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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Winnetoon Jail

other names/site number NeHBS # KX17-018

2. Location

street & number First Street and Sherman Avenue not for publication [n/a]

city or town Winnetoon vicinity [n/a]

state Nebraska code NE county Knox code 107 zip code 68789

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this [x] nomination [] request for determination of eligibility 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 [x] meets [] does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [] nationally [] statewide [x] locally. ([] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Lewence Sommer
Signature of certifying official

1/11/95
Date

Director, Nebraska State Historical Society
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. ([] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.
[] See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the
National Register
[] See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the
National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain): _____

Linda McClelland

2/27/95

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

Winnetoan Jail
Name of Property

Knox County, Nebraska
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

n/a

n/a

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Government: correctional facility

Recreation and Culture: museum

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

No Style

foundation Concrete
walls Concrete

roof Wood
other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Winnetoon Jail

Name of Property

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1907

Significant Dates

1907

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

n/a

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Architect/ Builder

P.C. Paulson Building Co.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- 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:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Village of Winnetoon, Clerk's Files

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10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property Less than one acre.

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1.	14	585280	4707210	3.			
2.				4.			

[] See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Gayle L. Neuhaus, Historian/Village Treasurer

organization Village of Winnetoon City Council date November, 1994

street & number Box 94, Main Street telephone (402) 847-3368

city or town Winnetoon state NE zip code 68789

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps
A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs
Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items
(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Village of Winnetoon

street & number P.O. Box 94, Main Street telephone (402) 847-3368

city or town Winnetoon state NE zip code 68789

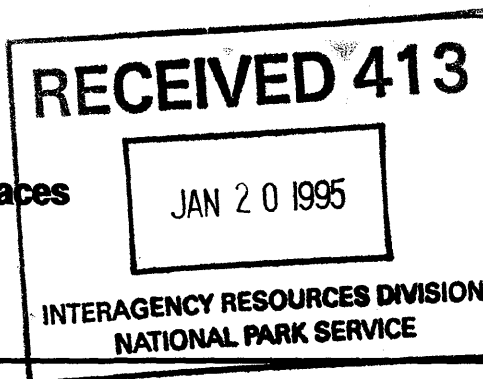
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Winnetoon Jail
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Description

The Winnetoon Jail, located in the present-day city park, Winnetoon, Knox County, is a small one-story rectangular structure. It has a gabled-roof and one door on the main facade. The walls are constructed of cement up to the plate level. The plate level itself is wood as are the shingles. This nomination consists of one contributing building, the jail.

The Winnetoon Jail is located at the northwest corner of the present-day Winnetoon city park. It is a one-story gable-roofed building that measures 8 by 10 feet. Constructed in 1907 of cement up to the plate level, the walls are approximately 8 inches thick. The plate level itself is wood as are the shingles (replaced in 1983). A brick chimney protrudes from the rear of the roof.

On each side facade is a wood-framed window that is reinforced with horizontal iron bars. A wooden outside door (replaced in 1987) shelters an interior strapped metal grill door. The metal door was made by a local blacksmith, E. Scheer, Jr. An inscription on a metal band of the door reads "Made by E. Scheer Jr., August 4, 1907, Winnetoon, Neb."

The interior is a single room that was used as the cell. The walls and floor are cement and the ceiling is iron sheeting. A wood burning stove, which has been removed, and a cot were the only furnishings. The jail is currently used as a tourist attraction in the city park.

Statement of Significance

The Winnetoon Jail, located in Winnetoon (1994 pop: 59), Knox County, is eligible at the local level under Criterion C as a good representative example of an early 20th-century jail designed for use in a small community where its use would normally be limited. The period of significance is 1907 when the jail was constructed.

Established in 1901, Winnetoon, located in the northeast region of Nebraska, never had a very large population. But in the first decade of its existence the community did grow and reached its peak population of 220 in 1910.

As Winnetoon was experiencing this moderate growth leading up to the 1910 population figure, village officials started to become more concerned with law and order in the community. In 1907, the Village Board minutes indicate a decision was made to build a jail "in order to maintain peace and good order within the Villiage (sic)." An original bid of \$45.00 was deemed too expensive and rejected. A second bid of \$37.00 was accepted and the jail was built by July 1907.

By 1930, Winnetoon's population had declined substantially due primarily to many people relocating because of the Depression. The jail, which had never held many prisoners, was used even less. The door was left unlocked unless someone was incarcerated.

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Statement of Significance (continued)

The Winnetoon Jail is significant because it represents a period in the community's history when it was experiencing enough of a population increase that the village officials thought such a facility was necessary. Since the village offices were housed in the bank there was no sheriff's office or administration building in which the jail could be located. For this reason the Village Board decided to have a free-standing structure built. There is only one other example of this building type, a single-room jail, that has been surveyed in the northeast region. The Verdell Jail (KX13-024), also located in Knox County, is in a very deteriorated condition. For these reasons the Winnetoon Jail is significant at the local level under Criterion C as an excellent example of a jail designed for a small community.

Bibliography

Clare, E.C., and Neuhaus, Gayle. *Winnetoon in America's Bicentennial Year, 1892-1976*. Winnetoon Historical Society, 1976.

Winnetoon Village Board Meeting Minutes.

Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at the southwest corner of Seth Jones Out Lot, Winnetoon, thence north 289 feet along Sherman Avenue, to the point of beginning, thence east 52 feet, thence north 10 feet 6 inches, thence west 54 feet, thence south 10 feet 6 inches to the point of beginning; excluding any adjacent real estate that lacks historical association or integrity.

Boundary Justification

The boundary consists of an area which includes the jail, its immediate surrounding landscape; and excludes any other adjacent real estate that lacks historical association or integrity.