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

U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE Monroe, Ga.

U.T.M. REFERENCE: ZI7 E 249160 N 3742 380

V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: Tax Map M-42-120

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IDENTIFICATION

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.

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 alog 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)

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture; Politics/ Government LEVEL: Local

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)

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Decatur, Georgia 30032 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: None

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: See Overview Statement

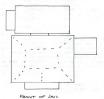
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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (Continued): layout to other small jails built in Georgia during the 1880s and 1890s. Sometime during the first two decades of the twentieth century, a rear addition was added to the jail. The building was altered again in 1953. 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.

