

GEORGIA ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

I. IDENTIFICATION	<p>PROPERTY NAME: Hart County Jail <u>HISTORIC NAME:</u> Hart County Jail</p> <p>STREET ADDRESS: Johnson Street CITY: Hartwell</p> <p>PRESENT OWNER: Ray H. Lewis, Chairman MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 279 Board of Finance</p> <p>CITY: Hartwell STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30643</p> <p>CURRENT USE: Jail ACREAGE: Less than one acre</p> <p>U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE Hartwell U.T.M. REFERENCE: Zone 17 E322180 N3802990</p> <p>V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: The nominated property is all that remains associated with the jail and is designated H-10-1-9 on the Tax Map.</p>
II. DESCRIPTION	<p>ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attachment 1</p>
III. HISTORY	<p>ORIGINAL OWNER: Hart County ORIGINAL USE: County Jail Manly Manufacturing Co. }</p> <p>ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Pauly Jail Bldg. & HISTORIC ACREAGE: 3.5 acres Mfg. Co. }</p> <p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1893 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: 1917-1924, 1957</p> <p>HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attachment 2</p>
IV. SIGNIFICANCE	<p>N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Politics/Government LEVEL: Local</p> <p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attachment 3</p>
V. SOURCES	<p>FORM PREPARED BY: Dale Jaeger ORGANIZATION: Georgia Mountains APDC Preservation Planner</p> <p>ADDRESS: P. O. Box 1720 TELEPHONE NUMBER: 404/536/3431 Gainesville, GA 30503</p> <p>REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: "Historic Structures Field Survey" Georgia Department of Natural Resources</p> <p>SOURCES OF INFORMATION:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attachment 4</p>



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Attachment One

DESCRIPTION

The jail is a Romanesque Revival-style building built on a rectangular plan containing two stories with a basement. A three-story tower projects on the center of the front facade. There is a hipped roof covered in asphalt shingles, original standing seam metal on the tower roof, two internal chimneys, and a one story front porch. It is constructed of brick with segmental, round, and Italianate-arched brick lintels and a round arch entrance with radiating voussoirs. The first floor houses the sheriff's residence, while the second floor contains the original jailworks (Pauly Jail Building and Manufacturing Company) and the basement contains the later jailworks by the Manly Jail Works Company. Interior features include plaster walls, wood floors in the residential section, vaulted corrugated metal ceilings and concrete floors in the jail works areas. Changes to the structure include a 1917-1924 addition on the first and basement levels on the east side of the structure in complementary design, a 1957 intrusive addition to the earlier addition, and a frame addition to the rear of the structure which serves as storage space on first floor and a car shelter at basement level. The jail is situated on a city lot, close to the road, with the rear yard graveled for parking. There are foundation shrubbery and pecan trees in the front yard.

Attachment Two

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The History of Hart County, published in 1933, provides an insight into the development of county jails in Hartwell. According to the author, John Baker, the present jail structure is the fourth jail for the county. The first jail, a two-story wooden building, was constructed in 1856 on Lot 6 of the original plan. This structure was destroyed by fire and a replacement was built on the same site in 1867. This one-story structure was built of large hewed logs and apparently proved unsuitable. Ten years after its construction the building was sold to John B. Benson, who moved the structure to his residential lot and used it as a barn. The third jail was built for the county in 1877. This two-story brick and wood structure was constructed by M.B. McGinty on Lot 2 of the original plan. A fire on January 30, 1893, caused by two inmates who attempted to burn a hole in the wall during an escape, necessitated the construction of the fourth county jail.

According to Superior Court Minutes and articles in the Hartwell Sun, it appears that the fourth county jail was designed by the Manly Manufacturing Company of Dalton, Georgia, and constructed by the Pauly Jail Building and Manufacturing Company of Saint Louis, Missouri. The Grand Jury Presentments from March 1893 state that "after examining several Plans for the new jail, we recommend the ordinary adopt plan "560" of the Manly Manufacturing Company of Dalton, Georgia." The proposed building is described as " a three-story, fireproof brick building with steel cells." The ordinary is instructed to determine a location and to sell or exchange the present site for a more suitable location. The first three jails had been located near the town center which apparently proved unsuitable as the business district developed. A location at the corner of Johnson and Jackson Streets, several blocks from the town center and adjoining the city cemetery, was selected for the site of the fourth county jail.

An article from the Hartwell Sun in 1893 announces that bids for the construction of the new jail were received by the Ordinary until May 27, 1893. This article states that the three-story brick jail would contain the sheriff's residence and four steel tool-proof cells. In June, 1893 an article in the Hartwell Sun states that:

the "building of the Hart County Jail was awarded to the Pauly Jail Building and Manufacturing Company of Saint Louis, Mo."

The article includes a description of the jail which states:

"the jail will have six steel and iron cages built upon the most improved methods and of such consistency of iron and steel combination as will make them practically steel tool-proof. The building will be three stories high, fireproof throughout and have the benefit in every way of all modern conveniences consistent with safety and healthfulness of prisoners, security of jailer against attack, and classification of arrangement which grades the confinement according to the crime."

The Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps document the changes which have occurred to the jail property. A one-story frame detached kitchen was located at the rear of the jail beginning in 1901 and shown as late as 1924. In 1901 the jail was part of a large tract which included most of the block. In 1908 the jail property is shown as a portion of this original tract. In 1917 the Sanborn Map includes a description of the jail which states:

"floors and ceilings I beams and concrete. Roof. Wood construction. Heat. Stoves. Light. Electric."

The earliest Sanborn map (1901) shows the jail as a three-story structure with

a slate or tin roof and metal cornice. In 1908 the cornice is noted as wood. An addition was made to the structure sometime between 1917 and 1924. The building in 1917 is 35' X 25' with a projecting tower set on center on the front facade. In 1924 the building is shown as 50' X 25' and a porch has been added which extends across the front facade. Files at the Manly Jail Works Company, originally the Manly Manufacturing Company, document that additional changes were made to the structure in 1957. According to their records new jail equipment was installed in the basement and an addition made to the basement and first floors. In the original jail the jail works had been located on the third floor. With this addition the inmates were moved to the basement and the third floor became the storage area.

The jail continues to be used as the county jail and is the oldest jail still in use within the Georgia Mountains area. There is serious discussion by county officials concerning its future replacement. One change made recently was the removal of a staircase which connected the basement and first floor. This change was made to meet fire safety standards.

Attachment Three

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally, the Hart County Jail is significant as a modest interpretation of the Romanesque Revival style. The design is significant in that the jail's overall exterior appearance does not connote a jail, but rather a house, school, or some other civic building. Thus this structure blended with others in the community and did not stand out as a "jail". It is important for having been designed and built as a jail and for incorporating the necessary features for the time, including a place for prisoners as well as for the jailer and family. It also featured fire proof construction, with brick walls, concrete floors, and plastered finishes, which were characteristic of jail architecture at this time.

The interior of the structure contains jail works designed and manufactured by "P.J. Pauly and Bro. Company of Saint Louis". The Pauly Company was the designer and manufacturer of the jail works located on the third floor of the structure. This company, based in St. Louis, provided design and manufacturing services in the construction of jail cells and buildings to mid-western and southeastern states. After almost 100 years in jail construction, the company went out of business in 1964.

There is also a possibility that the "Manly Manufacturing Company of Dalton, Georgia" is responsible for the original design. This company which became "Manly Jail Works Company" also made additions to the structure in 1957.

The Manly Company was established in 1888 and is still in operation today. After exclusively making jail works throughout its existence, the company began making textile machinery and steel products in addition to its jail works products 10 years ago.

In terms of politics and government, the jail is significant as the fourth jail for Hart County. It was built on a site located several blocks from the town center where earlier jails were situated. This location expresses the somewhat undesirable character of this type of use in the downtown business district. Since 1893, this structure has served as the county jail. Changes have been made to accommodate the needs of a growing county. This historic structure expresses the tastes of the local community at the time of construction and the additions illustrate how those tastes have changed. The original jail was built of brick to insure fire protection, and the jailer and family were housed in a portion of the structure. The latest addition (1957) has an almost "ranch appearance."

Attachment Four

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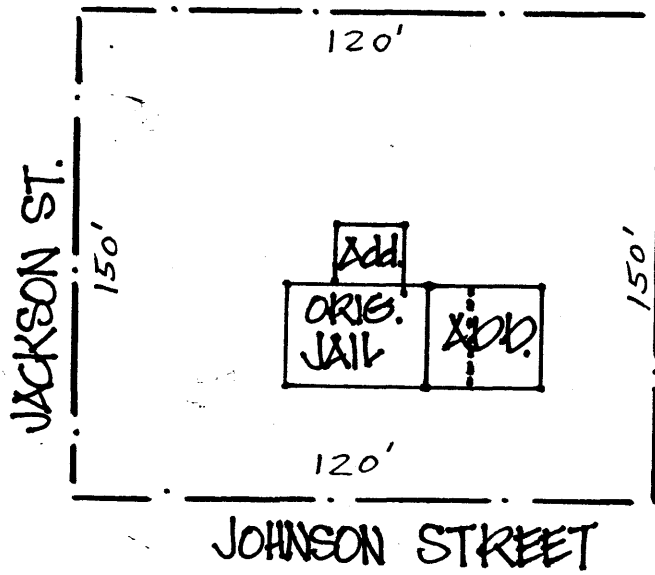
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Site Plan

Hart County Jail
Hartwell, Hart County, Georgia

Scale: Not to scale.

Source: Drawn by Dale Jaeger

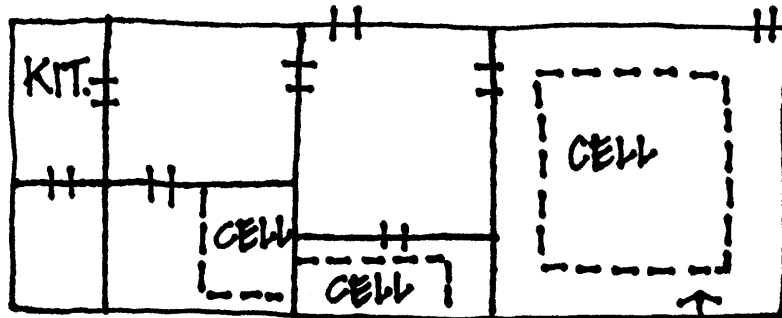
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Key: The nominated property is shown on the plan with the jail and additions as marked.

The measurements were taken from the Tax Map No. H-10-1-9.

HART CO. JAIL

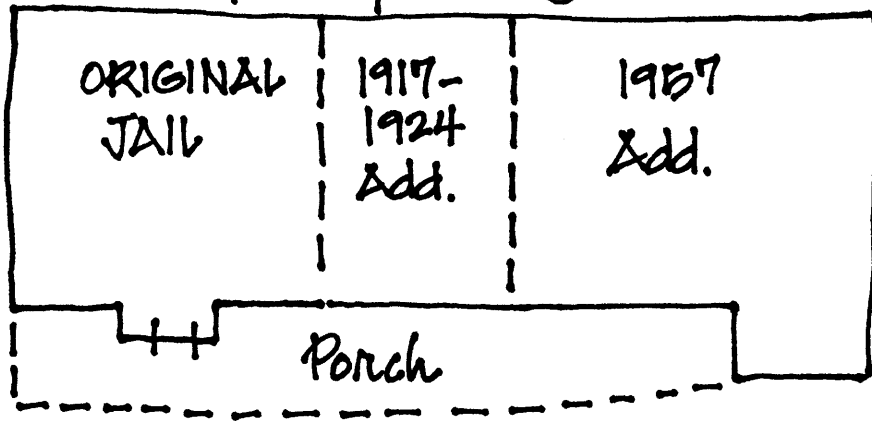
BASEMENT



1957
Addition
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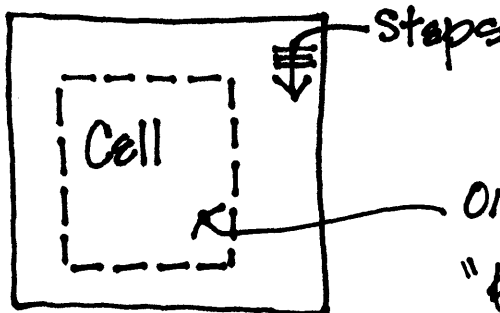
SHERIFF'S
RESIDENCE



Floor Plan

Hart County Jail
Hartwell, Hart County, Georgia
Scale: Not to scale.
Source: Drawn by Dale Jaeger
Date: 1984
Key: as marked on the plan.

SECOND FLOOR



Original Jail Works
"Pauly's Key Bar Grating
Patented
St. Louis, Mo."

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF HARTWELL, HART COUNTY, GEORGIA

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY #26

HART COUNTY JAIL

The Hart County Jail, surveyed initially as part of the Historic Resources of Hartwell National Register nomination, has since been listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Hart County Jail was listed in the National Register on September 13, 1985, as part of the thematic group nomination "County Jails of the Georgia Mountains Planning and Development Commission."

Reference to the jail is made here so that the multiple resource nomination for Hartwell will contain complete information about the community's architectural and historical resources.