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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Carroll County Sheriff's Quarters and Jail

AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

101 West Washington

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Carrollton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#6 - Hon. E. Thomas Coleman

STATE

Missouri

CODE  
029

COUNTY  
Carroll

CODE  
033

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Carroll County

STREET & NUMBER

Carroll County Courthouse, Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Carrollton

VICINITY OF

STATE

Missouri 64633

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

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## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Missouri State Historical Survey

DATE

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DEPOSITORY FOR  
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Department of Natural Resources

CITY, TOWN

Jefferson City

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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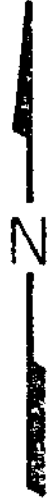
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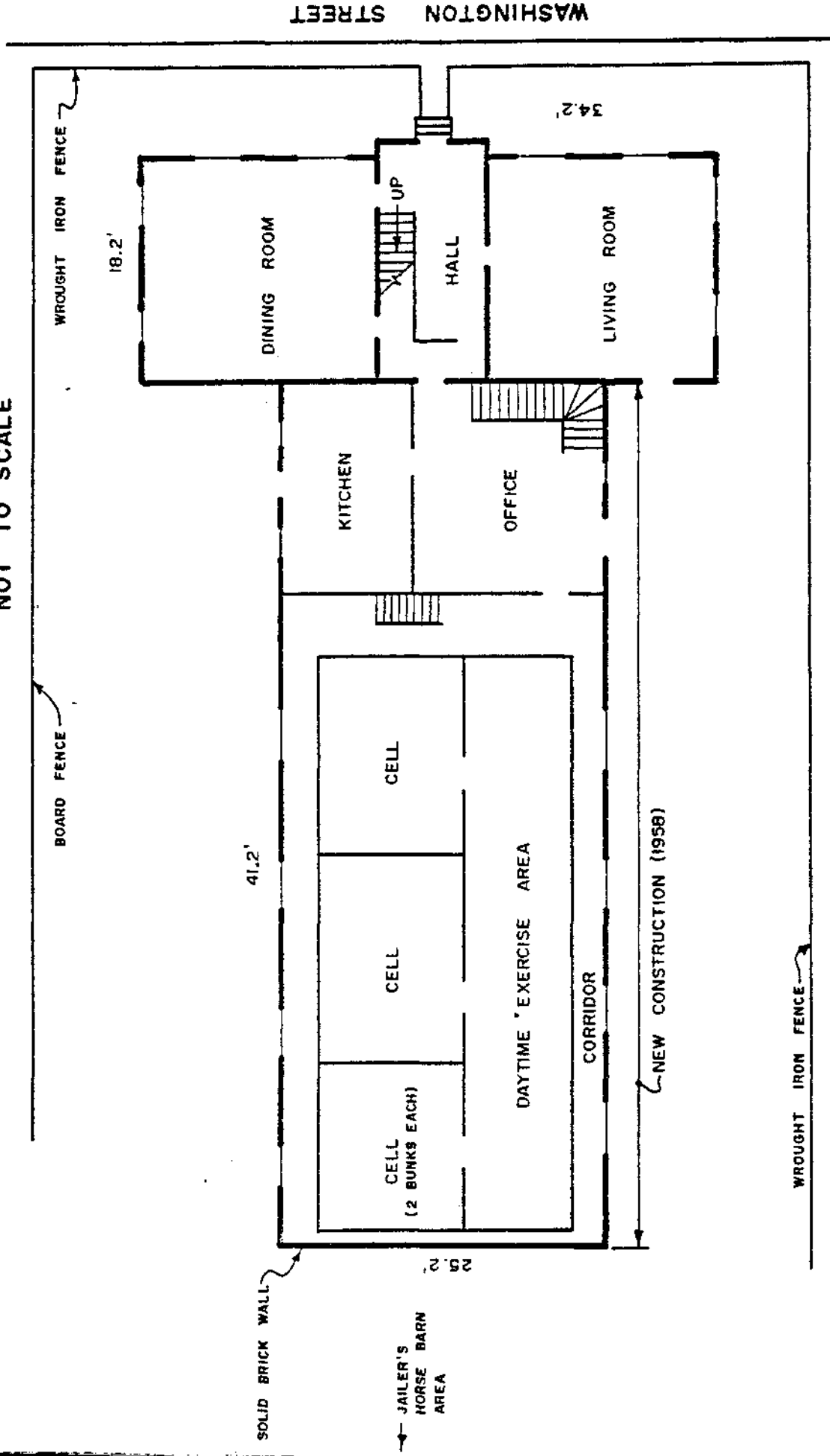
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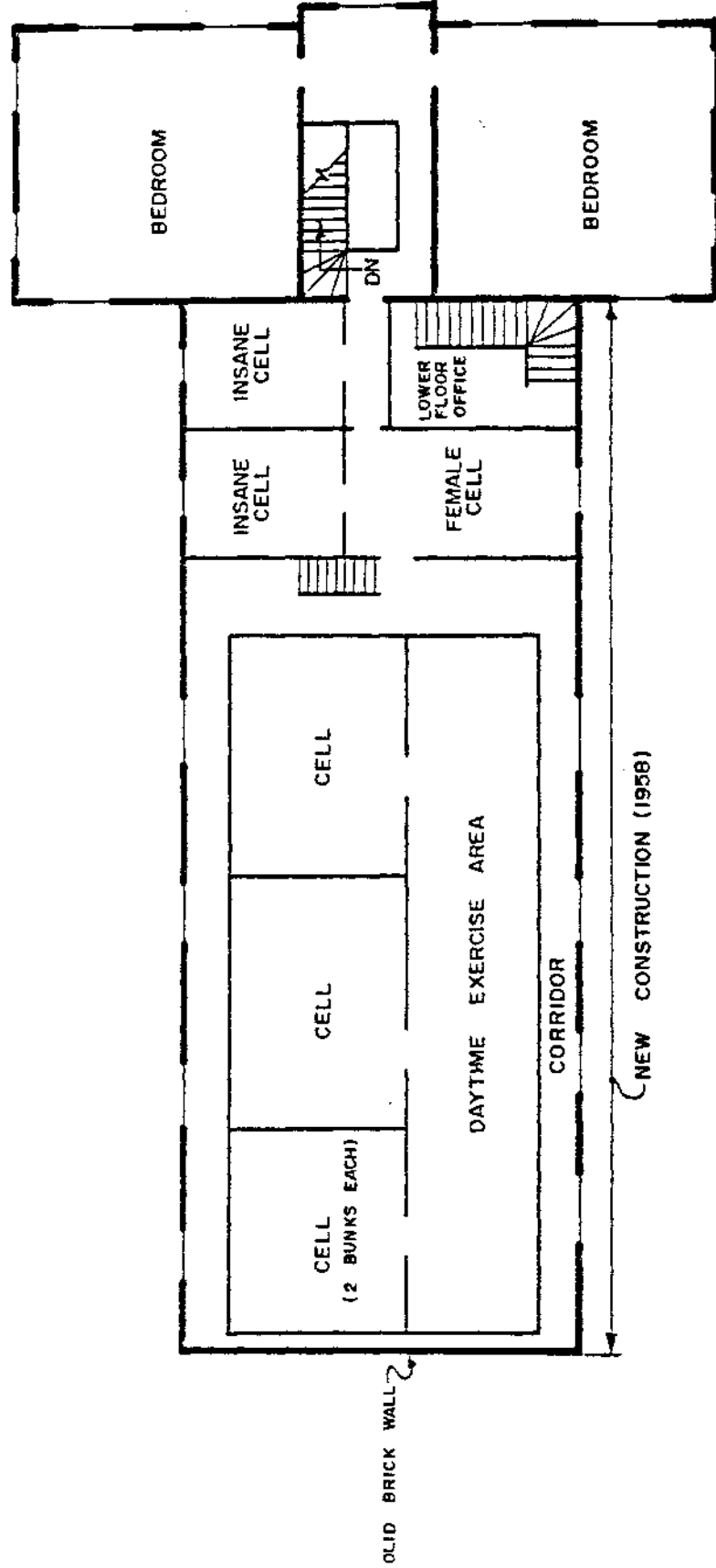
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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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QUADRANGLE NAME "Carrollton East, Mo."

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING

NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

lots 1, 6, 7 and 8, Block 17, city of Carrollton, Missouri.

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 / TITLE

1. Noelle Soren  
Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Office of Historic Preservation  
Department of Natural Resources

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 176

TELEPHONE

314/751-4096

CITY OR TOWN

Jefferson City

STATE

Missouri 65102

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Director, Department of Natural Resources and  
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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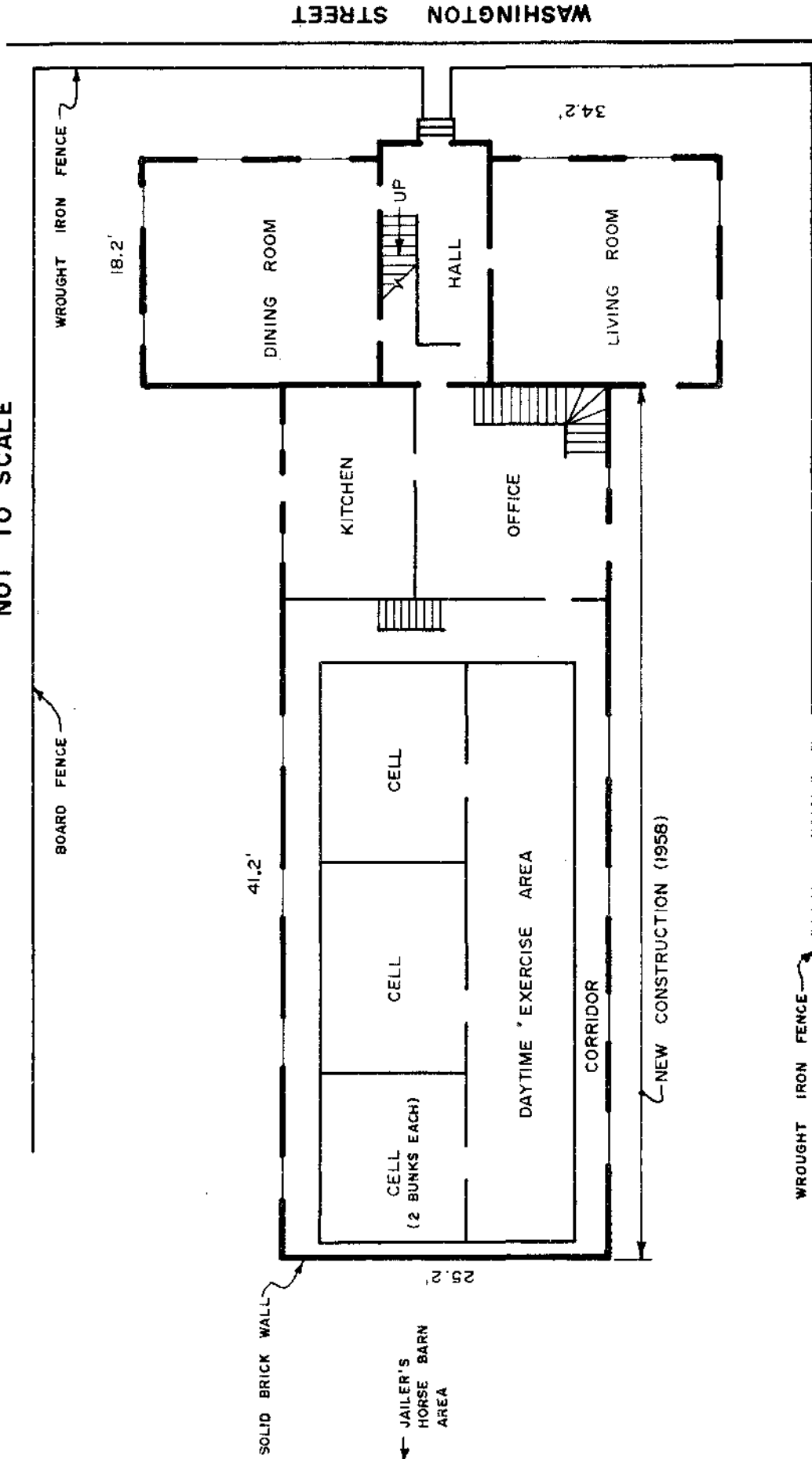
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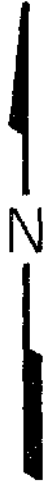
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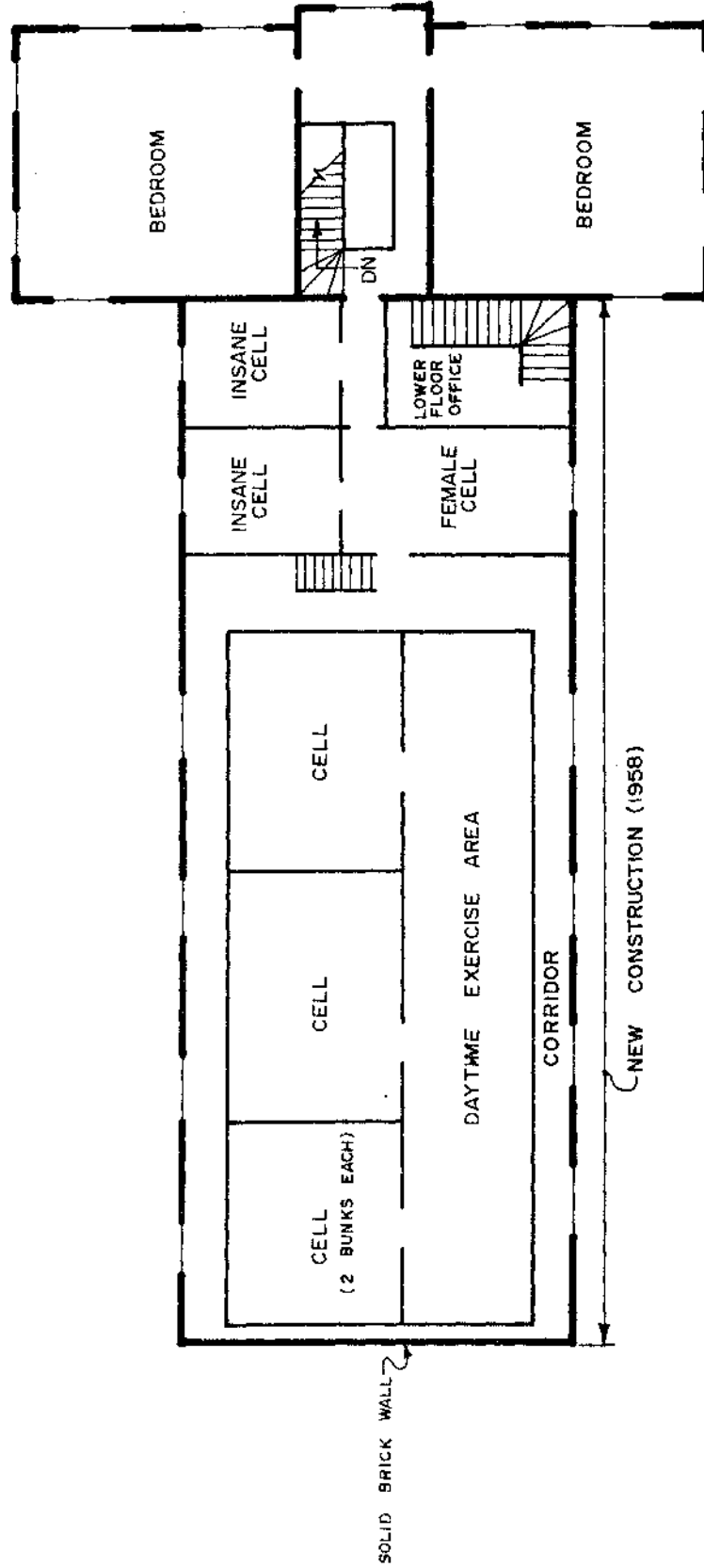
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CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S QUARTERS AND JAIL

COUNTY: Carroll

LOCATION: Carrollton

OWNER: Carroll County  
Carroll County Courthouse  
ADDRESS: Courthouse Square  
Carrollton, Mo.

DATE APPROVED BY A.C.: July 20, 1979

DATE SENT TO D.C.: August 16, 1979

DATE OF REC. IN D.C.: August 20, 1979

DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER: October 11, 1979

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AND JAIL  
101 West Washington, Carrollton, Carroll County,  
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Photographer: Noelle Soren  
May, 1979

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View to south of the primary (north) facade of  
the sheriff's quarters. Note brick foundation  
which has been faced with mortar beneath the  
limestone water table.

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CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S QUARTERS #2 of 6  
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Sheriff's quarters, north facade, detail of  
cast metal cornice with pierced brackets. Note  
condition of brick which has been grit blasted  
and repointed.



CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S QUARTERS #3 of 6  
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Missouri

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May, 1979

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View to southwest, with sheriff's quarters  
(1878) to right and new jail (1958) to left  
forming an addition to the rear of the older  
structure. Note the cresting which is visible  
in this photo.



CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S QUARTERS #4 of 6  
AND JAIL

101 West Washington, Carrollton, Carroll County,  
Missouri

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View to southeast, juncture of old sheriff's  
quarters and new jail.



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Interior, first floor, central hall, view to  
north. Original balustrade, newel and  
pedimented door and window surrounds are still  
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CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S QUARTERS #6 of 6  
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101 West Washington, Carrollton, Carroll County,  
Missouri

Photographer: Unknown

April, 1896

State Historical Society of Missouri, Hitt and  
Lowry Streets, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Historic photo showing the west yard of the  
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through the roof and made their way down the  
rope which had been left for them by one of  
their fellow conspirators. Note the gallows  
below. There William Taylor was eventually  
hung on April 30 of that year.

