United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, Haw to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for the Complete For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property	OCT 282016
Historic name: Manitou Jail	
Other names/site number:	Natl. Reg. of Historic Places
	A National Park Service
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple p	property listing)

2. Location

City or town:	Manitou	St	ate: OK	County:	Tillman
Not For Publicatio	n:	Vicinity:			

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this \underline{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 at the following level(s) of significance:

Signature of certifying official/Title:

Date

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property _____ meets ____ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official:

Title :

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

Date

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Date of Action

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

v entered in the National Register

____ determined eligible for the National Register

____ determined not eligible for the National Register

____ removed from the National Register

other (explain:) Signature of the Keeper

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

Private:	
Public – Local	x
Public – State	
Public – Federal	

Category of Property

(Check only one box.)

Building(s)	x
District	
Site	
Structure	
Object	

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously lis	ted resources in the count)	
Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register <u>N/A</u>

6. Function or Use Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions.)

GOVERNMENT: correctional facility

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions.)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions.)

No Style

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.) Principal exterior materials of the property: <u>CONCRETE</u>

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with **a summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The Manitou Jail is a barrel-roofed, cast in place, concrete, 10' by 15' building. Constructed in 1922, apparently by a local work crew employed by the town of Manitou, the building is stylistically classified as having No Distinctive style. The building is distinguished by the visible form lines in the concrete on both the exterior and interior walls. The jail has two windows and a single door, all of which feature iron bars. The building is located on municipal property, adjacent to the modern metal building that contains the town of Manitou's offices. The immediate setting of the jail is an open grassy area. In the past few years, a concrete trough has been situated on the east side of the building for use as a landscape bed. The planter has a wooden trellis that obscures the east side window. The wood sign on the front of the building was added in 1977, at which time graffiti was also removed from the exterior walls. All of these changes are relatively minor. Overall, the Manitou Jail retains a high degree of integrity, including location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

Narrative Description

The Manitou Jail was cast in place with the impressions from the forms remaining evident on both the interior and exterior. The building has a concrete roof and foundation. The building faces south onto 3rd Street. The building is located about 55' from the centerline of the road. The road to the immediate west of the building is Mather Avenue, which also serves as Manitou's portion of U.S. Highway 283. Before federal designation, the road was State Highway 14, one of

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the original state highways established in 1924 when the state highway system was initiated. The building is readily visible from the highway and has become a tourist attraction for passing motorists.

The front (south) elevation of the building contains only a single, centrally located door (see photographs 1 and 4). The narrow, iron bar, 2' by 6' door was designed to fit the building with a notched area in the adjacent concrete wall to contain the door's locking mechanism. There is a wood door behind the iron bar door. Above the entry, there is a modern, wood sign inscribed with the words "CITY JAIL/Town of Manitou, OK."

The east and west elevations of the building are matching with only a single window on each side (see photographs 1, 2 and 3). Both of the side windows are centrally located and, in the past, may have featured wood shutters as the west window has a modern hinge and hook and the east window has a metal hook still in place. Each window has four iron bars in place of glass. The round bars are set into the concrete with wood boards at both sides of the opening. Off the east side of the building, a concrete trough has been added that contains a landscape bed. A wood trellis extends upwards from the trough to allow the rose brushes to climb. Neither the trough nor trellis are attached to the jail building.

The north (rear) elevation of the Manitou Jail contains only a small opening in the far west, bottom corner (see photograph 2 and 3). The opening corresponds to the dry toilet in the northwest corner of the interior. Reportedly, there was a bucket located outside the building to catch the waste. When photographed in January 2016, there was a concrete element from another double-hole outhouse lying on part of the north side of the Manitou Jail's concrete foundation.

INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Manitou Jail contains a single room with exposed concrete floors, walls and ceiling (see photographs 5 and 6). As mentioned above, the forms used in casting the building are visible along the walls and ceilings of the building. The dry toilet is located in the northwest corner of the room. With two short, concrete, side walls, the toilet has a new wood seat and hinged lid. A new wood bunkbed has also been added to the interior as the lone furnishing.

Overall, the Manitou Jail retains a high degree of historic integrity. This includes the qualities of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The building ably conveys its historic significance as the town lock up and its architectural significance as an outstanding example of a small, 1920s, municipal jail.

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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.

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- 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.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Social History

Architecture

Period of Significance 1922-1935

Significant Dates

Significant Person (Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Manitou Jail is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places at the local level under Criterion A for its social history significance in Manitou, Oklahoma. The jail represents the local community's tangible effort to promote the welfare of society in Manitou by providing a location for holding miscreants. According to a 1978 interview of Manitou resident Leether Burba, one of the workman that reportedly constructed the jail in July 1922, use of the jail was discontinued around 1935 due to easier transportation to the county jail at Frederick.¹ The jail is also eligible for the National Register under Criterion C as an excellent example of a 1920s municipal jail. While stylistically undistinguished, the building clearly expresses its function through its form. The period of significance for the jail extends from its construction 1922 through its reported end of detention use in 1935.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

The town of Manitou was established originally in Comanche County, Oklahoma Territory, on January 29, 1902 with the town being platted in 1904. In January 1907, the nearby town of Siboney agreed to consolidate with Manitou with the Siboney business and residential buildings being relocated to Manitou. With the advent of Oklahoma statehood on November 16, 1907, the town became part of the newly established Tillman County. At that time, the town's population numbered 394 residents.²

By about 1926, the town of Manitou claimed a reported population of 500 and was described as "one of Oklahoma's progressive little cities, having a number of enterprises that distinguish it from other towns of equal size." As recorded in the federal census, Manitou's population numbered 335 in 1920, the highest the census would record through 1970. However, it is possible there was a brief burst of new residents in Manitou in the mid-1920s, therefore accounting for the differences in population numbers between the locally proclaimed and federal census, as there was apparently a small gold rush in Manitou; the gold rush was short lived as "gold was not found in sufficient quantity nor of paying quality." By 1930, the number of citizens calling Manitou home dropped to 323 with the depression years of the 1930s dramatically reducing the population to 258 by 1940. Rebounding slightly, Manitou's population rose to 293 in 1950 before falling to 269 in 1960. Once again up swinging, the town claimed 308 residents in 1970.³

¹ The Sunday Oklahoman, (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma), 23 July 1978.

² Gail Patterson, "Manitou," *Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture*, <u>www.okhistory.org</u>, (accessed 26 January 2016). See also George H. Shirk, *Oklahoma Place Names*, 2nd ed., (Norman, Oklahoma: University of Oklahoma Press, 1989), 154 and 236.

³"Manitou: Who's Who in Tillman County," originally published *The Frederick (Oklahoma) Leader*, available *Tillman County Chronicles*, <u>http://tillmancountychronicles.blogspot.com/2012/04/manitou-1926.html</u>, accessed 25 February 2016. See also *History of Tillman County Volume II* (Frederick, Oklahoma: Tillman County Historical

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In the mid-1920s, the town had twenty-six businesses, including three cotton gins and one grain elevator. In addition to an accredited school with seven teachers, the town enjoyed graveled streets, a municipal water system and two churches, Baptist and Methodist. As with much of Tillman County and Oklahoma in general, the town relied economically on the surrounding agricultural community. The town was also noted as a "prominent shipping center," being located on State Highway No. 14 and the St. Louis and San Francisco (Frisco) rail line. Overall, the community was thriving with T. F. Hill, owner of the City Barber Shop, serving as mayor from 1916 through the latter 1920s.⁴

Although not one of the amenities that a community likes to boast about, the town of Manitou by the mid-1920s included a concrete municipal jail. According to Leether Burba's recollection, the jail was erected over a two-day period in July 1922. Burba indicated those two days were the hottest days during the summer of 1922. Burba further related that he hauled the gravel from Deep Red Creek himself, using his horse and wagon. Burba explained that

The day we mixed and poured the concrete was so hot. We had to work fast because the mixture would set up so quickly. At quitting time we were all dog-tired, but only a little at the top was left to do. J.T. Hightower, the foreman, decided to finish it so we worked two or three more hours overtime.⁵

The History of Tillman County, published in 1976, contains a slightly different version of events. The locally written, county history notes that the Manitou Jail was constructed in March 1922. The history book indicates the jail's first prisoners, Bruce Barrett and Bill Creighton of Burkburnett, Texas, were held on April 6, 1922. Unfortunately, the source for this information was not recorded and the town records are not available at either the town of Manitou or the Tillman County Historical Society.⁶

Despite reportedly having the first newspaper in Tillman County in 1903, Manitou did not have its own newspaper in 1922 and the Frederick newspaper *The Free Press* did not record any events related to the Manitou Jail. That the county seat newspaper did not take note of the jail's construction is not surprising as jail construction did not lend itself to community boosterism or economic development. In support of Burba's recollection, the newspaper reported that the "oldest settlers claim(ed) July has been the hottest month in the history of the country" with temperatures hovering "around 100 a good share of each day."⁷

The jail was constructed as a standalone building. Due to its size and the lack of amenities, including water and electricity, the building was obviously intended to serve as a temporary holding tank rather than long term incarceration facility. More than likely, the jail mainly housed

Society, 1976), front cover and Virginia Warhurst, "Origin of Tillman County," (Master of Arts Thesis, The University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma: 1942), 78.

⁴ "Manitou: Who's Who in Tillman County."

⁵ Sunday Oklahoman, 23 July 1978.

⁶*History of Tillman County*, 319.

⁷ Warhurst, "Origin of Tillman County," 77. See also *The Free Press*, (Frederick, Oklahoma), 3 August 1922.

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local troublemakers, guilty of being drunk or disorderly behavior. The lack of amenities also probably contributed to the discontinuation of use of the jail. With improvements in road conditions and automobiles by the mid-1930s, transporting prisoners to the county jail in Frederick would have allowed the prisoners to be held under better conditions, as well as consolidate law enforcement activities.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Manitou Jail is a small, utilitarian, concrete building that is architecturally unique within the town of Manitou. Dominated by residential construction of various vintage, the town also has one historic, brick church, the vacant Baptist Church built in about 1930. The Baptist Church is located a block northwest of the contemporary, multi-building Southwest Oklahoma Juvenile Center. While also a detention facility, the juvenile center is on a totally different scale from the historic Manitou Jail. The church and juvenile center are both located several blocks away from the Manitou Jail on the south central side of town.

The historic jail is readily distinguished from the other buildings of the town due to its compact size, barrel roof and total concrete construction. The forms used to cast the building in place prevent the jail from having a smooth, finished wall surface. The building's rough finish, lack of style and absence of ornamental detail contribute to the intended austerity of the building, as do the lack of amenities, including water and electricity. The jail served its purpose to improve the welfare of Manitou society by deterring crime, as well as housing petty offenders.

The jail is comparable in size to the Old City Jail in Texola, although the Texola City Jail was constructed of concrete blocks in about 1908-1910. The size, materials and form of the Manitou Jail is also similar to a structure in Amber, Oklahoma; however, the structure in Amber was apparently an explosives magazine for the local lumberyard. As such, it is attached on the front to the adjacent lumberyard building. Further distinguishing the Amber structure from the Manitou Jail is the lack of windows in the explosives magazine.⁸

Lacking architectural style and decorative detailing, the Manitou Jail is a great example of functional construction. Whether constructed in March or July 1922, the Manitou Jail is the only building remaining in Manitou which represents the town's early twentieth century efforts at maintaining societal order. As noted in the documentation of the jail prepared in the 1970s as part of the Three County Historic Sites Survey by the Museum of the Great Plains, "The building is an example of the early municipal jails built to provide communities with a repository for felons and drunks." Possessing a high degree of integrity, the building merits recognition for its historic and architectural significance as the town of Manitou's only historic jail.⁹

⁸ "Texola Old City Jail," *Exploring Oklahoma History*, <u>http://www.blogoklahoma.us/place.aspx?id=653</u>, accessed 17 April 2016.

⁹ John Beckman, Oklahoma Landmarks Inventory Nomination for the "Manitou City Jail," (available Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma), n.d.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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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 # _____
- _____ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- X State Historic Preservation Office
- ____ Other State agency
- ____ Federal agency
- ____ Local government
- _____ University
- ____ Other

Name of repository:

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): <u>N/A</u>

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than 1 Acre

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84:_____ (enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1. Latitude: 34.508722	Longitude: -98.982664
2. Latitude:	Longitude:
3. Latitude:	Longitude:
4. Latitude:	Longitude:

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Lots 22 and 23, Block 14, Manitou Original, Tillman County, Oklahoma, part of Section 34, Township 1 North, Range 17 West.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries include the property historically associated with the Manitou Jail. The adjacent city hall building is excluded as it is a newer metal building.

Form Prepared By

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date: April 2016			

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- Additional items: (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Manitou JailCity or Vicinity: ManitouCounty:TillmanState: OKPhotographer: Cynthia SavageDate Photographed: 29 January 2016State: OK

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

Photo 0001: South (right) and west (left) elevations with Manitou City Hall in background, camera facing northeast.

Photo 0002: West (right) and north (left) elevations, camera facing southeast.

Photo 0003: North (right) and east (left) elevations, camera facing southwest.

Photo 0004: East (right) and south (left) elevations, camera facing northeast.

Photo 0005: Interior, looking north from doorway, camera facing north.

Photo 0006: Interior, looking southeast from northwest corner, camera facing southeast.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management. U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

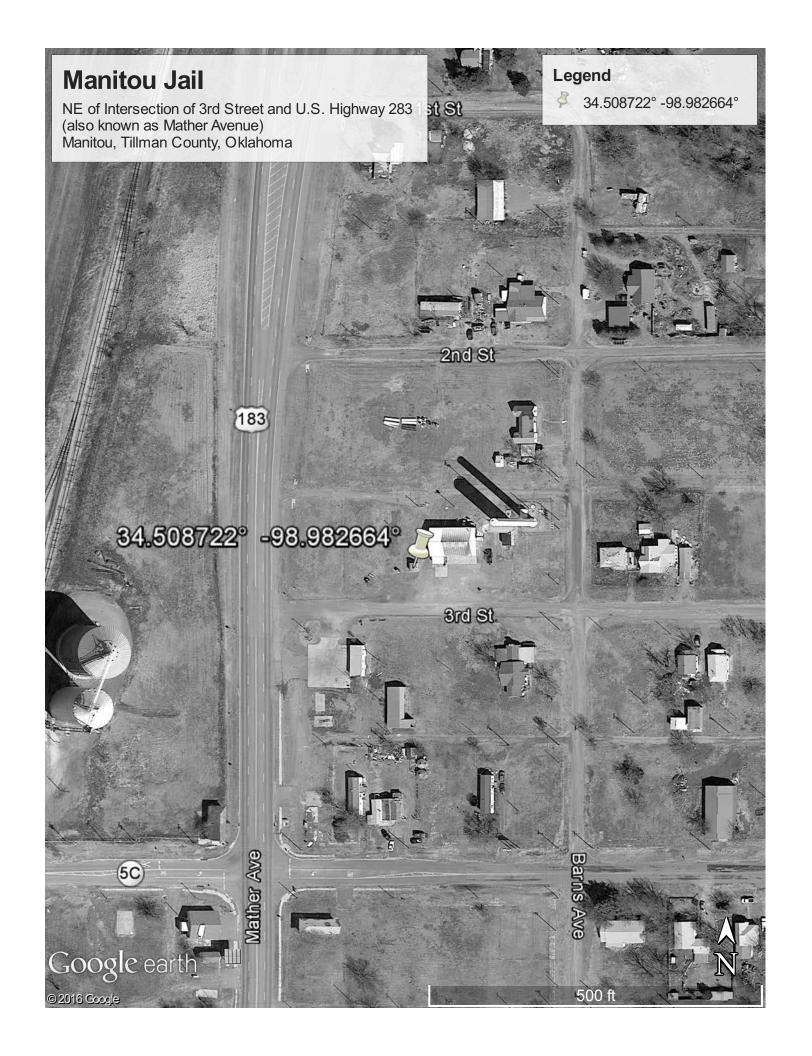
Manitou Jail

NE of Intersection of 3rd Street and U.S. Highway 183 (Also known as Mather Avenue) Manitou, Tillman County, Oklahoma

Legend

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:	Nomination
Property Name:	Manitou Jail
Multiple Name:	
State & County:	OKLAHOMA, Tillman
Date Rece	ived: Date of Pending List: Date of 16th Day: Date of 45th Day: Date of Weekly List: 12/13/2016 12/13/2016 12/22/2016
Reference number:	16000851
Nominator:	State
Reason For Review	
X Accept	ReturnReject 12/13/2016 Date
Abstract/Summary Comments:	Meets Registration Requirements
Recommendation/ Criteria	
Reviewer Edson	Beall Discipline Historian
Telephone	Date
DOCUMENTATION	: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



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October 25, 2016

J. Paul Loether, Deputy Keeper and Chief National Register and National Historic Landmark Programs National Park Service 2280, 8th floor 1201 "I" (Eye) Street, NW Washington D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

We are pleased to transmit four National Register of Historic Places nominations for Oklahoma properties. The nominations are for the following properties:

Hatashita, Henry C., House, Ponca City, Kay County Manitou Jail, Manitou, Tillman County Medical Arts Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County Municipal Auditorium, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County

The member of the Historic Preservation Review Committee (state review board), professionally qualified in the fields of prehistoric archeology was absent from the public meeting at which each of these nominations was considered and the recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Officer was formulated. However, the member possessing the requisite professional qualifications for evaluation of each nominated property was present and participated in the recommendation's formulation.

We look forward to the results of your review. If there may be any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Lynda S. Ozan of my staff or myself.

Sincerely, Melvena Heisch

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures