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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Beebe Jail  
other names/site number Resource #WH1368

2. Location

street & number N/A  not for publication N/A  
city, town Beebe  vicinity N/A  
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72010

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
Cathryn A. Boyd 5-13-90  
Signature of certifying official Date  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
Signature of commenting or other official Date  
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register. Patrick Andrews 9/13/91  
 See continuation sheet.  
 determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  
 determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other, (explain:)  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government/ Correctional Facility

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/ Not in Use

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Other: WPA Architecture

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Concrete

roof Concrete

other Iron

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Description

This small, now-abandoned jail, unaltered and in good condition, is located in an alley in the southwest White County town of Beebe and was built in 1935 as a project of the Works Progress Administration. Although its simple design, construction method and materials used can be found in the other WPA jails in the county, the Beebe jail does feature some unique characteristics; namely, a rounded top with parapeted roof, stationary windows, and an interior flue chimney.

The one-story structure is constructed of steel rod-reinforced cast concrete, with cast concrete roof and foundation. The parapet extending above the roofline is also made of cast concrete. The jail's exterior steel door, which has a small barred window, swings open to reveal a second door constructed entirely of iron bars. Inside there are two small cells, each with a barred stationary window; there is also one barred stationary window next to the exterior door across the front elevation. One cell has the interior flue chimney on its north wall, and an interior door separates the two cells.

### 8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Law  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance

1935  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

1935  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Works Progress Administration  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

See "Historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas," Section H.

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data** *map 2*

Acreage of property \_\_\_\_\_

**UTM References**

A 

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Zone	Easting	Northing

C 

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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B 

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Zone	Easting	Northing

D 

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description  
\_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification  
\_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

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Significance

The Beebe jail is one of only three cast concrete, WPA-constructed jails in the county, and the only one of the three with a parapeted roof, interior flue chimney and stationary windows. [See the associated property type for Depression Era Religious and Institutional Buildings]. Therefore, the jail is locally significant under National Register Criterion C for embodying a particular form and method of construction.

Built in the mid-1930's using WPA labor, the jail symbolizes the Depression era for residents of Beebe, and thus is also locally significant under Criterion A. Beebe is a small town that was settled along both sides of the railroad and was even named for the first president of the Cairo and Fulton line. With its growth so obviously tied to the railroad, Beebe flourished throughout the turn of the century and on into the war years, primarily through shipping vast amounts of fruit and lumber to city markets. Yet this economic dependency upon the railroad eventually threatened the town's stability, especially during the difficult Depression years and subsequent decline of the railroad. [See Historic Context 3: Boom and Bust: The War and Depression Years].

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/602510/3881300

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point on the southwest lot line 53 feet northwest of the southeast corner of Lot 12, Block 2, Original Town of Beebe, proceed northeasterly along a perpendicular line for a distance of 30 feet; thence proceed northwesterly along a perpendicular line for a distance of 17 feet; thence proceed southwesterly along a perpendicular line for a distance of 30 feet; thence proceed southeasterly along a perpendicular line for a distance of 17 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.

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White County MPS  
ARKANSAS

Date Listed

COVER	Substantive Review	Date Listed
		9-12-91
91001350 ✓	Abington, William Thomas, House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/11/92
91001322 ✓	Ackins House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/11/92
91001186	American Legion Hall <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001253	Andrews, Col. Ralph, House	9-5-91
91001187	Arnold Farmstead <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001239	Baldock House	9-5-91
91001228	Bank of Searcy	9-5-91
91001251	Beebe Jail	9-13-91
91001265	Beebe Theater	9-5-91
91001201	Bell House	9-5-91
91001262	Berry House	9-5-91
91001192 ✓	Big Four School <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-5-91
91001176	Bloom House	7/10/92
91001363 ✓	Blunt House Livestock Barn <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-5-91
91001298	Boggs, James William, House	7/10/92
91001275	Bone, Luke, Grocery--Boarding House	9-5-91
91001202	Booth, Green, House	9-13-91
91001345	Booth--Weir House	9-5-91
91001217 ✓	Brooks House <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-5-91
91001268	Brown House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001338	Brown, Joe, House and Farmstead <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001337 ✓	Burnett House <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001347	Caldwell House	7/11/92
91001280	Campbell--Chrisp House	9-5-91
91001293 ✓	Cary House <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-5-91
91001310 ✓	Chandler House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001349	Childers Farmstead <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001301	Churchill--Hilger House	7/11/92
91001209	Cobb, Pattie, Hall	9-5-91
91001282 ✓	Cooley, Sam, Barn <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-5-91
91001229 ✓	Coward House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/11/92
91001320 ✓	Cremane House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001333 ✓	Critz, Col. John, Farm, Springhouse <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001259 ✓	Cross House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001225 ✓	Cumberland Presbyterian Church <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001179 ✓	Cypert, Jesse N., Law Office <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001196	Doniphan Lumber Mill Historic District <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001264 ✓	Doss House <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001302	Doyle, David, House No. 2	7-10-92
		9-5-91



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Beebe Jail

MULTIPLE NAME: White County MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, White

DATE RECEIVED: 8/01/91  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/31/91  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/15/91  
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/15/91

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91001251

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER:  PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT:  NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 9/13/91 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

~~See attached comments~~ This small jail, located on an alley in the town of Beebe, is locally significant as an intact example of a WPA-constructed jail building, with some unusual architectural details. It is also historically important as evidence of the importance of WPA construction in a town hard hit by the Depression of the 1930s.

RECOM./CRITERIA Return Accept/A  
REVIEWER Hamper  
DISCIPLINE Historian  
DATE 9/13/91

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y see attached SLR Y N

CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_count \_\_\_resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

\_\_\_historic \_\_\_current

DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_architectural classification
\_\_\_materials
\_\_\_descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_acreage \_\_\_verbal boundary description
\_\_\_UTMs \_\_\_boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_sketch maps \_\_\_USGS maps \_\_\_photographs \_\_\_presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed [Signature] Phone [Number]
Date [Date]



Beebe Jail *White*

Beebe, Arkansas

Photographed by Steve Mitchell

October, 1987

Negative on file at AHPP

South elevation



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Beebe Jail *White*

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October, 1987

Negatives on file at AHPP

South elevation



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South elevation



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033