Form 10-300 (July 1969)

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

STATE:

Maine

COUNTY:

Lincoln

INVENTURY - NUMINATION FORM	FOR NPS USE ONLY	
2000 - 44 - 1. 1	ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)	70.1.18.0000 1	124/70
1. NAME	0002 1	
Wiscasset Jail and Museum	(GIIIII)	
AND/OR HISTORIC:		
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2. LOCATION STREET AND NUMBER:	90 50 5 to 1	
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CITY OR TOWN:	- 100 4400 5 40 ST	
Wiscasset		
0052	JNTY:	CODE
Maine 18	Lincoln	015
3. CLASSIFICATION		
CATEGORY (Check One) OWNERSHIP	STATUS	SSIBLE PUBLIC
☐ District 🛣 Building ☐ Public Public Acquisition:	Occupied Yes:	
☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Private ☐ In Process	☐ Unoccupied	
Object Both Being Cons	Preservation work	estricted
·	in progress No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		
☐ Agricultural ☐ Government ☐ Park	☐ Transportation ☐ Comm	ents
Commercial Industrial Private Residence	Other (Specify)	
☑ Educational ☐ Military ☐ Religious	-	
Entertainment Museum Scientific		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME:		
Lincoln County Cultural and Historical Asso	ciation. Inc.	STATE: Maine
STREET AND NUMBER:		— <u> </u>
Federal Street		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	ODE
Wiscasset	Maine	18
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION		
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS TITLE OF SURVEY:		
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Historic American Buildings Survey DATE OF SURVEY: 1933-1965 Federal	State County Local	구 공
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the cell blo	the cell block on each floor. Eleven of the twelve cells have windows, the								
only excepti	y exception being the solitary confinement cell. The cell windows are								
heavily bar	ily barred. Heavy wrought doors three fourths of an inch thick kept								
the prisoner	ne prisoners well in check. The cells can best be described as damp and								
stark. The	The only fixture found within the 12' x 10' cubicles were large								
	granite blocks which served as a seat. Many of the cell doors had huge locks								
and keys. A	A large numb	er of the	se have l	been lost	through t	he years.	1		
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sick and ins	sane room, t	he women'	s room a	nd the wo	rk shop.	There once	was a		

cistern on the third floor, but it was dismantled some time ago. The integrity of the jail has changed little through the year. It is still the same cold, damp, dingy place it has always been with the exception of a few areas the Lincoln County Cultural and Historical Association has converted

to use as office space for their activities.



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