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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES ~~REGISTRATION~~ FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in "Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms" (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Crawford County Jail
other names/site number

2. Location

street & number Georgia Highway 42, East of Crawford Co. Courthouse
city, town Knoxville (n/a) vicinity of
county Crawford code GA 079
state Georgia code GA zip code 31050

(n/a) not for publication

3. Classification

Ownership of Property:

- private
- public-local
- public-state
- public-federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property:

	<u>Contributing</u>	<u>Noncontributing</u>
buildings	1	0
sites	0	0
structures	0	0
objects	0	0
total	1	0

Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: n/a

Name of related multiple property listing: n/a

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet.

Elizabeth A. Lyon
Signature of certifying official

4/12/89
Date

Elizabeth A. Lyon
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer,
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

In my opinion, the property () meets () does not meet the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency or bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

Entered in the
National Register

entered in the National Register

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determined eligible for the National Register

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

other, explain:

see continuation sheet

Signature, Keeper of the National Register Date

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

Government:correctional facility

Current Functions:

Vacant

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

No style

Materials:

foundation	Stone
walls	Brick
roof	Asphalt
other	

Description of present and historic physical appearance:

The Crawford County Jail is a two-story, square, brick structure sitting on a fieldstone foundation and topped with a pyramidal roof. Brick piers at the corners and along the walls reinforce the building's fortress-like appearance, as does the presence of only two openings in the building's front and side facades. An interior brick chimney rises above the roof. The ground floor of the building is thick concrete, and the interior walls are exposed, painted brick. The upper floor, stairway, and roof structure are of wood. The iron jail works are still present on both floors. These prefabricated iron cells were made by Southern Structural Steel, San Antonio, Texas. Original hardware, including steel plate doors and iron bars on windows, is still in place. Unlike some late 19th century Georgia jails, this jail had no living quarters or office space for the jailor, nor a kitchen facility. A water tank and piping that supplied water to the cells are now gone. The jail rests on a small, flat, triangular lot located between Georgia Highway 42 and a dirt road. The jail is surrounded by a chain link fence.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria:

A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions):

Architecture
Law
Politics/Government

Period of Significance:

1888

Significant Dates:

1888

Significant Person(s):

n/a

Cultural Affiliation:

n/a

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

Thomas B. Artope

significance of property, justification of criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:

Narrative statement of significance (areas of significance)

The Crawford County Jail is significant as a late 19th century jail that served as the only jail facility in the county from its construction in 1888 until 1972.

ARCHITECTURE

The jail is significant in the area of architecture as an intact example of a late 19th century jail facility in the form of a two-story, square, masonry block topped with a pyramidal roof. The building's design was guided by a local commissioner, and the builder was Thomas B. Artope, a marble and granite dealer in Macon. The intact iron jail works are products of Southern Structural Steel of San Antonio, Texas. All four exterior walls have two large brick panels which form pilasters on each side. Wrap-around brick pilasters are also used on each of the exterior corners. The Crawford County Jail is different in that unlike many other jails of this period, it did not incorporate room for the jailor, (or sheriff's) living quarters, or for a kitchen in the facility. The Crawford County Jail is a good example of the type of building constructed for use as a county jail facility. Its brick construction, compact massing, and prefabricated iron jail cells are all characteristic of many county jails built in Georgia during the late 19th century.

LAW/POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

In the areas of law and politics & government, the jail is significant as the only county jail facility in Crawford County from 1888-1972. It is also one of the few remaining buildings representing Knoxville's historic status as the county seat. It was contracted to be built by the Crawford County Commissioners of Roads and Revenues at a cost of \$3,563.35.

National Register Criteria

These areas of significance support property eligibility under National Register Criteria A & C.

Criteria A

This property meets National Register Criteria A as it is associated with the events making a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. The Crawford County jail reflects the type of penal reform system used in a small county seat from 1888-1972. The jail, located approximately 1/4 mile from the Crawford County Courthouse, is one of the few surviving buildings of Knoxville, prior to the building of the nearby rail-community of Roberta. For better than half of the county's existence, it has served as the county jail.

Criteria B

This property meets Criteria C because of its architectural significance. The Crawford County Jail is an example of a particular historic building type used as jails by small county seats during the late 19th century. The simple, two-story, square building with a pyramidal roof was typically built with a stone foundation and brick exterior. Detailing was minimal given the fact that this building served a more functional capacity to the community. It is a good example of an intact 19th century correctional facility.

Criteria Considerations (if applicable)

n/a

Period of significance (justification, if applicable)

1888 - construction of the Crawford County Jail.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Wood, Adriane. "Crawford County Jail." Historic Property Information Form, Sept. 18, 1987. On file at the Historic Preservation Section, Dept. of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): (x) N/A

- () preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- () previously listed in the National Register
- () previously determined eligible by the National Register
- () designated a National Historic Landmark
- () recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- () recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- (x) State historic preservation office
- () Other State Agency
- () Federal agency
- () Local government
- () University
- () Other, Specify Repository:

Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): n/a

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than 1

UTM References

A) Zone 17 Easting 219240 Northing 3624500

Verbal Boundary Description

The Crawford County Jail on Georgia Highway 42 in Crawford County consists of a fenced, rectangular plot measuring approximately 43'x42'x45'x40' on which the building is approximately centered.

Boundary Justification

The National Register Property boundary is indicated by a dashed line on the property sketch map. All that is associated with the jail is marked on the enclosed map.

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**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

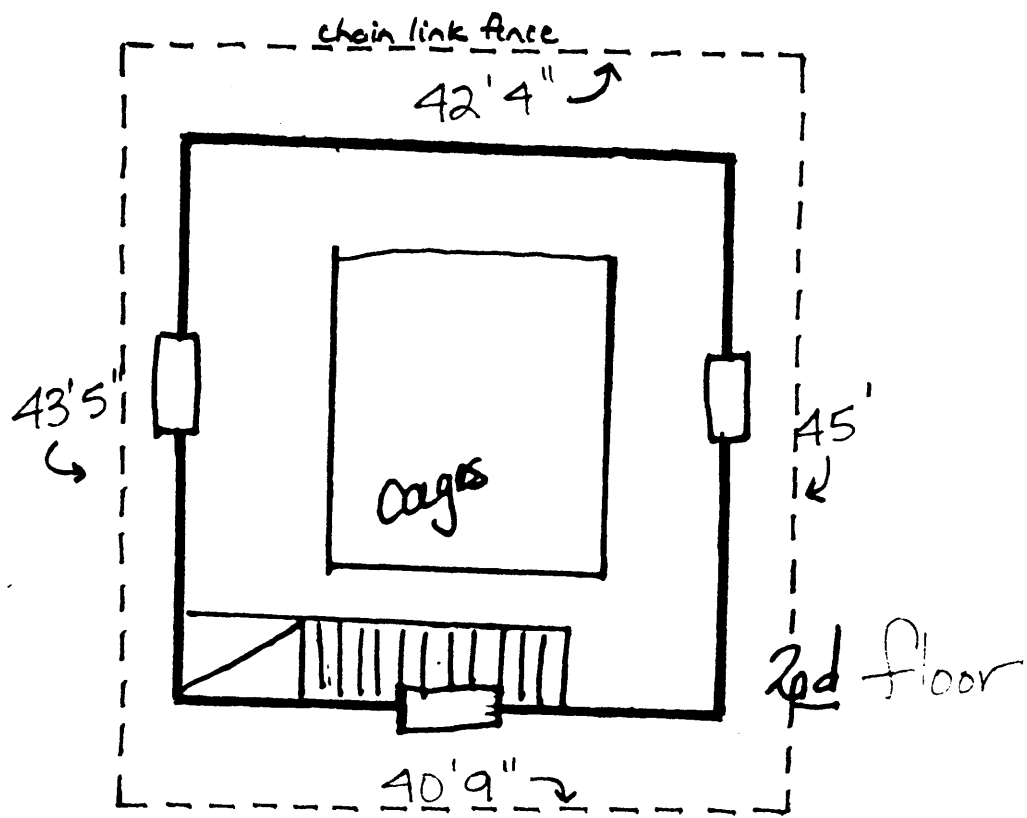
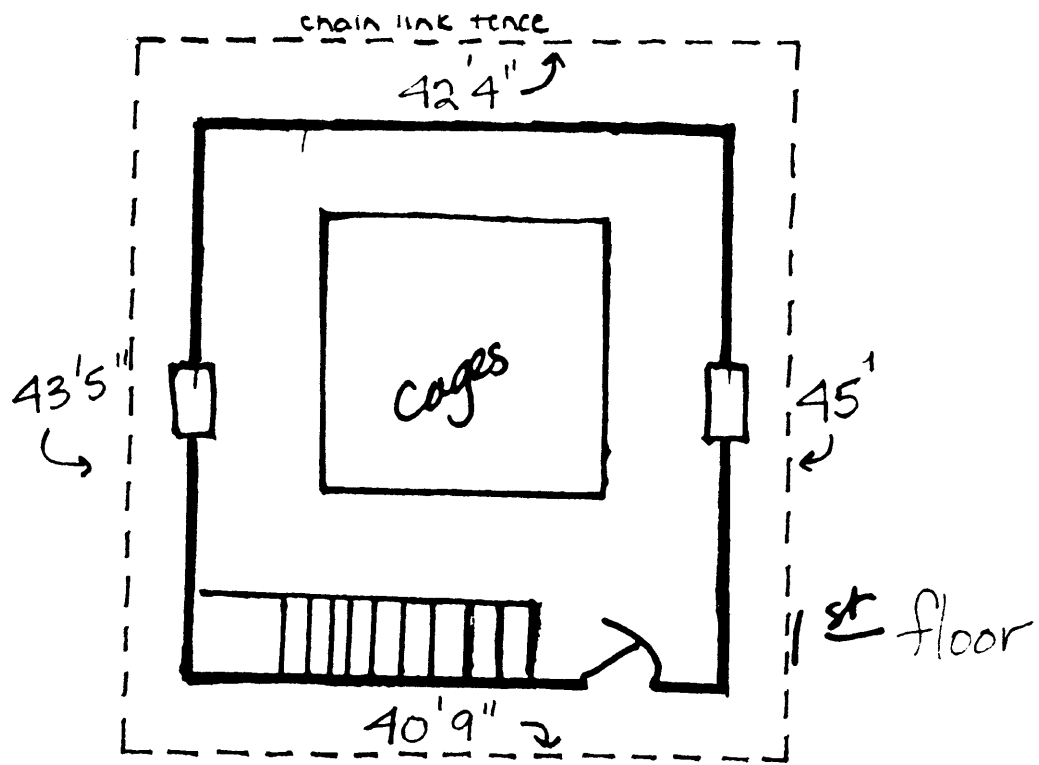
PHOTOGRAPHS

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Crawford County Jail
Knoxville, Crawford County, Georgia
Photographer: James R. Lockhart
Negative filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Date: June 1988

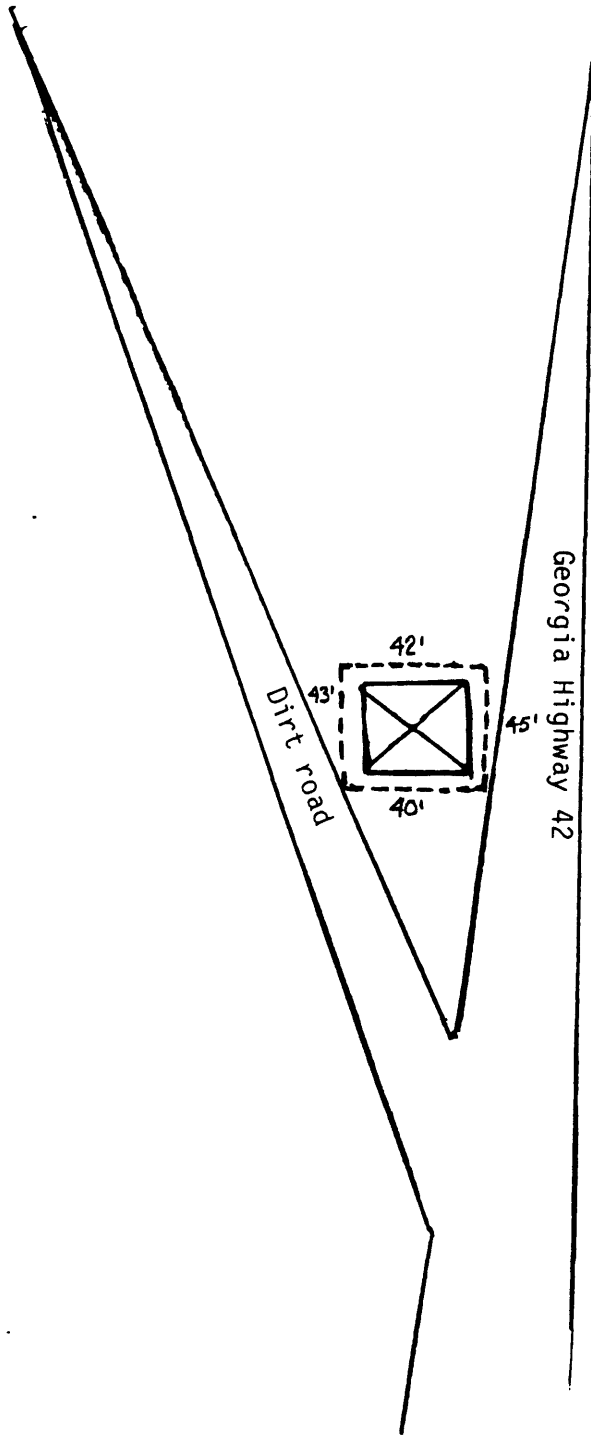
Description:

- 1 of 6: Front view; photographer facing northeast.
- 2 of 6: Rear view; photographer facing southwest.
- 3 of 6: Second floor, cell; photographer facing southeast.
- 4 of 6: First floor, cell area; photographer facing north.
- 5 of 6: Stairwell; photographer facing north.
- 6 of 6: First floor exterior window on south facade; photographer facing north.



SKETCH MAP - Floor Plans
 Crawford County Jail
 Knoxville, Crawford County, Georgia

Key: The map consists of the
 nominated property and is marked
 accordingly
 Scale: Marked accordingly



SKETCH MAP - SITE PLAN
 Crawford County Jail, Knoxville, Crawford Co.
 Georgia

KEY: fenced area ---- (nominated property) (dimensions to nearest foot)
 Jail 