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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: IOWA
COUNTY: MUSCATINE
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE JUL 24 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Jail

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Muscatine County Jail

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
411 ~~East~~ Fourth Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Muscatine

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
First

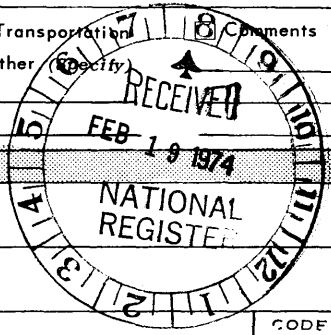
STATE: Iowa CODE: 14 COUNTY: Muscatine CODE: 139

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Muscatine County in Iowa

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Mucatine

STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Courthouse County Recorder

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Muscatine

STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
News stories filed in Musser Public Library

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Musser Public Library

STREET AND NUMBER:
Third and Iowa Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Muscatine

STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

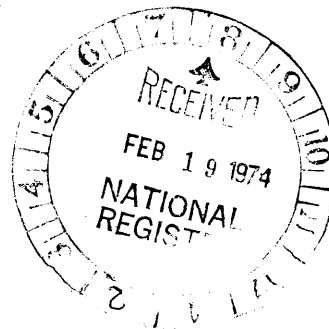
(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Muscatine County Jail is a brick T-shaped structure, with a two story main portion and one story cell block wing at the rear. ✓Greek Revival in style, the jail has such well preserved classical details as brick pilasters at the corners, brick dentilation at the cornice, an enframed main entrance and cornice returns at the gable ends of the roof. Rooms are symmetrically arranged. On the west side of the main building is the sheriff's office with a side entrance to both the office and the cell block. On the east side are two additional rooms of equal size. Living quarters are on the second floor where two rooms appear on each side of the central hallway. The rear room to the west has been converted into a bathroom, closet and a smaller room.

An L-shaped ✓1908 addition appears on the east side of the building. This structure accomodates the heating plant for the nearby courthouse. The towering chimney that now appears atop the cell block was added at this time also. The front entrance steps of the jail have been removed and the windows have been replaced. Aside from these changes, the Old Jail remains much as it did when first built in the 1850's and is in good condition.



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3. 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 | |

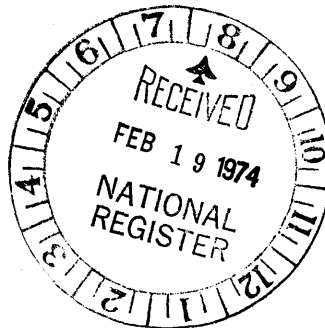
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1856-1857**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <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

Built in [✓]1856-1857 the Muscatine County Jail is the [✓]only remaining example of Greek Revival government architecture in Muscatine. It was built by the contractors [✓]Hines and Milford to replace a two story wooden structure built in 1838-1839 on the nearby courthouse square. Structurally sound and altered little, the jail building is now being used to store county equipment. Much interest has been expressed in its preservation due to its age and its stylistic significance.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

News stories and articles on file in the Musser Public Library
 County records in the Courthouse
 Blake, Harold, "Group Seeks Preservation of the County Jail."
 Story on file in Musser Public Library.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

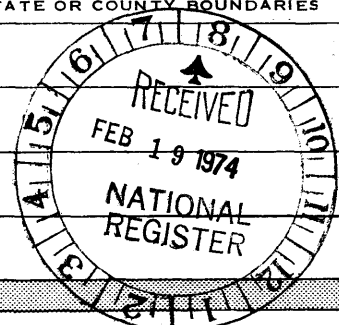
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.19 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: James B. Tracy

ORGANIZATION For Mrs. C. Maxwell Stanley, member of the Board of Advisors, National Trust for Historic Preservation DATE January 13, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 108 Laurel Street

CITY OR TOWN: Muscatine STATE Iowa CODE 14

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Adrian N. Anderson

Title Historic Preservation Officer

Date 12 February, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

A. K. Wooten
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 7/24/74

ATTEST:
Wm. M. Stapp
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 7-19-74