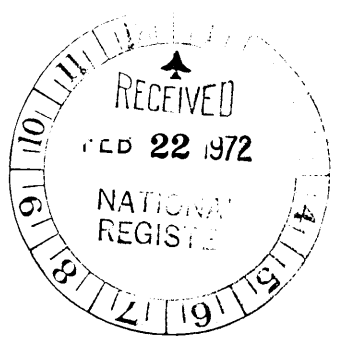
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)		(Check One)			
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

sign The Pottawattamie County Jail is the only remaining "Lazy Susan" type jail in the U.S.A. Originally there were 6 of these structures but only the Pottawattamie County Jail was 3 tiered. The present appearance differs from the original in that the brick exterior has been painted. The original heating system has been replaced with a more efficient system. Cell structure has been altered by removing a section of the drum at each cell front. This was done to reduce the fire hazard to prisoners. The cells are to be renovated and fully restored when the project is begun. The tier of cells was designed to be rotated by a weight and spring device however this was never used. Instead, water power and a hand crank were used. Although now inoperative, the restoration plan calls for a return to the original design. The following article gives a more complete picture of the structure and its present disposition.

The Rotary Jail, or Human Squirrel Cage.
 Walter A. Lunden
 Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians
 December, 1959



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1885

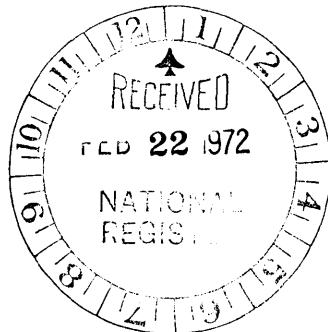
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Penal Institution</u>	
Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Art	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

We feel the Jail is significant at both Architectural and Humanitarian levels. Architecturally this type of structure dates back to a panoptican structure designed in England by Jeremy Bentham in 1791. Further history can be obtained by examining the attached manuscript. Humanitarian significance lies in the construction of the Jail itself. The revolving cell block inside the drum which makes up one wall of the cell, caused many prisoners to be maimed or killed when they fell against the wall. The psychological damage incurred by prisoners was due to the knowledge that only one door existed, their only escape route during a fire or other calamity. Man's inhumanity to his fellow man is epitomized by this structure.

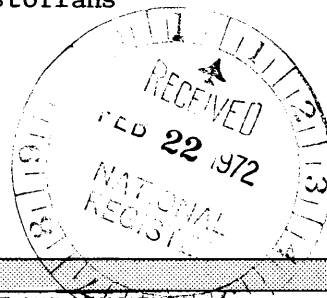
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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	95°	50'	39"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

NO

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
None		None	
"		"	
"		"	
"		"	

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Richard E. Hilligus, Park Superintendent

ORGANIZATION: Board of Park Commissioners of Council Bluffs DATE: March 2, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
201 Pearl

CITY OR TOWN: Council Bluffs STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Adrian D. Anderson

Title State liaison Officer, Iowa

Date January 12, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Connelly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

DATE MAR 16 1972

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. Bennett
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____