

The Laclede County Jail was demolished in August, 2021 by the County, and the County contacted the SHPO with the request to have it removed from the National Register of Historic Places.

The request was forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register, and determination was made:

MISSOURI, LACLEDE COUNTY,
Laclede County Jail,
Adams and 3rd Sts.,
Lebanon, OT80002372,
REMOVED, 2/4/2022

The nomination has been retained online for educational purposes

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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

Laclede County Jail

AND/OR COMMON

Laclede County Museum

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Adams and Third Streets

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Lebanon

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#7 - Hon. Gene Taylor

STATE

Missouri

VICINITY OF
CODE

29

COUNTY

Laclede

CODE

105

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Laclede County

STREET & NUMBER

Laclede County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Lebanon

VICINITY OF

STATE

Missouri 65536

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Recorder of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Laclede County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Lebanon

STATE

Missouri 65536

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

1. The Lake of the Ozarks Preliminary Historical Survey

DATE

1978

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Lake of the Ozarks Council of Local Governments

CITY, TOWN

Camdenton

STATE

Missouri 65020

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Laclede County Jail faces southwest from its setting on the southwest corner of the courthouse square in Lebanon, Missouri. The building is two stories, of brick construction resting on a rubble foundation, capped by a low pitched intersecting asphalt shingle hip roof, and is T-shaped. The south wing of the T is 20 X 41' and dates from 1876, while the north wing measuring 19 X 42' was added in 1913 as living quarters for the sheriff. This addition maintains continuity in form and material with the original portion of the building.

Although the shallow hip roof with projecting eaves and the tall slender segmentally arched windows suggests affinities with the Italianate style, the building has the basic simplicity of vernacular architecture.

Decorative elements are minimal and consist of corbelling in the frieze, regular division of the bays of the building by means of a slightly recessed wall surface divided by vertical pilasters. The double hung windows are all two-over-two light with segmental arches, of either one or two header courses, and cutstone (original wing) or brick (addition) lugsills painted white. The primary entrance door of the original wing reached by cutstone steps features a barred transom. Openings are covered with steel bars, capped with decorative spear points on the original wing, supplemented in places by wire mesh.

Inside, the original wing of the building contains one cell (for women) on the first floor, while the second floor is partitioned into steel cells which retain original cots and wood heating stove. The addition served as living quarters for the sheriff with porches and living and dining rooms on the first floor. Beneath the dining room is a 12' X 14' cellar. On the second floor are two bedrooms and a bath.

The building has received few major alterations since the wing added in 1913, except for the enclosing of the porches, construction of new ceilings and the addition of plumbing and electricity.

SITE

The Laclede County Jail occupies the southwest corner of the Courthouse square. Also on the square, but not being nominated, are the Courthouse, a Depression Modern style building, an annex and a metal utility shed.

PRESENT STATUS

Although the building is in need of repairs, it is structurally sound, and is maintained by the Laclede County Historical Society which uses the facility as a museum.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Law Enforcement
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Jail - 1876 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Builder - P.J. Pauly & Bro.
Addition - 1913 Architect - W.P. Ingraham

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Laclede County Jail is significant as one of the oldest buildings in the south central Missouri town of Lebanon, Missouri, for its associations with colorful incidents in the law enforcement history of Laclede County, and as a regional example of adaptive reuse.

Lebanon was incorporated in 1853 but because in 1869, the Frisco Railroad bypassed the town, it became necessary to abandon what the notable regional writer Harold Bell Wright described as a beautiful and well drained site, move the town a mile and stretch themselves out along "the mud flat on either side of the sacred right-of-way" (Shoemaker: pp. 1889-1890; Wright: p. 4; Gleason: p. 48).

Two prior jails had been located in the original town: the first of log construction was built in 1851 and burned in 1857, the second succumbed to flames during the Civil War. The erection of third jail, presently under consideration, awaited the resolution of a decade long controversy over whether or not to relocate the county seat in the new town or keep it in the old one. It took a clause in the new Missouri Constitution of 1875 to make the move possible, after which the next order of business became the construction of a new jail and accordingly the county ordered J. Pauly and his brother to build the third Laclede County Jail which was accomplished for the sum of \$4,000 and completed on September 6, 1876. (Gleason: p. 50; Nyberg: p. 92; History: p. 40; Records: September 6, 1876).

Subsequent to that time, the Jail was the scene of Laclede County's one and only public hanging on March 4, 1880 (Nyberg: p. 94), and of one other colorful crime containing the ingredients of which legends are spun: a murder, a daring escape, abetted by a young girl, of the murderer the day before his scheduled hanging, the birth of twins, subsequent recapture, retrial and acquittal, and an eventual sentence in the State Penitentiary for horse stealing (Nyberg: p. 92).

In 1955, Laclede County constructed a new Jail, and at this time the Laclede County Historical Society interceded to prevent the old Jail's demolition, and to provide it with a viable new function as a museum to house for all to view the mementos of Laclede County's interesting history.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .34 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME "Lebanon, Mo."

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 529 5810 417 05010

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Laclede County Jail is situated on the southwesterly 100 feet of Lots 9-11, Block 11 of the first Railroad Addition, a subdivision of the City of Lebanon, Laclede County, Mo.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

1. Launa Jones, Historical Preservation Officer

DATE

ORGANIZATION

Lake of the Ozarks Council of Local Governments

February 27, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 786

TELEPHONE

314/346-5616

CITY OR TOWN

Camdenton

STATE

Missouri 65020

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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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LACLEDE COUNTY JAIL

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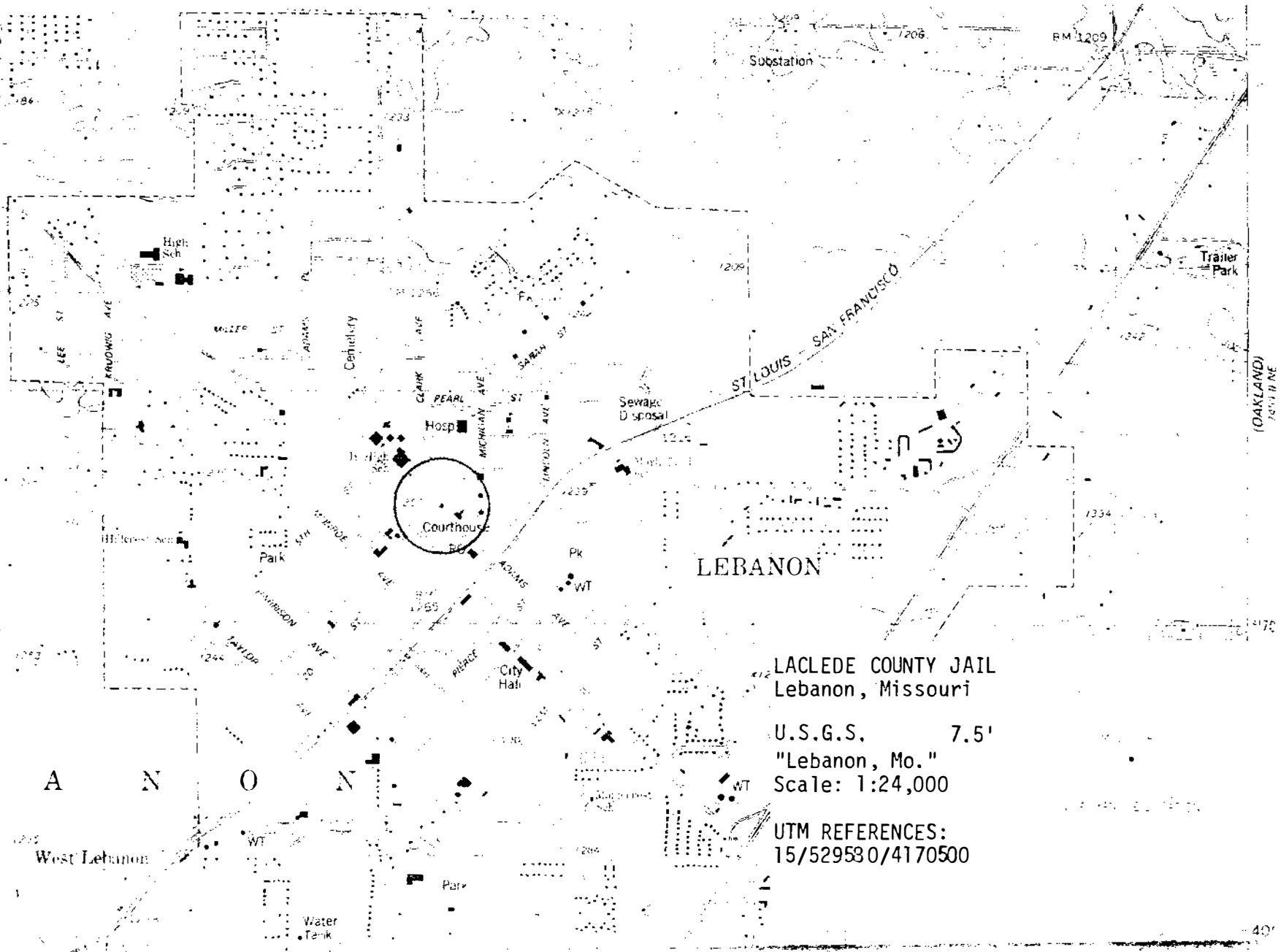
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2. James M. Denny, Section Chief, Nominations-Survey
and State Contact Person July 10, 1979
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LACLEDE COUNTY JAIL
Lebanon, Missouri

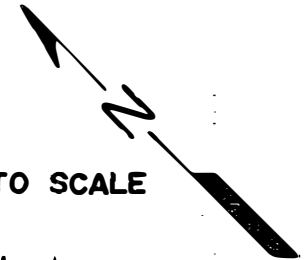
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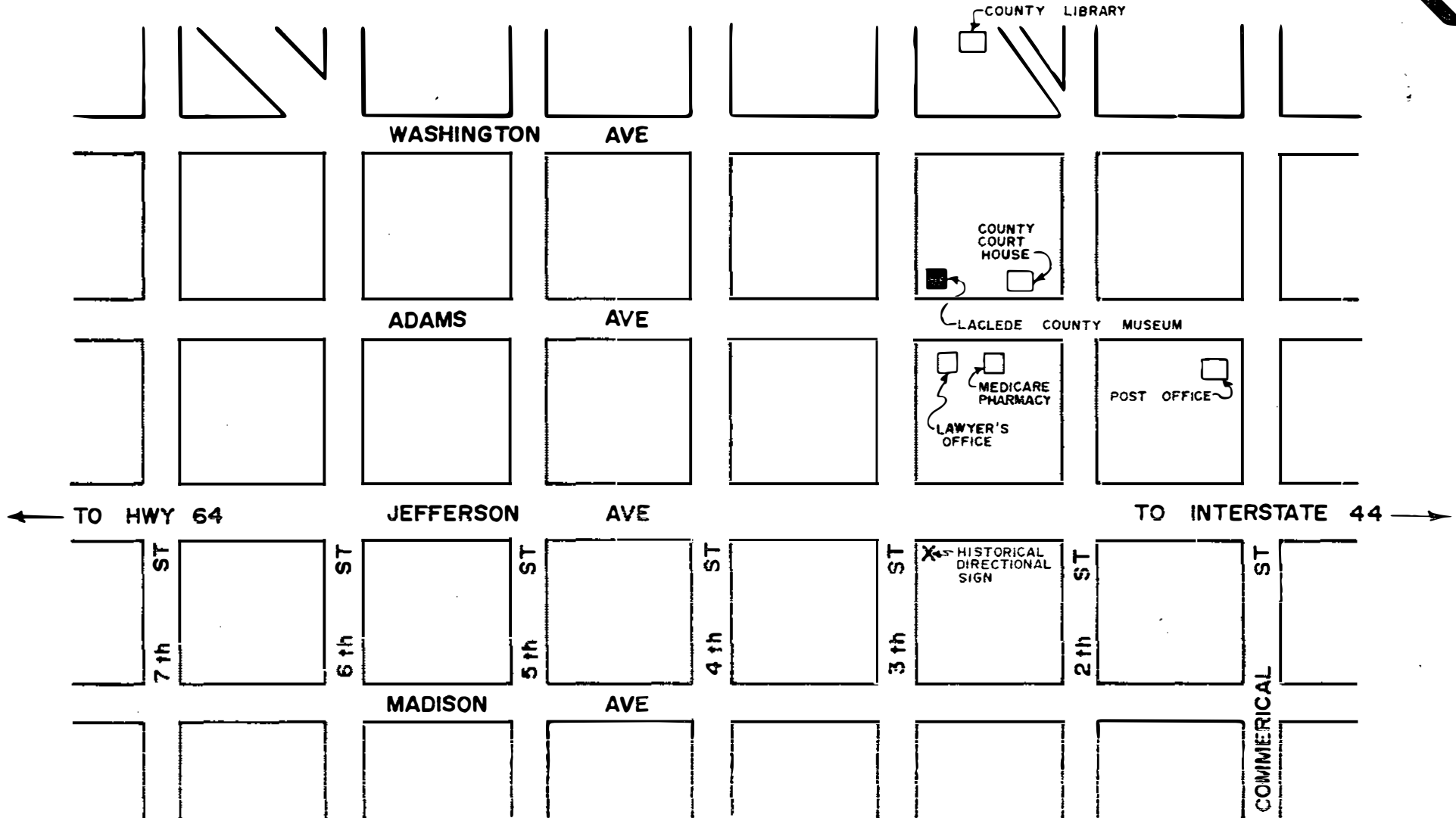
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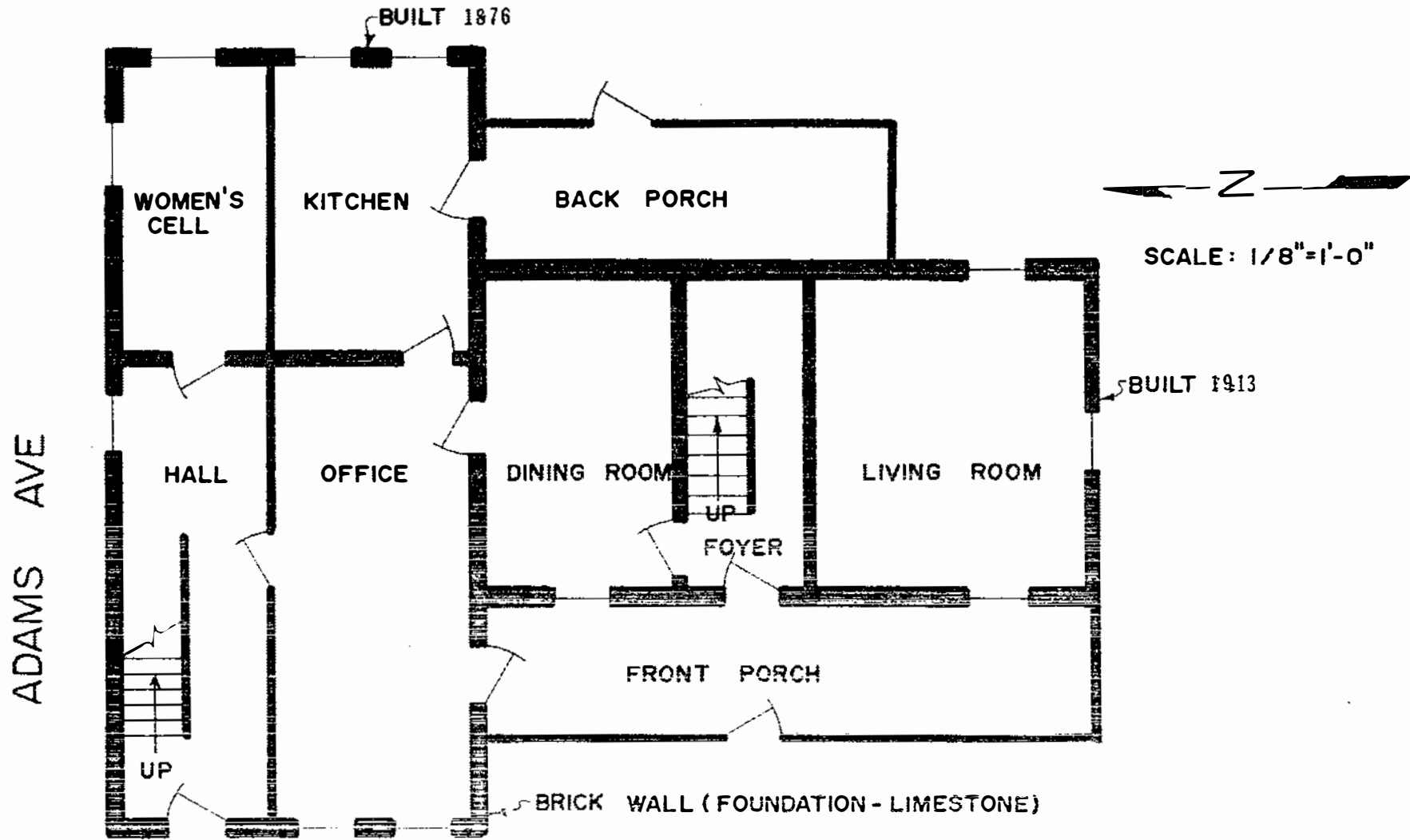
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LACLEDE COUNTY MUSEUM AND FORMER JAIL
LEBANON, MISSOURI



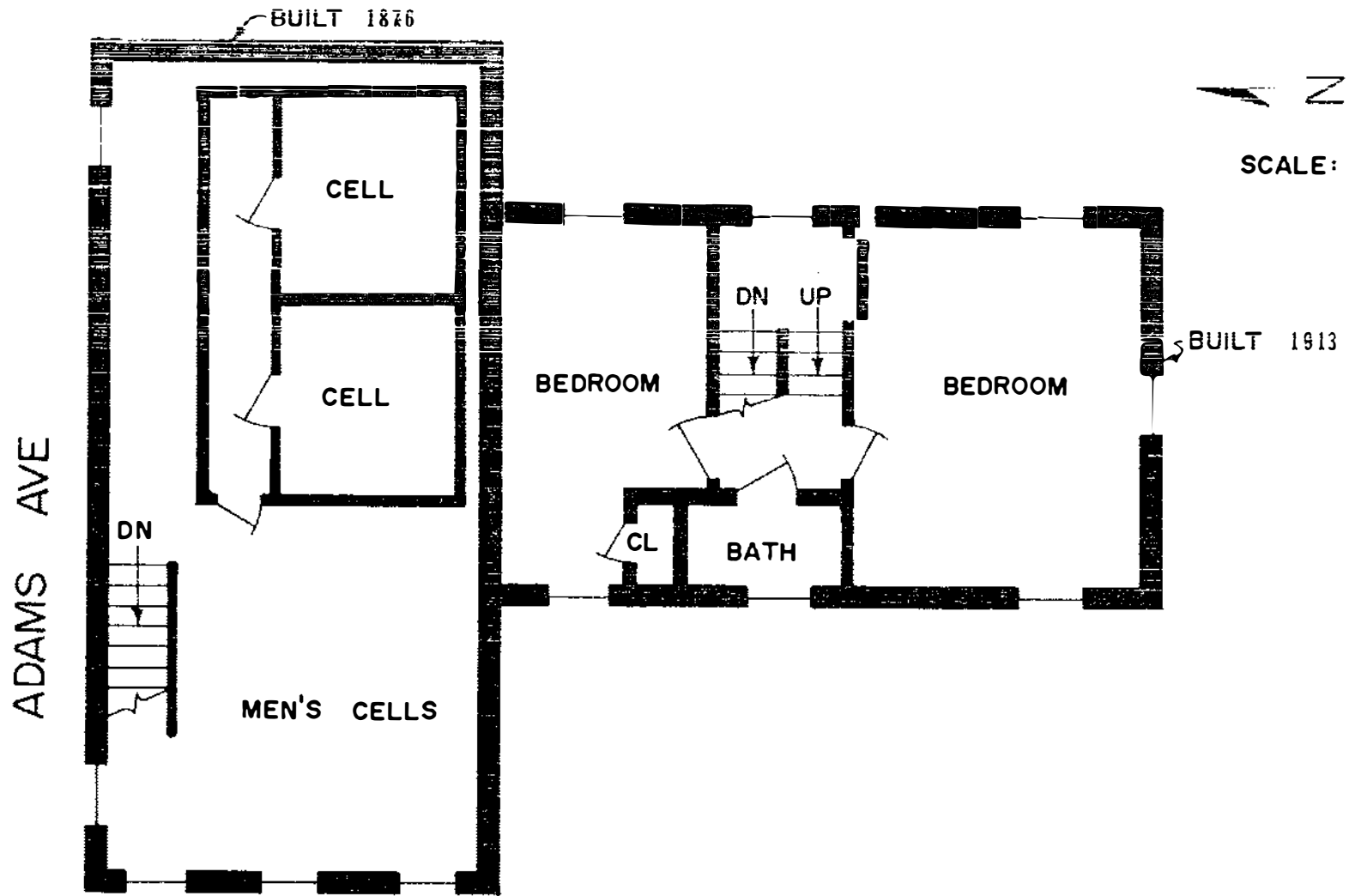
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN
LACLEDE COUNTY MUSEUM AND FORMER JAIL
LEBANON, MISSOURI



SECOND FLOOR PLAN
LACLEDE COUNTY MUSEUM AND FORMER JAIL
LEBANON, MISSOURI



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LACLEDE COUNTY JAIL

COUNTY:	Laclede
LOCATION:	Lebanon
OWNER: ADDRESS:	Laclede County Laclede County Courthouse Lebanon, Mo.
DATE APPROVED BY A.C.:	7-20-79
DATE SENT TO D.C.:	1-23-80
DATE OF REC. IN D.C.:	1-29-80
DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER:	March 27, 1980
DATE CERTIFICATE AWARDED (AND PRESENTOR):	
DATE FILE REVIEWED:	

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North view of the building



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East view of the building



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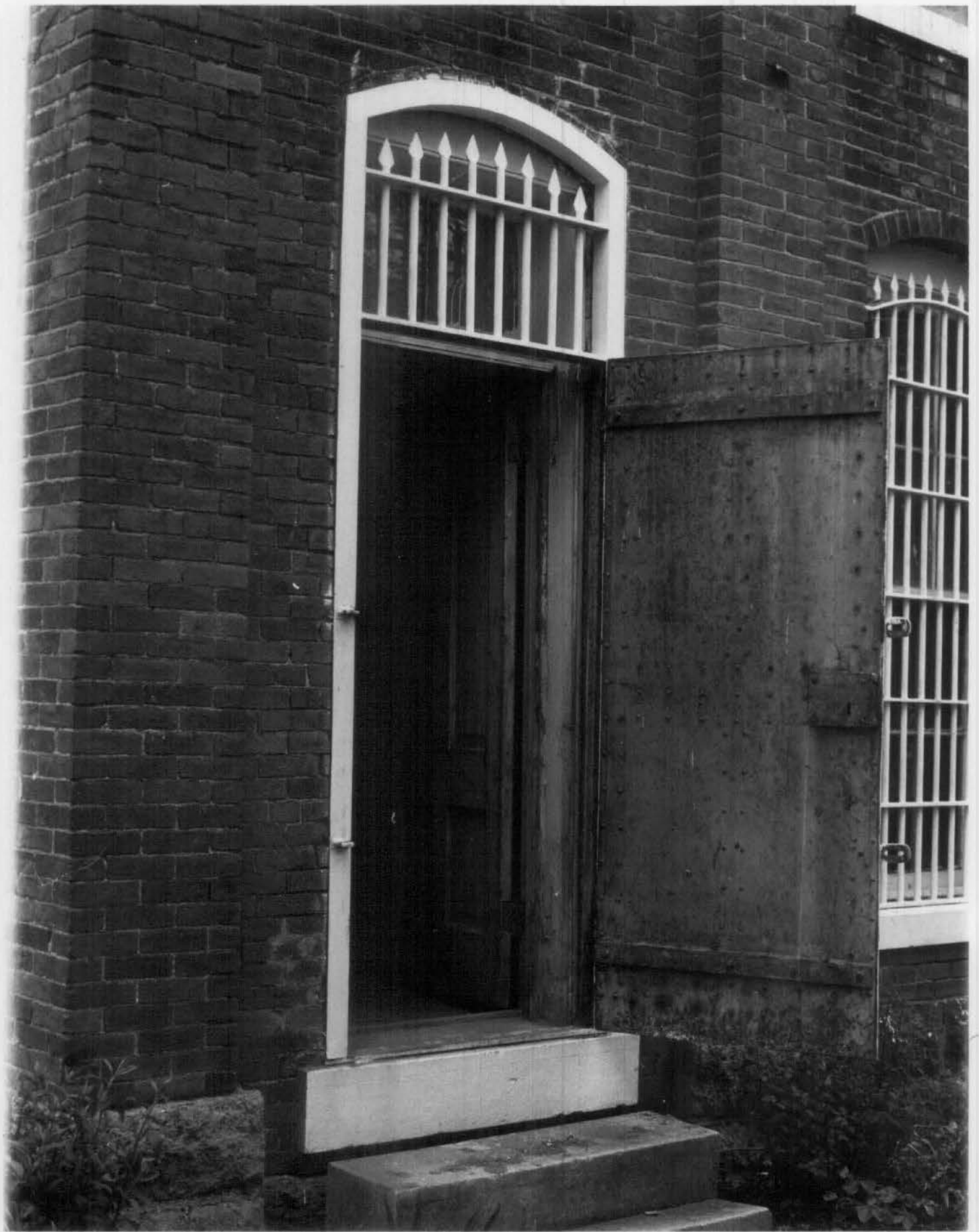
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Door leading into jail portion of the
museum



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Stairs leading into cellar under
kitchen



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Men's cells on second floor



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One of the original cots in the men's
cell on second floor

