

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name Benton County Jail Property Owner James E. Ferguson
 Location 212 N. Main Street, Bentonville Address 212 N. Main Street
 Construction Date 1911 Survey No. 0385 Bentonville, AR

DESCRIPTION

The Benton County Jail, built in 1911, is a two-story rectangular block of brick with limestone trim. The Ionic di-style pedimented portico marks the axial entrance of the three-bay west facade. A four-course rusticated limestone base encircles the building. Strong stone quoins define the four corners of the rectangular block and stone sills and flat lintels give emphasis to all window openings. The second floor central bay of the front facade has been altered with a modern multi-paned steelframe window and some new brick work which rises above the cornice line. Otherwise the exterior appears unchanged since its 1911 construction date. Security bars remain on windows of the second floor, although the building no longer functions as a jail. Originally six cell blocks on the second floor accommodated four inmates each. On the ground floor, in addition to administrative spaces, the building provided living quarters for the jailer's family.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: C Area of significance: Architecture

The Benton County Jail was designed in the neo-classical manner in 1911 by architect A.O. Clark of Rogers and St. Louis. Lon A. Pace, a local builder, had the construction contract. Interior steel work was a separate contract held by Steward Iron Works Company of Cincinnati, Ohio. Three other buildings in the Bentonville business district were designed by A. O. Clark: the Benton County Courthouse (No. 28), the Massey Hotel (No. 22, NR 12/01/78) and the Benton County National Bank (No. 21, NR 9/01/83). The Benton County Jail is significant as an example of Clark's work on a smaller scale.

Acreage less than 1 acre
 Verbal Boundary Description Lot 36-43, Block 7, Fairview Heights Addition
 Quadrangle Name Bentonville South, Ark. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000
 UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 391600 Northing 4025870

