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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Jackson County Jail (Andrew)

AND/OR COMMON

Andrew Jail

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Emmet Street

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Andrew

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

CODE

COUNTY

Jackson

CODE

097

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
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Town of Andrew

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

CITY, TOWN

Andrew

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Jackson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Maquoketa

STATE

Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__ FEDERAL __ STATE __ COUNTY __ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The former Jackson County Jail at Andrew is 2½ stories high, with a cross-gable room. It is constructed of locally-quarried rock-faced limestone, laid in regular courses; but the courses are of irregular width and the stones, even within courses, are of varying length. Overall, the courses are widest toward the base of the building, becoming narrower toward the cornice line. Windows have broad, flat stone lintels and sills.

The main (west) elevation is four bays wide, with entrance (the transom and sidelights of which are covered with plywood) to the right. The entrance is sheltered by a small, hipped roof porch with turned posts and a fleur-de-lis decoration on the narrow cornice frieze. Windows on the north and south were originally located only in the gable ends, and toward the front of the second story. On the east, there are two original windows in the gable end, and two at second story level.

At the time of construction, the jail consisted of the main block, 35' x 40', with a 35' x 18' stone walled courtyard at the rear. The yard walls were 14' high, raised to 20' the next year (1872). The county sheriff's offices were in the front of the building, with cellblock immediately to the rear, behind a stone interior wall, and accessible only through a doorway with inner and outer doors. The second floor was the jailer's living quarters, with rooms for female prisoners above. This arrangement is relatively intact, as is the original staircase with its walnut bannister.

Additions/Alterations:

1. (date unknown) A second story window and a doorway were cut into the south wall of the cell room.
2. (date unknown) A three-room frame wing, one story, was added to the south side of the main block. Apparently, the only opening is a 2' x 2' window into the cellroom. The entrance to this wing is on the west side.
3. 1930's. A small frame addition was made on the north side of the main block, with access through a doorway which was originally a window.
4. c. 1940. A second doorway was cut into the wall between the office and cellroom.
5. 1948. The walls of the courtyard were lowered, and a slanted roof put on. Two wide doorways (to accommodate fire engines) were cut into the east and north walls of the courtyard.

The jail is located on the town square, near the center of the community.

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 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 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 1871

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Strasser and Schlect, Andrew

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building, which served as the county jail from 1871 to 1879, is Andrew's only reminder of the community's history as the Jackson County seat. To be a county seat, particularly in 19th-century Iowa, was to many communities a guarantee of political and commercial success, and towns in many counties in the state vied enthusiastically for the honor. In Jackson County, the first seat of government was at Bellevue (1837-1841). The new town of Andrew was designated the county seat in 1841 but lost out to Bellevue again in 1851. Not until 1861 did Andrew again become the county's governmental center, retaining that status until 1873. During this latter period, the stone jail was erected as a companion piece to the courthouse (a stone building, erected 1861, now gone). In 1873, Maquoketa, which had recently obtained a railroad line and was fast becoming a major commercial center in the county, was voted the county seat (and is still the county's political center today). A new courthouse was erected there, but the jail remained at Andrew until 1896. With the erection of a new jail at Maquoketa in that year, the jail at Andrew was used primarily as a residence, although an occasional local miscreant was detained there.

