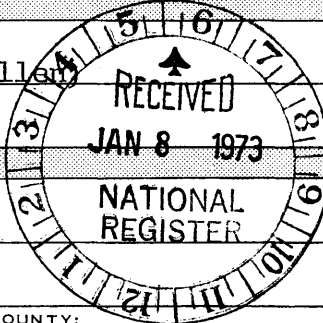


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: Tennessee | |
| COUNTY: Hancock | |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| ENTRY NUMBER | DATE |
| | APR 11 1973 |



1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Jail (Rep. James H. Quillen)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Jail Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Sneedville

STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47 COUNTY: Hancock CODE: 067

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress |
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>County jail</u> |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
County of Hancock

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Sneedville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Hancock Co. Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Sneedville 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: CODE:

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STATE: Tennessee

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

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| (Check One) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | | |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | | |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The "Old Jail," built circa 1860, is on Jail Street, one block west of the main street in Sneedville. It is a two-story brick structure painted red, with a tin roof and a chimney on each side. Each of the seven openings on the front side is surmounted by a plain lintel painted white. The only attempt at any decoration is the brick corbeling across the front. The porch, which is a later addition and which covers the entrance floor, projects to the edge of the sidewalk.

At present, there are three exterior entrances on the first floor. The center door appears not to be used now, but it leads into the center hall. It is flanked by two doors, each leading into the side rooms. On either side of these doors is a window, while there are three windows on the second floor. Although there is now a small clapboard wing, the house was originally only one room deep with a center hall having a stairway and with a room on each side. The two mantels on the first floor include a simple wood one and a small simple Victorian marble mantel.

The "Old Jail" continues to be used for its original purpose. First floor rooms serve as the county sheriff's residence and the second floor is used for prisoners. Male prisoners are kept in a large steel cage in the open area. Female prisoners are placed in the smaller, enclosed room where the original sheathing can be detected.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1860

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

| | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Only building left relating to the beginning of the county.</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located in the very rough and mountainous northeast section of Tennessee, Hancock County has always been one of the most sparsely populated and poorest counties in the state. The area, around which is now Sneedville, was settled in the first quarter of the nineteenth century and was originally called the Greasy Rock area. Hancock County was formed in 1844 from portions of Hawkins and Claiborne counties. Because of various constitutional disputes, however, Hancock County did not begin to conduct any business until 1848. In 1850, a small but substantial brick courthouse was erected as well as a log jail. The latter was replaced in 1860 by the present brick building which continues to serve as the county jail. The courthouse burned shortly before 1887 according to the Goodspeed History of Tennessee.

Some people claim the "Old Jail" to be the oldest building in Sneedville, which is quite possible. Certainly, it is the oldest public building, and the only one left having historical connections with the early years of the county. It is the major landmark in the area. Citizens have discussed the desirability of converting the "Old Jail" into a museum of local history after constructing a new jail, which they feel is desperately needed.

In an area where buildings of architectural or historical significance are lacking, the Old Jail does possess significance for Hancock County.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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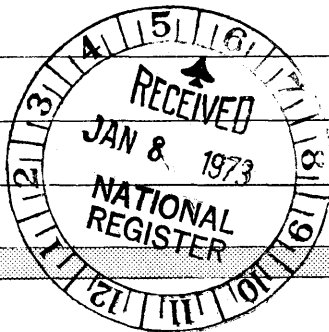
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Ellen Beasley

ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Historical Commission DATE: 12-28-72

STREET AND NUMBER:
403 7th Avenue North

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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: Michael J. Smith
Title: Executive Director
Tennessee Historical Commission
Date: 12-28-72

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

Robert K. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/11/73
ATTEST: W.D. Smith
Keeper of The National Register
Date: 4 4 73