COUNTY: Walton V GEORGIA ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

	IDENTIFICATION	PROPERTY NAME: Walton County Jail	HISTORIC NAME: Same
		STREET ADDRESS: 203 Milledge Avenue	CITY: Monroe
		PRESENT OWNER: Walton County	MAILING ADDRESS: Board of Commissioners
		CITY: Monroe	STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30655
		CURRENT USE: Jail	ACREAGE: Less than 1
	Γ.	U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE Monroe, Ga.	U.T.M. REFERENCE: ZI7 E 249160 N 3742380
		V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: Tax Map M-42-120	
	II. DESCRIPTION	ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two-story brick building, with a metal standing-seam roof. Romanesque in style, with extensive use of brick detailing around the eaves. Center protruding gable. Front porch has been enclosed. Four-over-four windows with arched openings. Additions are on the back and south side (both one-story). Interior layout and finish typical of late 1800s jails. Building is in fair condition.	
	III. HISTORY	ORIGINAL OWNER: Walton County	ORIGINAL USE: Jail
		ARCHITECT/BUILDER: M.B. McGinty	HISTORIC ACREAGE: Less than 1
		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1884-1885	DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: early 1900s; 1953
		HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): The first jail built in the county was a log structure, quickly built in 1821 and altered in 1826. The county constructed a new jail in 1833-1834 that was of a permanent nature. Both of these early buildings were near the courthouse. In 1884, the county was building a new courthouse and decided to build a new jail away from the courthouse square. M.B. McGinty won the \$8,850 contract for the jail, located on Milledge Avenue, and built a two- story brick structure. The jail was similar both in style and (cont'd)	
	IV. SIGNIFICANCE	N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture; Politics/ LEVEL: Local Government STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architecturally, the Walton County Jail is significant as a local example of small jail architecture of the late 1800s. Details come from the Romanesque style, which tends to give the building a massive, heavy appearance. Construction techniques and the two-story layout appear to be typical of small jails constructed throughout Georgia during the 1880s and 1890s. The Walton County Jail is also important as representative of one of the most significant roles of local government in the 1800s: that (cont)	
		FORM PREPARED BY: David J. Brown	ORGANIZATION: Private Consultant
•	V. SOURCES	ADDRESS: 899-F Gatehouse Drive Decatur, Georgia 30032 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: None SOURCES OF INFORMATION: See Overview S	TELEPHONE NUMBER: 404-296-6276 tatement

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (Continued): layout to other small jails built in Georgia during the 1880s and 1890s. Sometime during the first two decades of the twentieth century, a rear addition was added to the jail. The building was altered again in 1953. Despite these changes, the Walton County Jail has served as the county's jail since its construction in 1884-1885.

SIGNIFICANCE (Continued): of local peacekeeper. It is important to note that the county built jails with about as much frequency as they built courthouses, a fact which points to the need for and significance of law enforcement at the local level. Therefore, the Walton County Jail is significant as a symbol of the important role of local government in the lives of the citizens of Monroe.

