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National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Magazine City Hall/Jail

other name/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: Located northwest of intersection of Garland and Priddy Streets

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Magazine

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Logan code: AR 083 zip code: 72943

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-local

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Slater
Signature of certifying official

4-13-93
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby certify that this property is:

____ entered in the National Register _____
 ____ See continuation sheet.
____ determined eligible for the _____
 National Register _____
 ____ See continuation sheet.
____ determined not eligible for the _____
 National Register _____
____ removed from the National Register _____
____ other (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper Date
 of Action

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6. Function or Use
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Historic: GOVERNMENT Sub: City Hall/Correctional
 Facility
Current: VACANT/NOT IN USE Sub: N/A

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other _____

Other Description: Plain Traditional

Materials: foundation Concrete/stone roof Asphalt/concrete
walls Concrete/stone other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: 1934-35

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Jenkins, J. Arless

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
X See continuation sheet.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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X See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Lot 4, Block 31, Original Town of Magazine.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all of the surrounding property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Summary

The Magazine City Hall/Jail, located to the northwest of the intersection of State Highways 10 and 109 in center of the town of Magazine, is a single story, combination gable/flat roof, formed concrete block and fieldstone masonry building designed in the Plain Traditional style. Constructed 1934-35, the combination of city hall and jail is simple and unornamented overall, and symmetrical in composition. The rectangular city hall section provides access to the lower stone jail section at the rear.

Elaboration

The Magazine City Hall/Jail is a single story, combination gable/flat roof, formed concrete block and fieldstone masonry building designed in the Plain Traditional style. Constructed 1934-35, the combination of city hall and jail is simple and unornamented overall, and symmetrical in composition. The rectangular city hall section provides access to the lower, rectangular stone jail section at the rear (both sections consist of a single room in each). The remnants of a brick flue are evident in the rear wall of the taller front section, placed just to the north of the gable peak. The city hall section is capped with an asphalt shingle gable roof and enclosed by formed concrete block walls that rest upon a continuous foundation of the same materials. The jail section at the rear is capped by a concrete flat roof atop the stone walls and continuous stone foundation.

The eastern or front elevation is symmetrically-composed, with the single-leaf central entrance separating the two three-over-one double-hung wood sash windows. A small louvered vent is placed in the gable peak.

The northern and southern elevations are identical. Each consists of a single three-over-one wood sash window placed centrally in the wall of the city hall section, and a smaller barred opening in the stone jail wall, placed slightly to the east of center. The western elevation consists of the rear wall of the flat-roofed jail section and the taller rear wall of the gable-roofed city hall section.

The significant exterior details are limited to the panelled front door of the city hall. The upper half is filled with a single glass light while the lower half is divided into three rows of raised panels. The upper and lower rows contain three simple, unornamented raised panels each, while the middle row consists of two panels, each of which is decorated with a rotating sunburst motif.

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The interiors of both sections are quite simple and unadorned. The only interior detail of note is the strap metal jail door in the center of the rear wall of the city hall.

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Summary

Criterion C, local significance

The Magazine City Hall/Jail is locally significant under Criterion C as the best example of an institutional building designed in this simple, Plain Traditional style and constructed of molded concrete block formed to resemble ashlar-faced stone. It remains the only such institutional or civic building to feature this unusual building material.

Elaboration

The town of Magazine as such traces its beginnings to 1867, when Eli Hooper moved to the area from his native Illinois and established a mercantile business on Long Ridge, located just to the east of the present townsite of Magazine. By 1870, Mr. Hooper moved his home and enterprise just to the north of the present townsite and built a cotton gin and grist mill, in addition to establishing the town's first post office.

The town began to grow soon thereafter -- as did several other adjacent communities -- and the increasing settlement in the area resulted in the creation of what began as Sarber County -- named for Union general J. N. Sarber -- by the State Legislature on March 22, 1871 (as this was an act of the Reconstruction legislature, the county's residents petitioned for a name change four years later when the new post-Reconstruction legislature convened, at which time the county was re-named after James Logan, an early pioneer of this region). The first petition for incorporation was filed in February of 1878, though apparently no action was taken at that time. By 1883, Magazine could boast of one church (the Methodist Episcopal Church South) and six stores, including a hardware store, a grocery store and a drug store. By the 1890 census, the population had grown to 400; by 1892, the town was finally incorporated, and by 1899 the entire town had been platted into lots and blocks.

1899 proved to be a watershed year in the town's history, as it hailed the arrival of the first railroad through Magazine, the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad (later known as the Rock Island). As the railroad passed just to the south of the newly-platted town, the town relocated to the railroad, thereby forming both "Old Town" and the new town center.

From this time on, Magazine served the surrounding region as a shipping center for agricultural produce and as a retail and mercantile destination. The town's population grew from 400 in 1899 to approximately 2,000 in 1910. It boasted of three cotton gins, two newspapers, a local telephone company, two banks, four hotels, and five physicians.

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By 1934, the townspeople decided upon the need for a jail structure. The minutes of the city council meetings from that year reveal that the council's members specifically stipulated the construction of a stone and concrete jail (with "no wood about the building") measuring 12' x 14' x 8' (these dimensions match almost exactly those of the jail as-built). One year later, the town decided upon the need for a new city hall as well. It was constructed of a wood frame gable roof resting upon four walls below set in a rectangular shape. Concrete blocks, formed to resemble ashlar-faced stone, were chosen, probably for reasons of expense. A local craftsman and mason, Mr. J. Arless Jenkins, made the concrete blocks himself in a molding machine he owned. The new city hall/jail served the community as such for several years thereafter, only having been replaced by a new structure in the relatively recent past.

The Magazine City Hall/Jail remains the finest example in the town of Magazine of a civic building constructed of this locally-unusual building material. Though buildings constructed of formed concrete blocks became common in the early twentieth century in various communities throughout the state, relatively few remain in Magazine; in fact, the only other known building of this material is a commercial building in town that has been altered significantly and is now unoccupied. The Magazine City Hall/Jail is the best surviving example locally of this unusual construction technology and the most intact. It is thus eligible under Criterion C with local significance.

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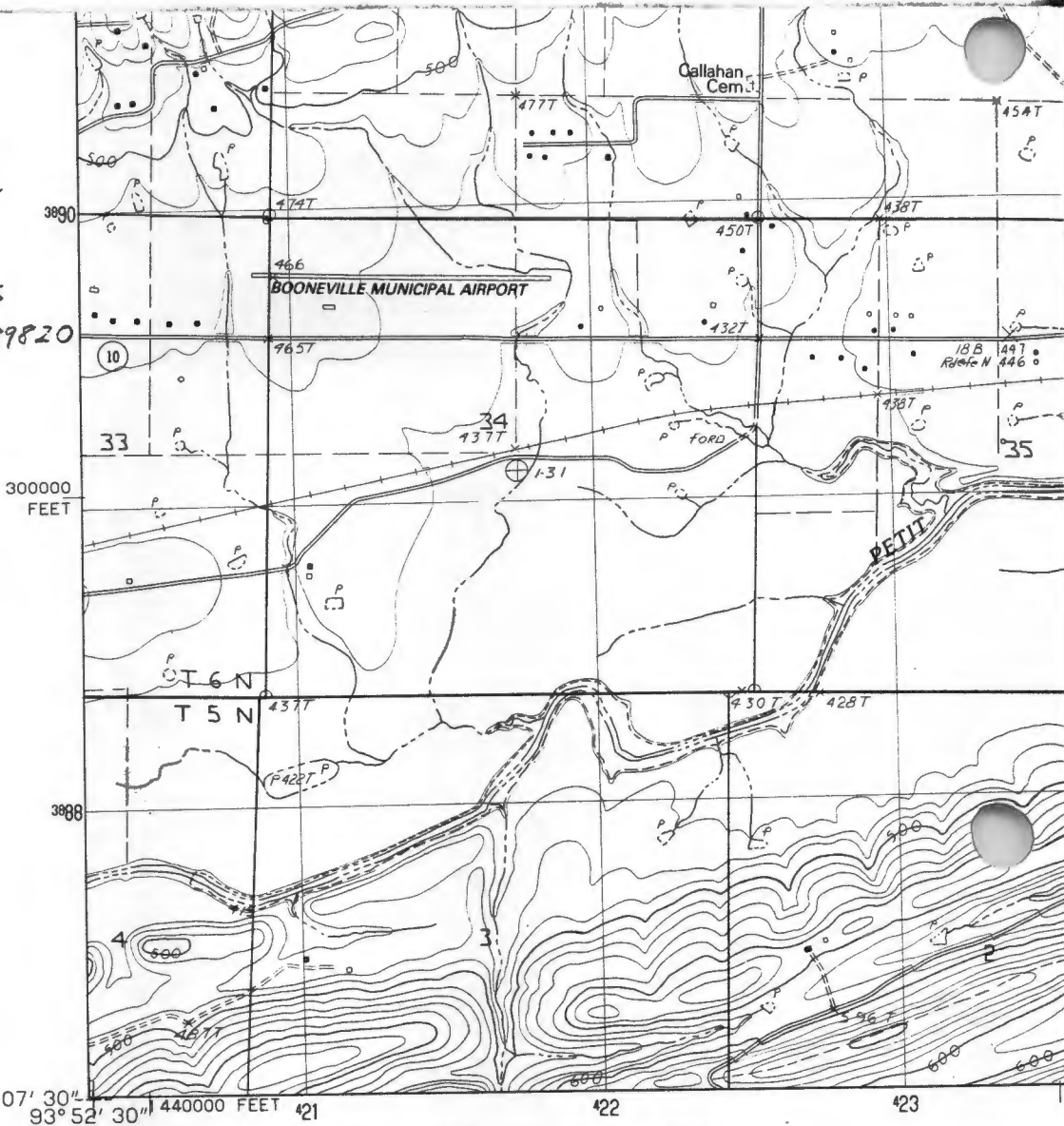
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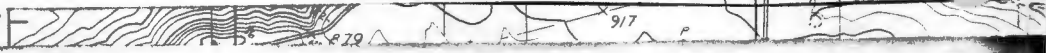
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