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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name McRae Jail

other names/site number Resource #WHI719

2. Location

street & number N/A

not for publication N/A

city, town McRae

vicinity N/A

state Arkansas

code AR

county White

code 145

zip code 72102

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

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

name of related multiple property listing:
Historic and Architectural Resources
of White County, Arkansas

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

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

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

5. National Park Service Certification

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 the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Government/ Correctional Facility

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Vacant / Not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: WPA Architecture

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete
walls concrete

roof concrete
other steel

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

8. Statement of Significance

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

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
LAW

Period of Significance
1934

Significant Dates
1934

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person

Architect/Builder
Works Progress Administration

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See "Historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas," Section H

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acres of property Less than 1 acre

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

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Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

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Description

Located in the middle of a field in the small White County town of McRae, this jail is still in good condition, although it hasn't been in use for several years. It is a one-story, one-room building constructed of reinforced cast concrete, with a concrete block foundation and a flat concrete roof. In the center of the front elevation is a steel door with a small, barred opening; there are two other extremely small, barred openings serving as windows on the two side elevations.

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Significance

As one of only three White County jails built by WPA labor, the McRae jail is in the best condition of the three, and is significant because of its associations with the community's government and civic functions following its August, 1934 construction. [See the associated property type for Religious and Institutional Buildings, Depression Era]. The structure is also representative of the attempts for economic survival and the general way of life that characterized the Depression era in McRae. It is therefore being considered for nomination under National Register Criterion A with local significance.

The small town of McRae, which was organized in the late 1890's, based its economy on the railroad, as did most other White County towns [See Historic Context 2: The Railroad Era]. The chief occupations in the town were railroading and sawmilling, with a box factory and several other wood-working plants among the major industries. The 1920's strawberry boom was a boost to the town's economy as well as its population, which peaked at about 1200 before the onset of the Depression.

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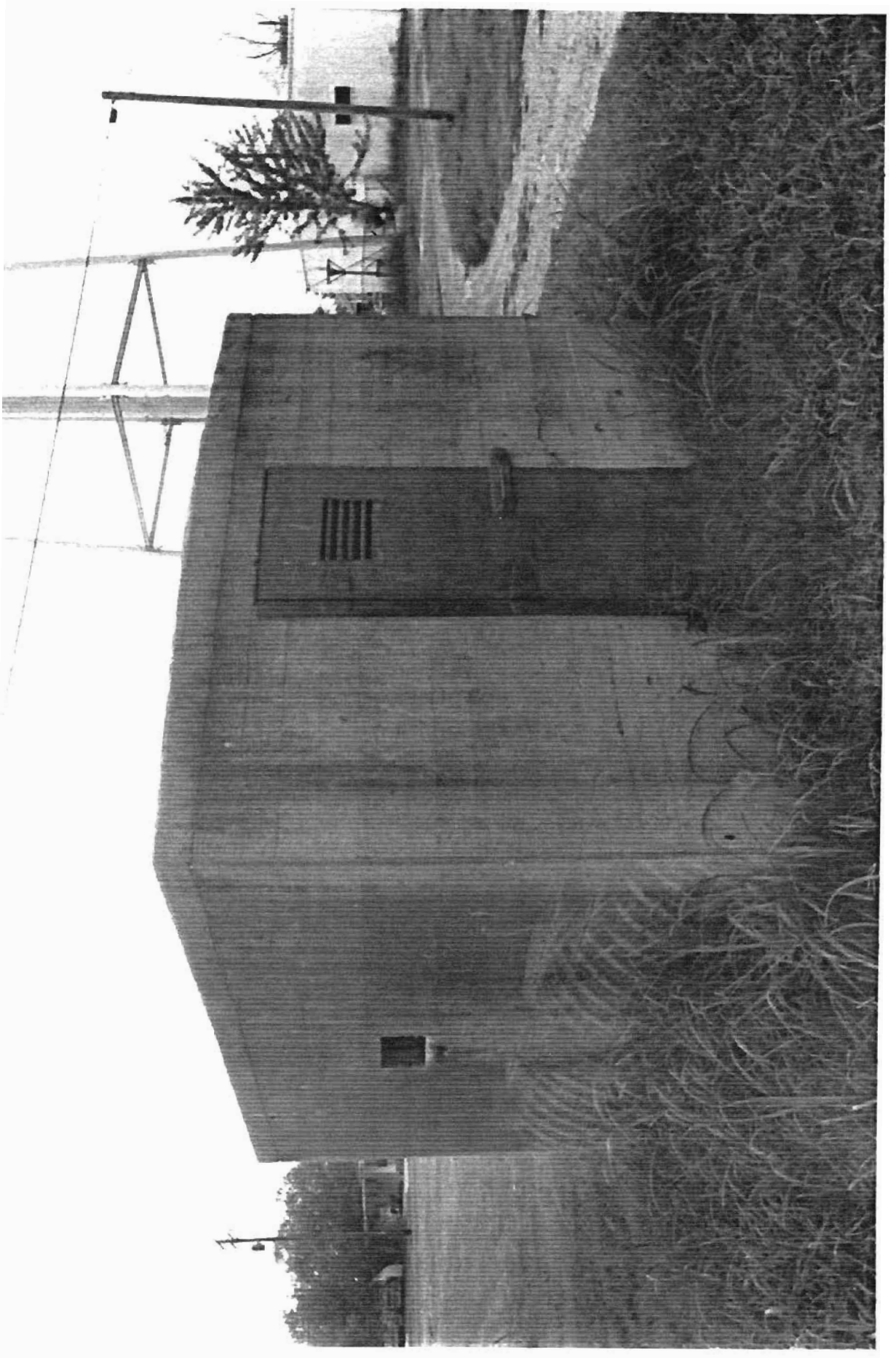
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Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of the northeastern edge of the adjacent unnamed alley with a perpendicular line running parallel to the northwestern elevation of the jail and located 50 feet to the northwest thereof; proceed northeasterly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the northeastern elevation of the jail; thence proceed southeasterly for a distance of approximately 100 feet along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the southeastern elevation of the jail; thence proceed southwesterly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the northeastern edge of the adjacent alley; thence proceed northwesterly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

The original lot has been subdivided during the non-historic period, resulting in an indefinite current lot boundary; therefore, this boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.



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Resource # WH1636: 15/608690/3883980
WH1631: 15/606880/3883890
WH0013: 15/607280/3885900
WH1699: 15/607360/3885880
WH0016: 15/607980/3886770
WH1719: 15/607430/3886040
WH1740: 15/607700/3886360

McRae Quadrangle
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