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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Washington County Jail

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

College Avenue <sup>and</sup> at County Avenue <sup>So</sup>

CITY, TOWN

Fayetteville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Third

COUNTY

Washington

CODE

143

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC  
☐ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED  
☒ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☒ OTHER: vacant**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Washington County

STREET &amp; NUMBER

College Avenue at Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Fayetteville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Circuit Clerk

Washington County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

College Avenue at Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Fayetteville

STATE

Arkansas

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 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 Washington County Jail falls into the stylistic category of Richardsonian Romanesque. The brown stone walls are accented by arches, lintels, pilasters, and creelated towers of light cut stone. Some stained glass squares are included in the three facade arches. Originally, straght steps led from the street to the main entrance, an arched double door in the large tower. Above the door is a stone carved "WASHINGTON".

The interior is constructed of wood frame with plaster, with decorative milled door and window trim. A wooden stairway leads from the main floor to the second floor. Jail cells in the basement and on the second floor are inside a concrete core, the enclosures being steel walled with steel slatted doors. The main floor was used as living quarters for the sheriff's family and is arranged accordingly.

Alterations include rebuilding the main stair-entryway from a straight run to a "T" shape to allow widening of College Avenue; original stone and trim were used. The south colonaded porch has been screened. Presently unoccupied, the jail has withstood cosmetic damage by a community group using the building as a Halloween Haunted House.

## 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
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<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1896

BUILDER/ARCHITECT W. B. Reese

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

After prisoners repeatedly escaped from the old wooden jail on the Square in Fayetteville, the Washington County Quorum Court, on November 11, 1895, authorized County Judge Frank Hill to acquire land for and proceed to build a new jail. J.M. Phillips was appointed jail commissioner and W. B. Reese retained as architect. Land was acquired and construction started by March, 1896. Final bills to the architect and suppliers were paid by December, 1897.

The significance of the Washington County Jail lies in its architecture and relationship with county government. The building is constructed of brown stone accented with cut stone details. The Richardsonian Romanesque style of architecture dominates the building's appearance.

The Washington County Jail forms an important visual terminus at the end of Mountain Street, leading away from the downtown business square. Its medieval style is unusual to Fayetteville and blends with the later and more refined Washington County Courthouse (Added to the National Register 2-23-72). The Courthouse is the visual center of the area.

The Washington County Historical Society has petitioned the Quorum Court for use of the Jail as their office and library. It is hoped that the Society will be able to utilize this building, thus encouraging its preservation.



## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Campbell, W.S., One Hundred Years of Fayetteville, 1829-1928.  
Washington County Court Records: Book "N" Jan.5, 1891-Dec.12,1896  
Book "O" Jan.4, 1897-Oct.27, 1900

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
C                                             

B                                               
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Carolyn L. Newbern

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Society

DATE

June 20, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

118 East Dickson

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Fayetteville

STATE

Arkansas

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL X

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Honorable Betty

8-2-78

TITLE

DATE

Sheffy

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Charles Adams  
~~DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION~~

DATE

12.1.78

for KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

11-30-78

Marcello Sheffy  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property

Washington County Jail

78000638

State

Ark.

Working Number

8.23.78.3940

## TECHNICAL

Photos

Maps

6  
1Easting  
date- called  
- OK

11-30-78

Sheffy

## CONTROL

pl  
8.24.78

## HISTORIAN

Historical significance of the property is cited, ~~not~~ obvious, but essentially unsupported except as the form describes the county's need for a strong jail.

Acceptable Acceptable if acceptable to historical architect.  
Call on UTM and date.

Sheffy

11-28-78

? accept

THE ~~ARCHITECTURAL~~ <sup>DESCRIPTION</sup> ~~DESCRIPTION~~ IS BRIEF BUT MINIMALLY  
ACCEPTABLE. THE JAIL IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF <sup>LATE</sup> VICTORIAN GOTHIC REVIVAL ARCHITECTURE AND

## ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT

use Douglas

4/30/78

IS, AS STATED IN THE NOMINATION, USUALLY IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY. WE  
COULD ASK FOR A FULLER DESCRIPTION AND FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT ITS SIGNIFICANCE

TO THE COMMUNITY BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
WOULD BRING TO LIGHT ANYTHING WHICH IS NOT EITHER OBVIOUS OR LIGHTLY TOUCHED  
ON ALREADY.

## ARCHEOLOGIST

## OTHER

## HAER

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

## REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Memorial - but primary

landmark architectural  
value

Sheffy for T

11-30-78

accept

## BRANCH CHIEF

## KEEPER

National Register Write-up

Send-back

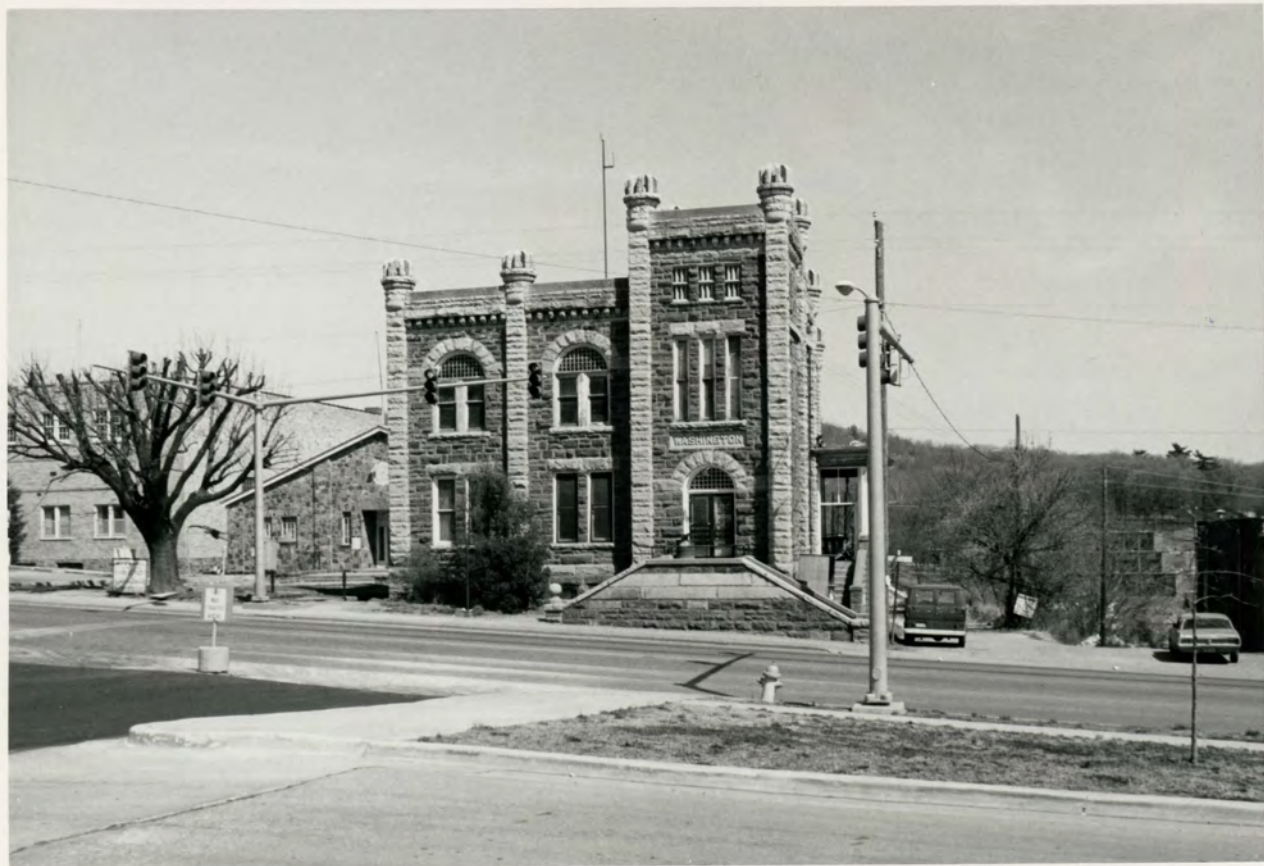
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Federal Register Entry

Re-submit

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1. Washington County Jail
2. Fayetteville, Arkansas
3. Frezil Miller
4. April, 1978
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. viewed from the west
7. Photo # 1

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4. April, 1978
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. viewed from the southwest
7. photo # 2

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5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. viewed from the northwest
7. photo # 3

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3. Bob Dunn
4. May, 1978
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. viewed from the north
7. photo # 4

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3. Bob Dunn
4. May, 1978
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. viewed from the east
7. photo # 5

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4. May, 1978
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. viewed from the south
7. photo # 6

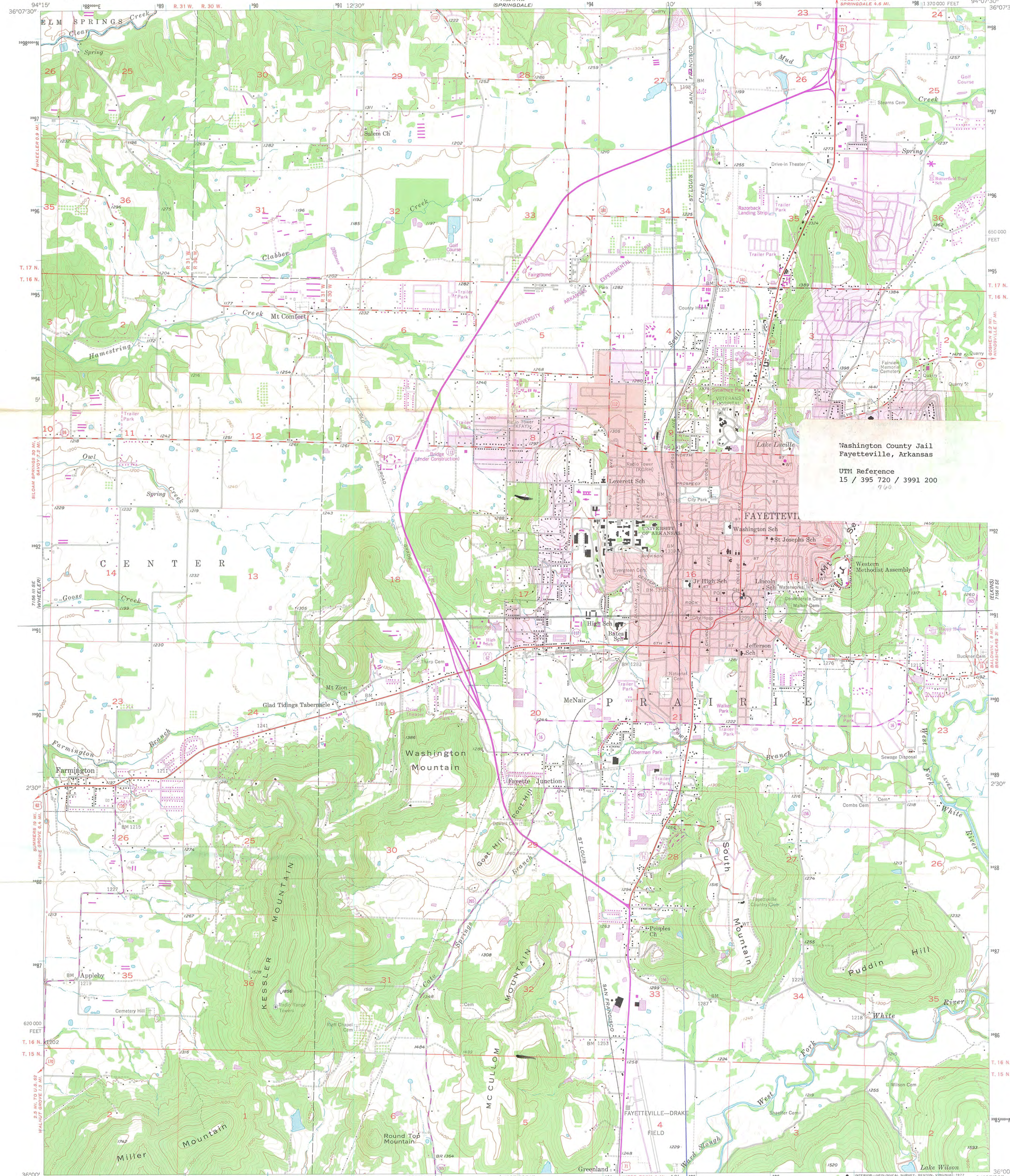
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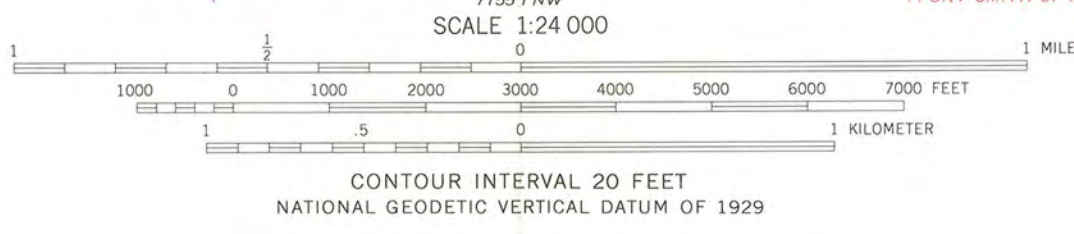
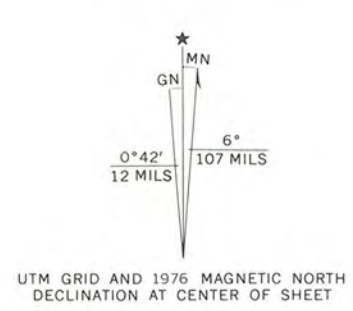
FAYETTEVILLE QUADRANGLE  
ARKANSAS—WASHINGTON CO.  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



Washington County Jail  
Fayetteville, Arkansas

UTM Reference  
15 / 395 720 / 3991 200

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography from aerial photographs by Kelsch plotter  
Aerial photographs taken 1957. Field check 1958  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 15, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates area in which only  
landmark buildings are shown  
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs  
taken 1976. This information not field checked  
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route

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FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.  
N3600-W9407.5/7.5  
1958  
PHOTOREVISED 1976  
AMS 7156 II SW—SERIES V884

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
AND ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72204  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE      ARKANSAS

Date Entered      DEC 1 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Gordon, Troy, House	Fayetteville Washington County
Clark County Courthouse	Arkadelphia Clark County
Washington County Jail	Fayetteville Washington County
Womack-Parker House	Nashville Howard County
Battery C Site	Phillips County
Holt, Flavius, House	Nashville Howard County
Massey Hotel	Bentonville Benton County
Medical Arts Building	Hot Springs Garland County

Also Notified

Honorable Dale Bumpers  
Honorable Kaneaster Hodges, Jr.  
Honorable John P. Hammerschmidt  
Honorable Ray Thornton  
Honorable Bill Alexander

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Ms. Anne Bartley  
Acting Director  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
Suite 500, Continental Building  
Markham and Main Streets  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

<b>1 NAME as it appears on federal register:</b> Washington County Jail		<b>2 OTHER NAMES:</b>		<b>3 date of entry:</b> DEC 1 1978	<b>4 county code:</b> 143
<b>5 LOCATION street &amp; number</b> College and County Aves.		<b>city / town</b> Fayetteville	<b>vicinity of</b>	<b>state</b> AR	<b>county</b> Washington
<b>7 OWNER</b> <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL (agency name)		<b>8 NPS REGION:</b> SW			
<b>9 EXISTING SURVEYS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> HABS <input type="checkbox"/> HAER <input type="checkbox"/> NHL		<b>10 FUNDED?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		<b>11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT</b> 3rd	
<b>12 SOURCE of NOMINATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL		<b>13 ADMINISTRATOR:</b> if state who prepared form?			
<b>14 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES, NAME <input type="checkbox"/> NO		<b>15 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES, NAME <input type="checkbox"/> NO		<b>16 ACREAGE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE ORGANIZATION	
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<b>31 engineer:</b>		<b>32 landscape architect / garden designer:</b>		<b>33 interior decorator:</b>	
<b>34 artist:</b>		<b>35 artisan:</b>		<b>36 builder/contractor:</b>	
<b>37 NAMES give role &amp; date</b> PERSONAL:  EVENTS:  INSTITUTIONAL:					
<b>38 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP</b>					