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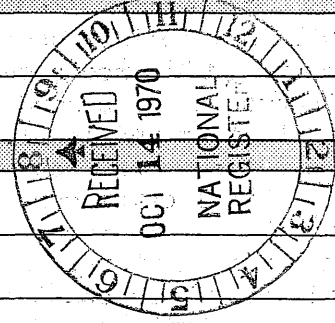
Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Kansas	
COUNTY:	Allen	
FOR NPS USE ONLY		
ENTRY NUMBER	711.20.0002	DATE
		1/25/71



1. NAME

COMMON: Allen County Jail

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 204 North Jefferson St.

CITY OR TOWN: Iola

STATE: Kansas 66749 CODE: 20 COUNTY: Allen CODE: 001

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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 type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" 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) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Allen County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: 204 North Jefferson St.

CITY OR TOWN: Iola STATE: Kansas 66749 CODE: 20

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER: Allen County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Iola STATE: Kansas 66749 CODE: 20

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Survey of Historic Sites and Structures in Kansas

DATE OF SURVEY: 1957 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Kansas State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West 10th St.

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka STATE: Kansas 66612 CODE: 20

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STATE: Kansas

COUNTY: Allen

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

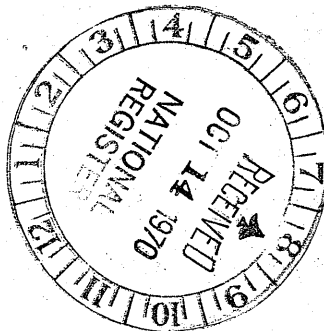
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The former Allen County Jail is a two-story limestone block building, solidly constructed with walls two feet thick. The front of this rectangular rubble-stone structure has two barred windows on the second floor and one double door in the center front at ground level. The outward appearance of the building has not changed much over the years.

Steel cages were installed on the lower floor which was underlaid with rock. The second floor was intended as the jailer's quarters, but in the last years of operation, most prisoners were confined there rather than the lower floor.

The building now serves the Allen County Historical Society as a museum.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

 Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1869

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

 Aboriginal Education Political Urban Planning Prehistoric Engineering Religion/Phi- Other (Specify) Historic Industry

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 Agriculture Invention Science Architecture Landscape Sculpture Art

Architecture

 Social/Human- Commerce Literature

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 Communications Military Theater Conservation Music Transportation

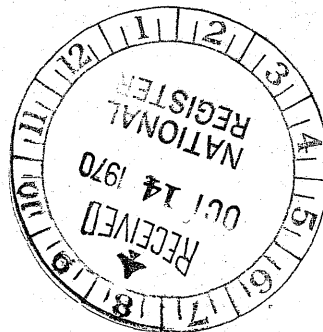
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Citizens of Allen county voted a \$10,000 bond in August, 1868, to build a jail. It was completed by October, 1869, by White and Hays, contractors, for a price of \$8,400. Allen county had long needed a jail but quarreling factions from different parts of the county couldn't agree which town should have it.

The jail is claimed to be the first building in Allen county erected with county funds, and in 1869 it was said to be the finest jail in southeast Kansas. Apparently it was not very escape-proof. Local newspapers over the years report a sizable number of inmates escaping, usually by cutting a hole in the roof or by removing a bar or two from a window.

In April, 1957, contracts were let for a new Allen county courthouse which would have a modern jail, and it was dedicated in January, 1959. Many people of Iola and Allen county wanted to preserve the old jail so a bill was introduced in the 1957 session of the state legislature authorizing the county commissioners to transfer the title to the Allen County Historical Society. After passage of the bill the transfer was made and the building is now a museum.

The building has significance for its long usage as a jail, almost 90 years, and it was probably the first building in Allen county built with county funds.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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History of the State of Kansas (Chicago, A. T. Andreas, 1883), v. 1, p. 671.
Iola Register, January 12, 1959.
 Lynn, Emerson, "Historic Jail to Close," Kansas City Star, March 20, 1957.
State of Kansas Session Laws, 1957 (Topeka, State Printer, June 29, 1957), pp. 371, 372.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than one**

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: **Richard D. Pankratz, Planner**

ORGANIZATION: **Kansas State Historical Society** DATE: **September 9, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER: **120 West 10th St.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Topeka** STATE: **Kansas 66612** CODE: **20**

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 Nyle H. Miller
Nyle H. Miller

Title **Executive Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society**

Date **October 12, 1970**

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

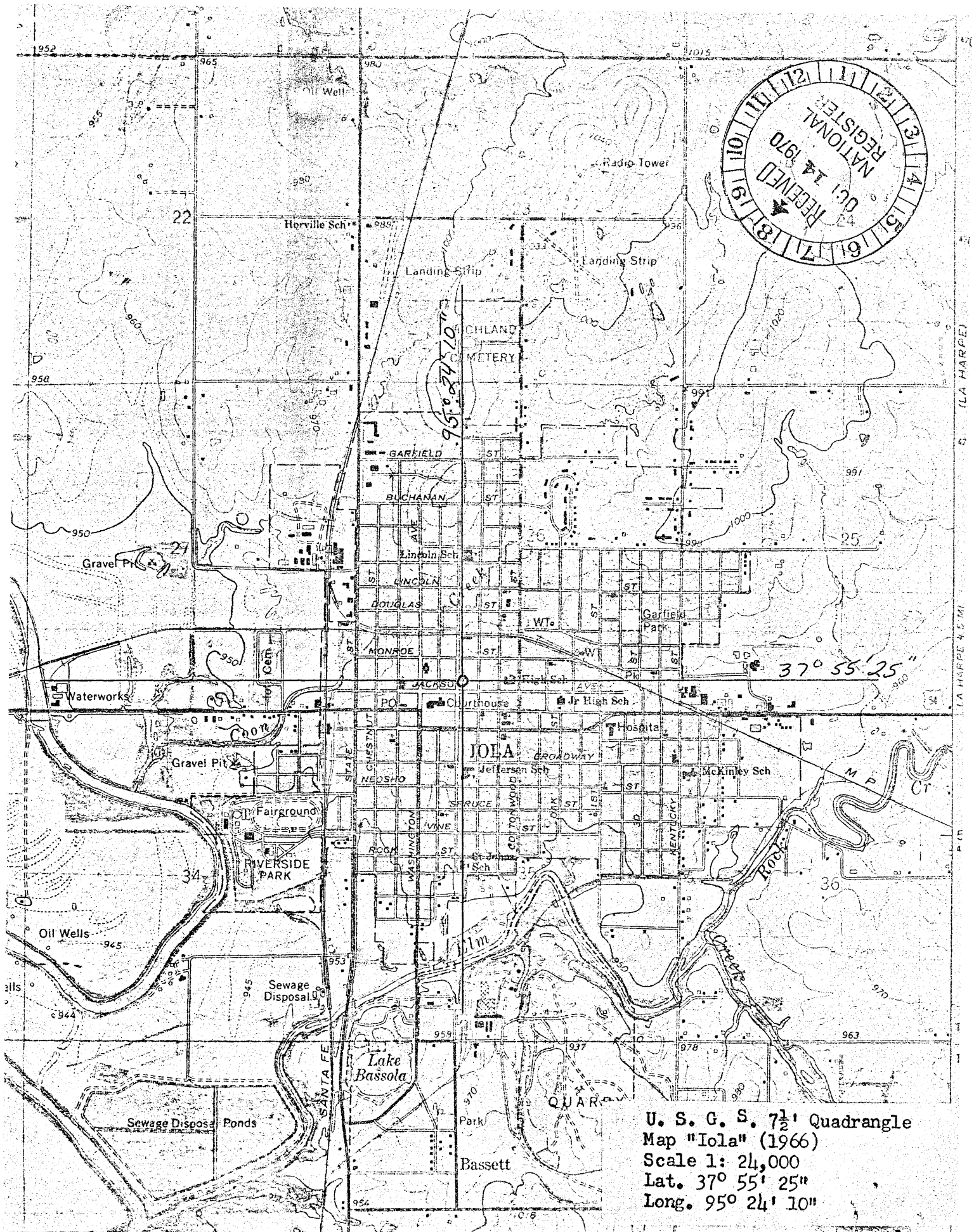
Ernest A. Casperally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
JAN 25 1971

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. Huntley
 Keeper of The National Register

Date **NOV 27 1970**



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95° 24' 10"

37° 55' 25"

U. S. G. S. 7½' Quadrangle
Map "Iola" (1966)
Scale 1: 24,000
Lat. 37° 55' 25"
Long. 95° 24' 10"