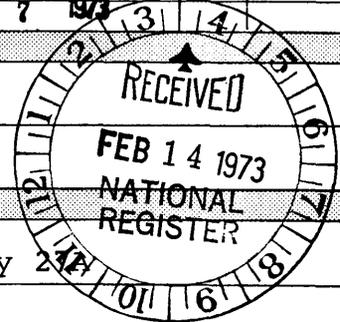


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Georgia	
COUNTY: Meriwether	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
MAY 7 1973	



1. NAME

COMMON:
Meriwether County Jail

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Old Jail

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Corner, Gresham Street and Georgia Highway 21A

CITY OR TOWN:
Greenville

STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13** COUNTY: **Meriwether** CODE: **199**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Meriwether County

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: **Greenville** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Meriwether Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court Square

CITY OR TOWN: **Greenville** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Meriwether County Jail, designed by R.L. Jones, is a late 19th century version of the Italian villa style.

The exterior of this building, a combination jail and jailer's dwelling, is made of red brick laid in American bond and sparsely trimmed with stone. In form it is viewed as an asymmetrical massing of towers and well-defined rectangular blocks at various heights. The tower to the left has a pyramidal roof with projecting eaves, round headed arched windows on the third level and a balcony and porch with arched openings. These open arches and all window sills are trimmed with stone. Flat headed windows, two-over-two are used on the first and second levels. To the rear of this tower that was used as the jail office, is a lower box like section that was the cell area. The central projecting lower tower, also with a hip roof and projecting eaves, has two, two-over-two, flat headed windows on each of its three sides. To the right of this lower tower is a two-story section designed as a dwelling for the jailer. It has a hip roof, projecting eaves and a second story balustraded balcony extending over a section of the gabled and balustraded lower level front porch. A one-story wing extends back from this.

There are two inscribed marble stones at the jail entrance. One reads "A.D. 1896."; the other one: "Commissioners, W.F. Gay, E.V. Biggers, G.A. Wright, R.L. Jones Architects, Jasper Construction Co. Builders."

Several changes have been made on the 1896 original building. The lower porch on the right in front of the dwelling section has been altered. The main section has been screened and the gable and the balustraded balcony above have been removed. Additional cells were added to the rear of the original cells.

The jail house is located on a corner on the northeast entrance road into Greenville and being the first major building, it acts as an introduction to the courthouse square only a block away.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1896**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>History</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Meriwether County Jail provides an interesting example of the simplification of the Italian villa style. Built in 1896, it still serves as a prison, but is anticipated for use by the local historical society,

Built several decades after the main era of the Italian villa style, this prison has pyramidal and hip roof lines, projecting eaves, round headed arches and the asymmetrical grouping of towers and well-defined rectilinear forms; yet there is no elaboration of these elements - no bay windows, no bracketing, no hoodmolding that is usually associated with the late Italian villa style. Instead there is a certain severity, related by the lack of any elaboration on this simply defined, smooth surfaced form, that could be interpreted as a modern approach to this 1860's style.

Located on the northeast entrance road into Greenville, the jail is the first major building on this side of town. It acts as a pleasing introduction to the nearby 1855 brick lawyer's office and courthouse square.

It is still used as a prison, but the Board of Commissioners has proposed that this building be given to the Meriwether Historical Society Inc. for its headquarters. If this plan is accepted, the Society will establish a museum of local history, an information center and library, and in doing so will remove the offensive trailer addition and restore the building.



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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Fræeman, Mrs. Ben R., Presented first draft of National Register nomination form; on file at the Ga. Historical Commission.
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 Meriwether County Files

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

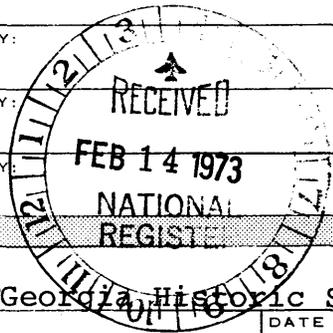
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one and one-half acres**

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 AND TITLE:
William R. Mitchell, Jr., Director, Georgia Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION: **Georgia Historical Commission** DATE: **August 8, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:
116 Mitchell Street, SW

CITY OR TOWN: **Atlanta** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Mary Gregory Jewett

Title State Liaison Officer

Date Feb. 7, 1973

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Roberton Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/7/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 4 Feb 73

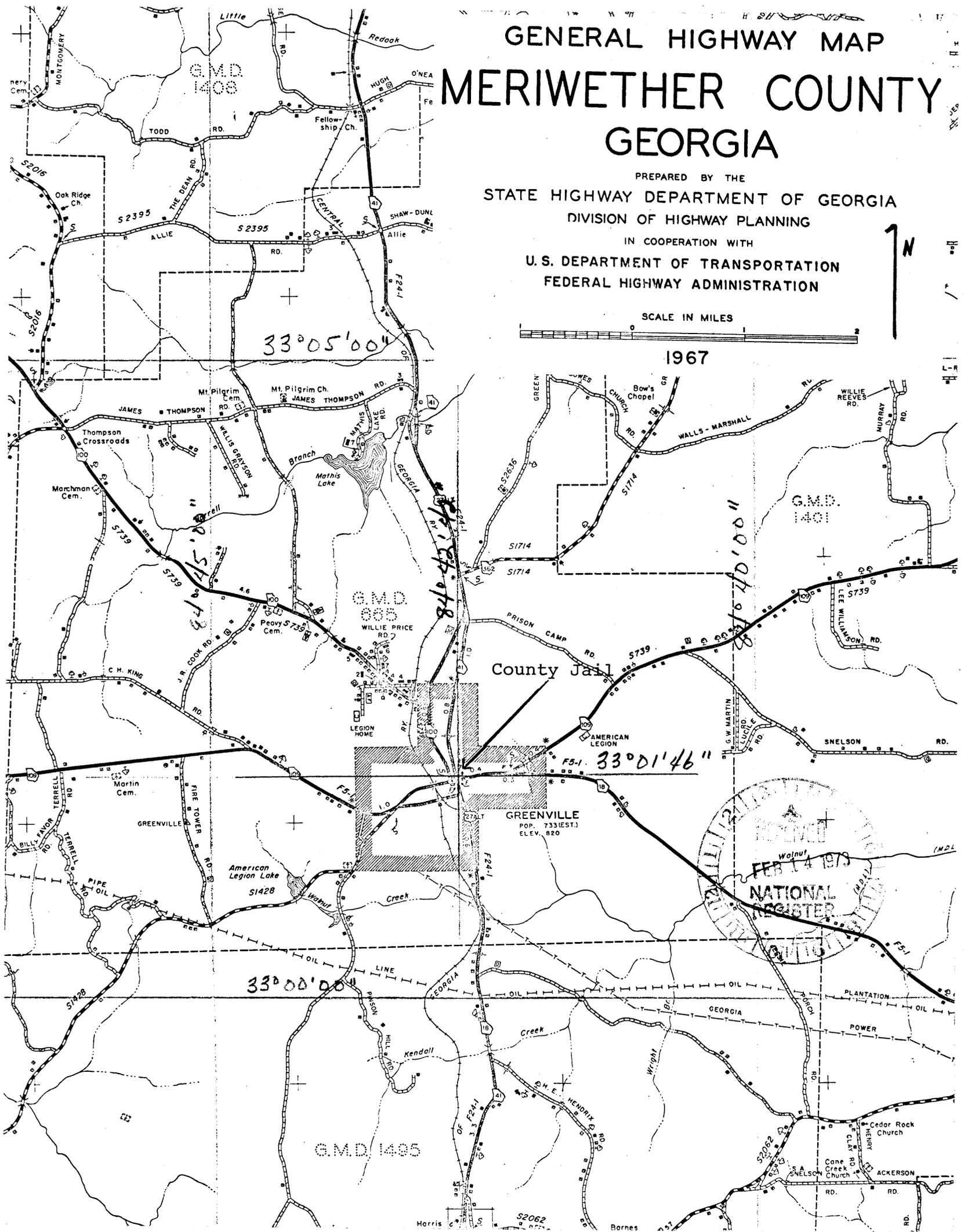
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
State Highway Department of Georgia			
SCALE:			
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DATE:			
1967			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

