

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name Benton County Jail Property Owner James E. Ferguson
Location 212 N. Main Street, Bentonville Address 212 N. Main Street
Construction Date 1911 Survey No. 0385 Bentonville, AR

DESCRIPTION

The Benton County Jail, built in 1911, is a two-story rectangular block of brick with limestone trim. The Ionic di-style pedimented portico marks the axial entrance of the three-bay west facade. A four-course rusticated limestone base encircles the building. Strong stone quoins define the four corners of the rectangular block and stone sills and flat lintels give emphasis to all window openings. The second floor central bay of the front facade has been altered with a modern multi-paned steel frame window and some new brick work which rises above the cornice line. Otherwise the exterior appears unchanged since its 1911 construction date. Security bars remain on windows of the second floor, although the building no longer functions as a jail. Originally six cell blocks on the second floor accommodated four inmates each. On the ground floor, in addition to administrative spaces, the building provided living quarters for the jailer's family.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: C Area of significance: Architecture

The Benton County Jail was designed in the neo-classical manner in 1911 by architect A.O. Clark of Rogers and St. Louis. Lon A. Pace, a local builder, had the construction contract. Interior steel work was a separate contract held by Steward Iron Works Company of Cincinnati, Ohio. Three other buildings in the Bentonville business district were designed by A. O. Clark: the Benton County Courthouse (No. 28), the Massey Hotel (No. 22, NR 12/01/78) and the Benton County National Bank (No. 21, NR 9/01/83). The Benton County Jail is significant as an example of Clark's work on a smaller scale.

Acreage less than 1 acre
Verbal Boundary Description Lot 36-43, Block 7, Fairview Heights Addition
Quadrangle Name Bentonville South, Ark. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000
UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 391600 Northing 4025870

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Benton County MRA
State Benton County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review _____ Date/Signature _____

11. Benton County Jail

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melvin Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

12. Bentonville High School

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melvin Byers 1/28/88

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13. Bertschy House

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National RegisterKeeper Melvin Byers 1/28/88

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14. Blackburn House

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15. Blackwell--Paisley Cabin

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16. Blake House

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17. Bogan Cabin

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18. Bogart Hardware Building

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19. Bolin Barn and Smokehouse

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20. Braithwaite House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Benton County Jail (Benton County MRA)
Benton County
ARKANSAS

Working No. DEC 14 1987
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/87
Date Due: 1/14/88 - 1/28/88
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 1-28-88
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____

Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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Old Benton County Jail - 0385

Bentonville
Benton County MRA

Photographed by Benton County Survey Staff-1983

Negatives on file at AHPP

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000022