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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Alabama
COUNTY:	Pickens
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
DEC 17 1974	

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Old Jail

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Jail and Mayor's Office

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
NE corner of Church St. and 1st Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Gordo Congressional District 4

STATE: Alabama CODE: 01 COUNTY: Pickens CODE: 107

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" 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:  
Town of Gordo

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Gordo STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Pickens County

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN: Carrollton STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

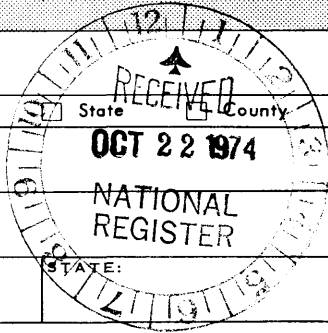
TITLE OF SURVEY:

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 type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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 Gordo Jail and Mayor's Office is a plain two story brick building, rectangular in plan, and measuring approximately 24 feet by 32 feet. It has a hipped roof and symmetrically placed doublehung windows with four lites per sash. The arches over the windows are the only decorative treatment given the structure and consist of three rows of headers at the first floor level and two rows on the second floor windows.

The front and rear elevations consist of three bays while the side elevations consist of two. The ground floor entrance is centered on the western facade while a second floor entrance, located on the south elevation, is gained by a flight of wooden stairs.

Exterior walls are of brick set in common bond and the interior walls are plastered. Originally two jail cells and the mayor's office were located downstairs while the upstairs was a courtroom. Jail cell partitions and some of the bars of the windows have been removed. A bathroom has been added in the downstairs room and the interior stairway has been replaced.

An artesian well, located on the north side of the building, has been capped over, but will be restored along with the structure.



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**3. 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) 1914

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <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 Gordo Jail and Mayor's Office is typical of the less pretentious governmental buildings constructed in Alabama in the early 20th Century. w/v  
1974

According to the minutes of the council meeting of the Town of Gordo, the Jail Building Committee reported that the jail and mayor's office was completed June 9, 1914, at a total cost of \$1,169.79. At the time of its construction the mayor was Ben Garrison.

The building served as a jail and a town hall until about 1930, when the town hall office moved to Main Street. The building continued to be used as a jail until 1955.

Since that date it has been used as a youth center, a draft board center and for a variety of community services. According to the local residents the jail has served as a landmark since its construction and directions were frequently given by using the "Old Jail" as a starting point.

The structure has been leased for 20 years by the Gordo Tuesday Study Club which is restoring the building for use as a meeting place and an art museum.



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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Minutes, Town Council of Gordo, Jan. 6, 1914 and June 9, 1914.

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

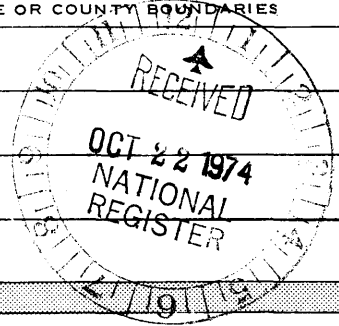
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	87°	54'	15"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than 1 acre**

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:  
**W. Warner Floyd**

ORGANIZATION: **Alabama Historical Commission**      DATE: **Oct. 10, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**725 Monroe Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Montgomery**      STATE: **Alabama**      CODE: **01**

**12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/>    State <input type="checkbox"/>    Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Miss B. Howard Jr.</u></p> <p>Title <u>SAPO Ala.</u></p> <p>Date <u>Oct. 14, 1974</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>A. Huettner</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>12/17/74</u></p> <p>ATTEST: <u>Glory F. Emery</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>Dec. 12, 1974</u></p>
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