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Greenville, KY

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Name: Old Muhlenberg County Jail (MUG-42) Location: Court Row

Owner: Muhlenberg County Classification: Building
County Courthouse
Greenville, KY 42345

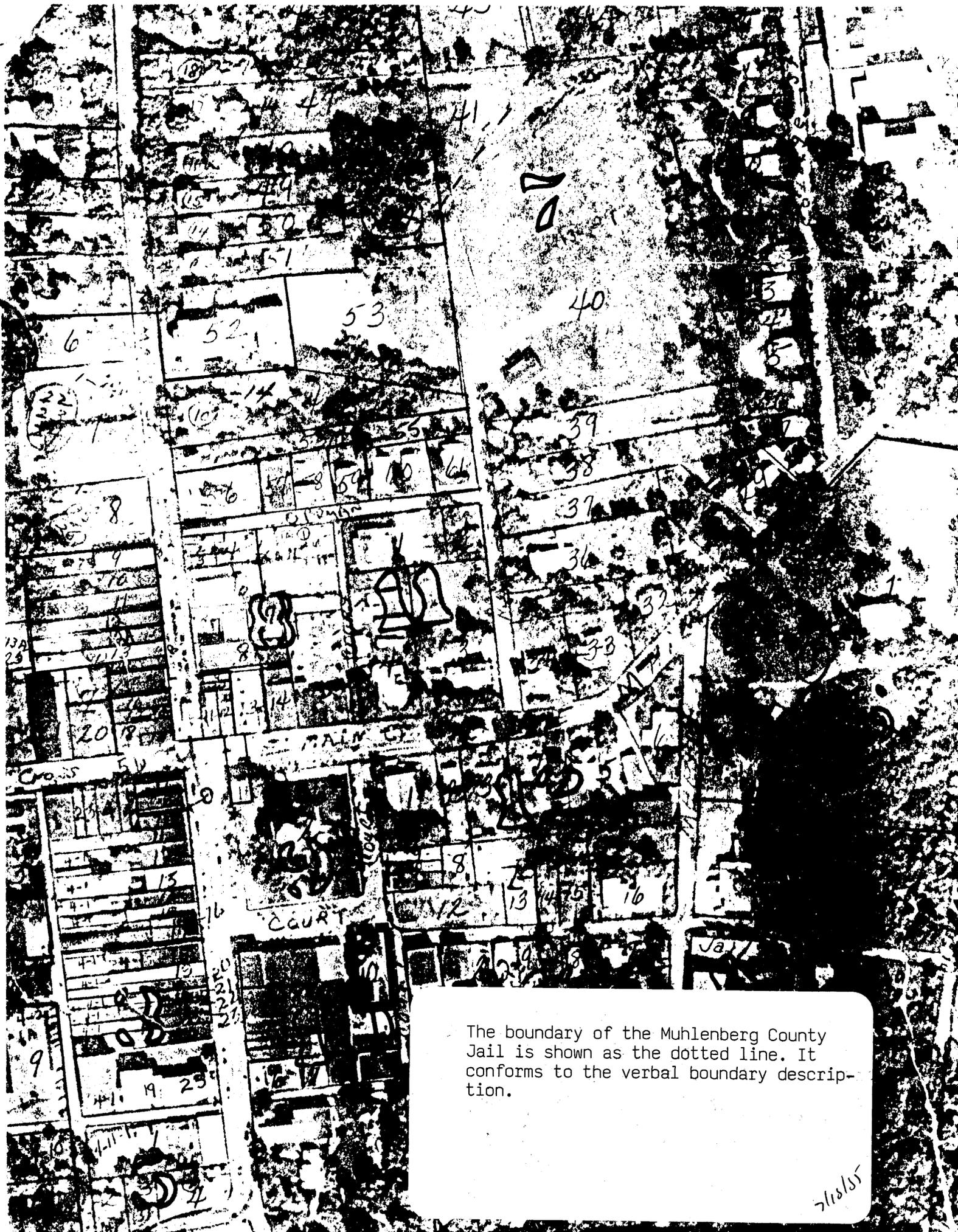
Description: The Muhlenberg County Jail is a two-story brick building with a stucco exterior designed in the Spanish Mission style. The building features a central Mission shaped dormer at the roofline of the north and east elevations. Recessed within the dormer is a quatrefoil vent window. Windows are one-over-one sash with tri-part windows displayed on the main (north) elevation. The tri-part windows on the first and second floors are separated by rectangular spandrels and the windows on the second floor have keystones. On the, west, north and east facades an extended hipped roof porch encloses the building's doorways. Below the eaves of the porches and roof are large brackets. The roof of the building is composed of red terra-cotta tiles. At the rear of the office building is a three-story concrete building which contains the jail cells. This building features a castellated roof parapet.

Significance: The Muhlenberg County Jail is an architecturally significant structure built in 1912. This jail is the third constructed in Greenville. The first jail was a log structure built in 1800 and it was replaced by a brick building in 1864. This brick jail was demolished in 1912 for the construction of this building. Designed in the Spanish Mission style, the building is the best example of this style in the city. The building is essentially two structures; the office and the jail cells. The office is located at the corner of Court Row and features a Mission style dormer, large brackets, a stucco exterior and a red tile roof. At the rear of the office is the two-story rectangular building which held the jail cells. The office section retains the original mantles, woodwork and other decorative features. Both sections of the building are presently vacant but there is interest in restoring the building.

Acreage: Approximately .17 acre.

Verbal Boundary Description: The Old Muhlenberg County Jail location is shown on accompanying Greenville tax maps as lot 10 of Block 10.

UTM References: (Greenville Quadrangle) 16/484235/4116865



The boundary of the Muhlenberg County Jail is shown as the dotted line. It conforms to the verbal boundary description.

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