

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Tennessee
COUNTY:	Scott
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE:	APR 18 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Scott County Jail

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Huntsville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Second

STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47** COUNTY: **Scott** CODE: **151**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Storage</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Scott County

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Huntsville

STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Scott County Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Huntsville

STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

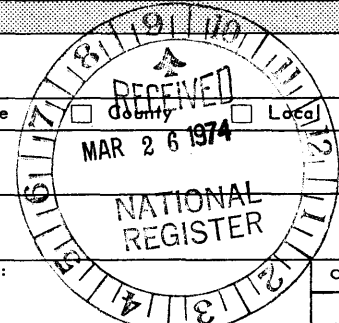
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)
 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)
 Altered Unaltered

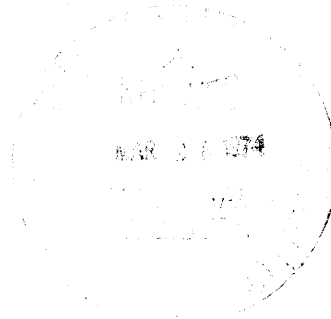
(Check One)
 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Scott County Jail is an imposing building located in the center of Huntsville. The front of the building, with its rounded arch doorway, faces the courthouse, and the back slopes off steeply leaving an almost unobstructed view of the ragged coal and timber bearing hills of the county.

The rough red sandstone exterior is composed of block 5' x 4' x 3' which came from nearby quarries and were cut in blocks at the town spring. The castellated roof line contributes to the fortress-like appearance of the jail. The building is circumvented by four belted courses of stone, generally coinciding with the various window levels. Built in 1907, the blocks were hauled to the site by oxen and mules were used to hoist the blocks into place. In 1922 the second floor caught fire and gutted the entire floor. It was decided that a third floor should be added during reconstruction. This floor contained the maximum security cells and the second floor was used to house minor criminals. The first floor contained living quarters for the sheriff and jail keeper.

Use of the jail was discontinued in 1963 and thus the interior has deteriorated in recent years. However the basic structure still seems in good shape and the building remains a fine example of fortress architecture.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
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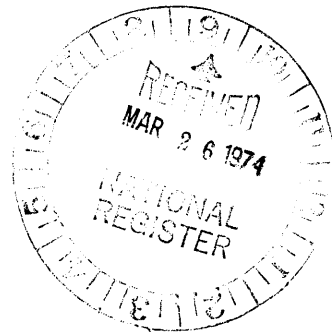
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located in an area where the sparsity of important buildings is evident, the old Scott County Jail is the oldest and most significant building remaining in Huntsville, which in recent years has undergone major facelifting and is dotted with several new buildings. The jail is the only visual reminder of the turn of the twentieth century when Scott County, which had been laid out in 1850, was beginning to realize its coal and timber resources. Its distinctive fortress architecture is unusual in the area. The jail is also significant in that it was apparently one of the first buildings in Scott County to be totally designed by an architect, J. G. Barnwell of Chattanooga.

Scott County, and Huntsville in particular, has a distinguished history in political areas, contributing a number of prominent figures to the political scene. Among the more distinguished political personalities who lived in Huntsville include Millard Caldwell, a Congressman and later governor of Florida; Howard H. Baker, who served in Congress for seven terms; his wife, Irene Baker, who succeeded him; John Duncan, who is now serving his second term in Congress; and Howard H. Baker, Jr., who is Tennessee's first Republican senator.

An important building in an important town of the sparsely-populated mountain country, the old Scott County Jail is worthy of preservation, and studies are being made by officials in the area to determine an adaptive use for the building.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Unpublished paper on the Old Scott County Jail, by Huntsville Mayor Milford Chambers, 1973.

Sanderson, Esther S., County Scott and Its Mountain Folk (Nashville, 1958).

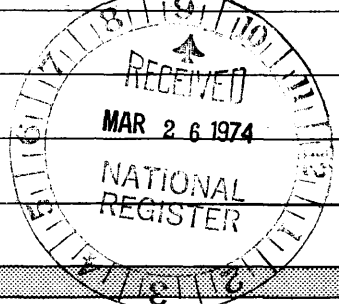
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		84°	29'	27"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Jon Coddington

ORGANIZATION: East Tennessee Development District DATE: 12/20/73

STREET AND NUMBER: 1810 Lake Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Knoxville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

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 Herbert L. Harper

Title Director of Field Services
Tennessee Historical Commission

Date 3/21/74

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

A. B. Montross
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/18/74

ATTEST: W. J. Smith
Keeper of the National Register

Date 4.18.74