

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Old St. Helena Parish Jail

and/or common

2. Location off LA 10.

street & number adjacent to courthouse square in center of Greensburg — not for publication

city, town Greensburg — vicinity of congressional district 6th - Henson Moore

state Louisiana code 22 county St. Helena Parish code 091

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum (work-in-prog)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: (meeting place)

4. Owner of Property

name St. Helena Parish Police Jury

street & number P.O. Box 339

city, town Greensburg — vicinity of state Louisiana 70441

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Helena Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town Greensburg state Louisiana 70441

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title La. Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records La. State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge, state Louisiana 70804

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Old St. Helena Parish Jail is located adjacent to the courthouse square in the center of Greensburg. It is a simple two story brick structure whose main space cuts through the square plan at a 45 degree angle. This leaves two small triangular spaces on each story. One of these contains a relatively new triangular staircase. On the cement floor is evidence of the location of cells. The bars on the windows are still extant.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
	<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

Specific dates c. 1855

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

The Old St. Helena Parish Jail is significant in the area of architecture as a good example of a mid-nineteenth century jail building. It is probably one of less than five extant examples in Louisiana, as well as one of the oldest structures in St. Helena Parish.

9. Major Bibliographical References

St. Helena Parish Conveyance Records
 Phone conversation with Mrs. Cornelia Bond, President, St. Helena Historical Association, Inc., June 18, 1980.
 WPA, St. Helena Parish History, Typescript located in St. Helena Parish vertical file, Louisiana State Library, Baton Rouge. (Continued)

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property approx. .025 acres

Quadrangle name _____

UMT References

A	1 5	7 2 3	1 5 1 0	3 4	1 2	8 1 0 1 0	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing				
C				D						
E				F						
G				H						

Verbal boundary description and justification

See sketch map.

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/title Mrs. Cornelia Bond, President
 organization St. Helena Historical Association, Inc. date June 1980
 street & number Rt. 1 telephone _____
 city or town Montpelier, state Louisiana 70422

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 8/6/80

For HCRS use only I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>Beth Grosvenor</u> Keeper of the National Register	date <u>10/7/80</u>
Attest: Chief of Registration	date

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BOUNDARIES PARALLEL THE SIDES OF THE BUILDING.

