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# DATA SHEET

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

Fauquier County Jail

AND/OR COMMON

Old Fauquier County Jail (Preferred)

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

NW Corner of Fauquier County Courthouse Square

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Warrenton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

Seventh (J. Kenneth Robinson)

STATE

Virginia

CODE

51

COUNTY

Fauquier

CODE

061

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

#### PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Fauquier County c/o Chairman, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors

STREET & NUMBER

14 Main Street, P. O. Box 738

CITY, TOWN

Warrenton

VICINITY OF

STATE

Virginia 22186

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Fauquier County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Warrenton

STATE

Virginia

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (2) (See Continuation Sheet #1)

TITLE

(1) Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE

1958

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE  
D.C.

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located just to the west of the county courthouse, in the heart of Warrenton, the Old Fauquier County Jail consists of two parallel structures joined by a high stone wall. The north structure is a two-story, brick building erected in 1808 as the county jail and converted in 1822 to serve as the jailer's residence. The single-pile building is set on a stone foundation and has walls laid in common bond with parapet gable ends. The facade is three bays with three doors on the first floor and three, six-over-six double-hung windows on the second. A window just to the left of the center door was bricked up in a recent renovation as was a first-floor window in the west end. The roof is covered with slate and has a box cornice and two interior end chimneys. On the east end is a two-story, single-bay 1824 addition containing a kitchen on the first floor.

The interior of the brick building has a center passage containing a very simple stair. A simple Greek Revival mantel is in the first-floor east room. Recent renovations in the west room and the two second-floor rooms have exposed heavy plank ceilings installed originally to secure the former cells against escape. In the jambs of the second-floor windows can be seen the sockets of the bars that originally were in the windows. The kitchen retains its large cooking fireplace.

The area between the two buildings is approximately fifteen feet deep and has doorways at either end secured by heavy batten doors and iron grills. The 1822 jail, the south structure, has approximately the same dimensions as the brick building but is set on a slightly lower grade. It too has a slate roof and parapet gable ends, but its walls are laid in coursed rubble fieldstone. The ceilings and walls of the building's four cell rooms were originally lined (in double thickness) with heavy planks, but only the first-floor west room retains its original appearance. The second floor is reached by a modern metal stair and the second-floor east room now contains a modern metal cellblock of three cells. The windows throughout are secured with iron grills. Behind the building is a jailyard surrounded by a stone wall almost as high as the eaves of the building.

The whole complex stands in generally good condition. Certain modernizations and modifications have taken place since the buildings came under the custodianship of the Fauquier Historical Society so that they can better function as a museum. All features previously mentioned are being retained, however.

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CONTINUATION SHEET #1

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

- (2) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey  
1969, 1976 State  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
221 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Warrenton's Old Fauquier County Jail survives as one of the state's most complete and interesting examples of early penal architecture. Included in the complex is the 1808 jail, converted in 1822 to the jailer's residence, and the 1822 stone jail with its walled jailyard. Located adjacent to the county courthouse, the picturesque grouping provides an excellent picture of conditions suffered by inmates of such county facilities over the past century and a half. While some modernization has taken place, sufficient early fabric remains to illustrate how early nineteenth-century jails were constructed and equipped.

Earlier jails in Warrenton served the county during the latter half of the eighteenth century and the first years of the following century. When the courthouse of 1791 was erected (on the site of the present courthouse), the jail of 1779 was repaired and outfitted with new stocks, a whipping post, and pillory. Despite the repairs, this structure proved to be inadequate within several years, so a new jail was ordered; it was to be built just to the west of the courthouse. The new structure was finished by October 24, 1808 when the following entry was recorded in the County Minute Book: "The Commissioners appointed by the Court to superintend the building of the jail reported to the Court that they have received the jail in ample order and that the keys are delivered to the Court and by the Court delivered to the sheriff."

The jail proved adequate for the county's needs until 1821, when a commission was appointed by the court to prepare plans for a new prison and to remodel the old structure. Plans, specifications, and an estimate of \$8000 were prepared by William Pattie, Sr. and Banj. / sic / V. Larkin. No work was undertaken on the project until October 22, 1822 when the commissioners contracted with John Kemper to convert the old jail into a jailer's residence, to build a connecting stone jail with an enclosed area between the buildings, and to put up a wall around the yard behind the new jail. Two years later Kemper erected a two-story addition on the east end of the 1808 building, the lower story containing a kitchen for the jailer.

The complex continued to serve the county for nearly 150 years. Although a modern metal cellblock had been placed in the stone structure, it was apparent by the 1960s that a larger, more up-to-date facility was required. With the completion of the latest jail in 1964, the former structure was threatened with demolition; thus a group of interested citizens organized an effort to preserve the familiar old landmark. The group formed as the Fauquier Historical Society with the goal of saving and restoring the jail as a museum of county history. In 1975 the county Board of Supervisors granted the society full responsibility for maintaining the structure and operating the museum. The complex has undergone renovation since that time and plans are underway to upgrade the interior for exhibition purposes.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Fauquier County Minute Book, 1806-1809, (October 24, 1808).

Fauquier Historical Foundation, Inc. Old Jail Fauquier County Virginia. Pamphlet, n.d.

McClary, Jane McIlvaine. "The Warrenton Jail." Spur of Virginia, Winter, 1971.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre - the building only

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 8	2 5 6 8 7 0	4 2 8 8 5 0 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

February 1977

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

221 Governor Street

804-786-3144

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Richmond

Virginia 23219

# 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 Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Executive Director  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE FEB 15 1977

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

ATTEST: Charles A. ... DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
 NUMBER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER 1-20-78  
 DATE 1-17-78  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property Old Fauquier County Jail  
State Va. Working Number 7.27.77.1216

78003015  
Fauquier

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 1  
Maps 1

**CONTROL**

OK pl  
7.28.77

**HISTORIAN**

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

JANN H. GILMORE  
11.30.77

ACCEPT

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

accept  
Braham  
12.9.77

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

2 adjacent 19th C jails

ACCEPT  
LEBOVICH  
1/5/78

**BRANCH CHIEF**

Jung  
1.17.78

**KEEPER**

Wm  
1/20.78

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry 3.7.78

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_  
Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
221 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

OLD FAUQUIER COUNTY JAIL, Fauquier County, Va.  
1976

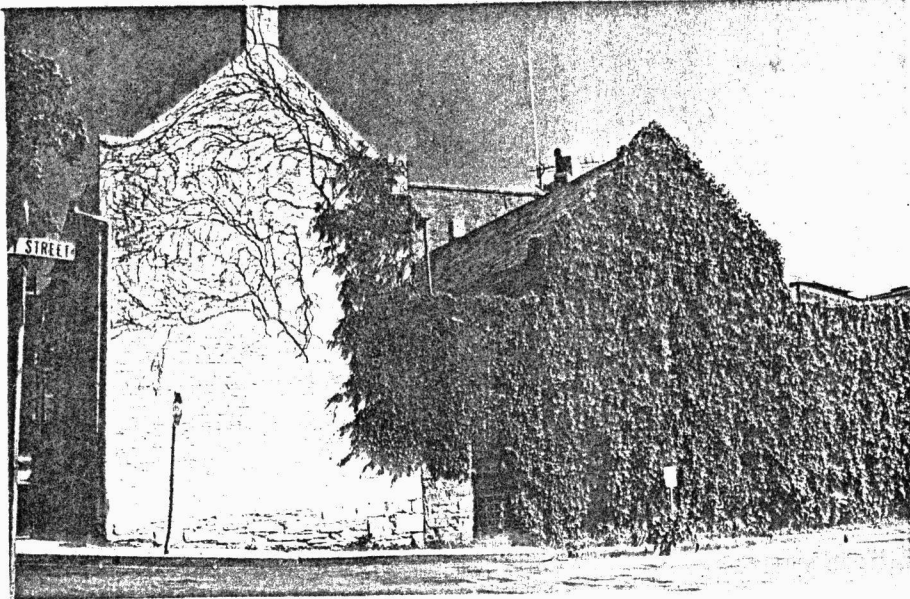
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Exterior View from North

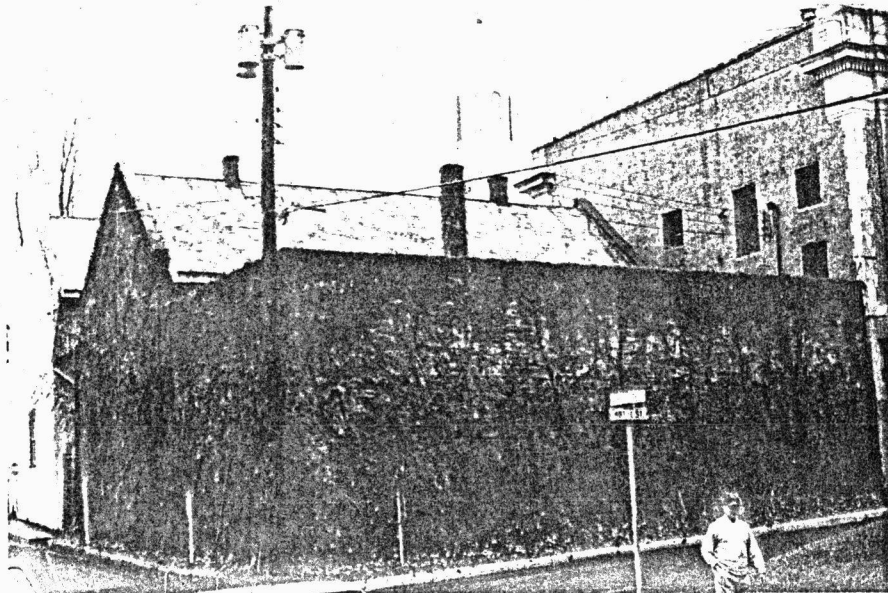
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View from West

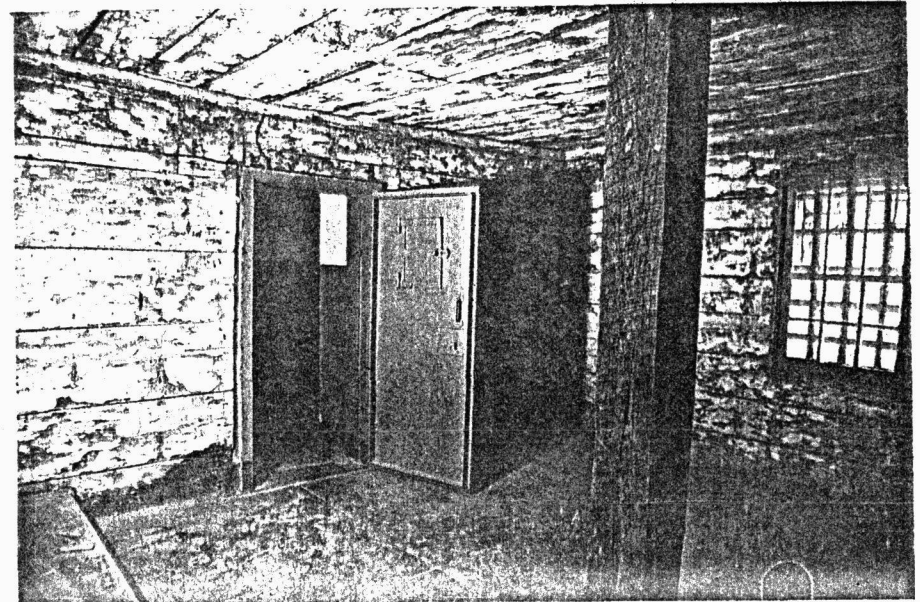
View from Southwest



View of First-floor  
East Room, North Bldg.

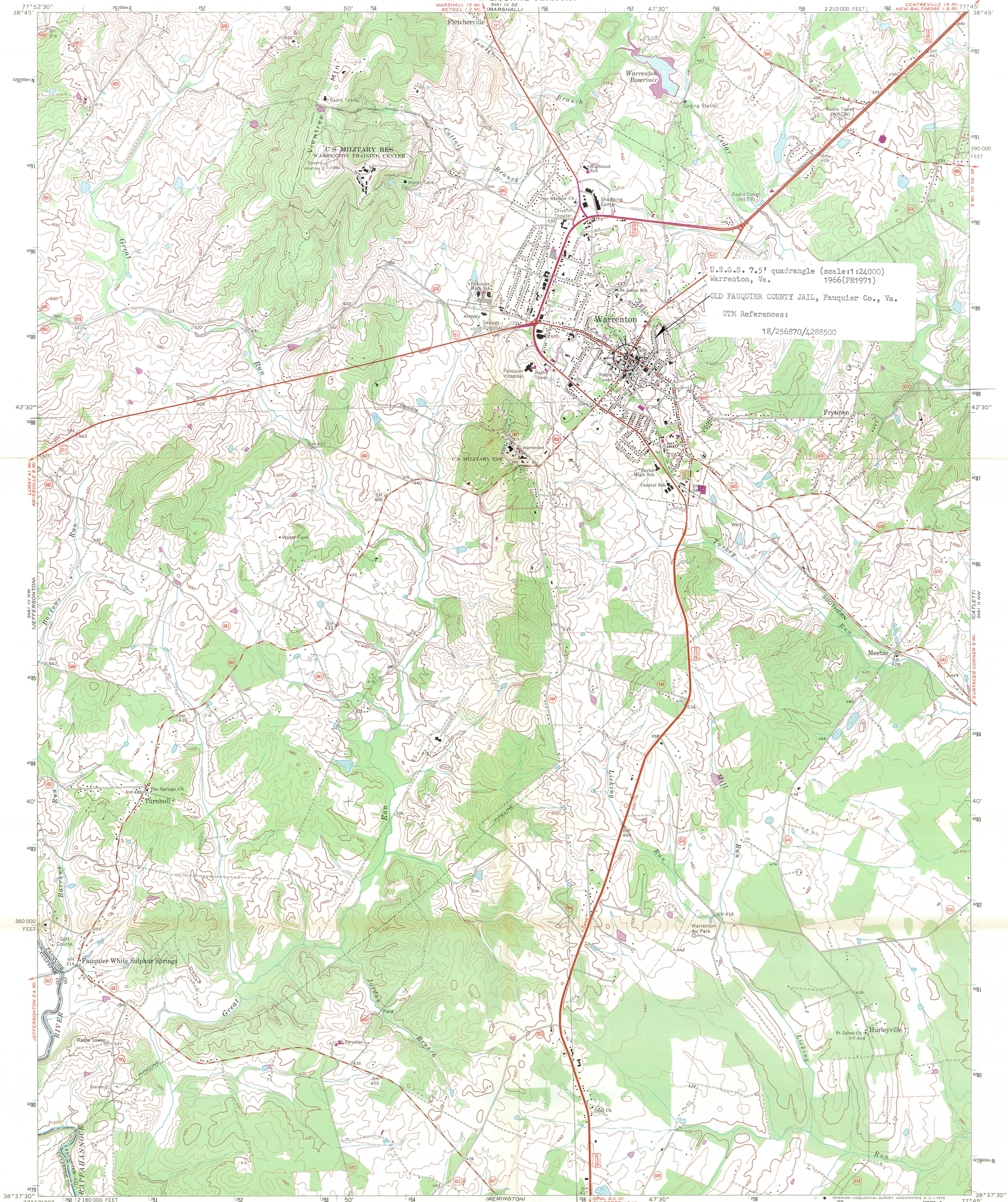


View of First-floor  
West Cell, South Bldg.



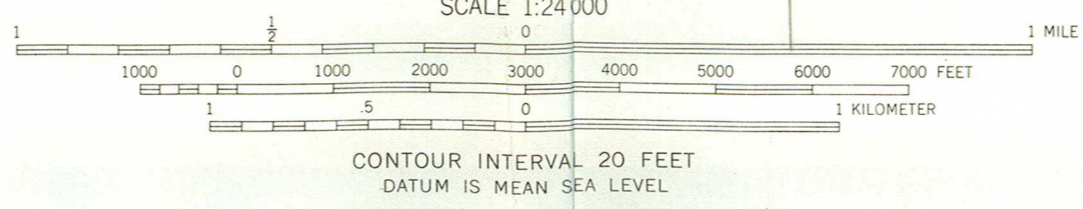
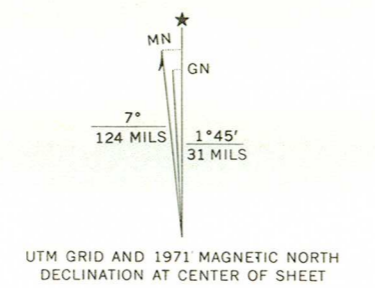
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Warrenton, Va.  
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OLD FAUQUIER COUNTY JAIL, Fauquier Co., Va.  
UTM References:  
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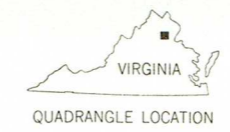
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Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
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10,000-foot grid based on Virginia coordinate system, north zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 18, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked  
Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with  
Commonwealth of Virginia agencies from aerial photographs  
taken 1971. This information not field checked



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
AND VIRGINIA DIVISION OF MINERAL RESOURCES, CHARLOTTEVILLE, VIRGINIA 22903  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

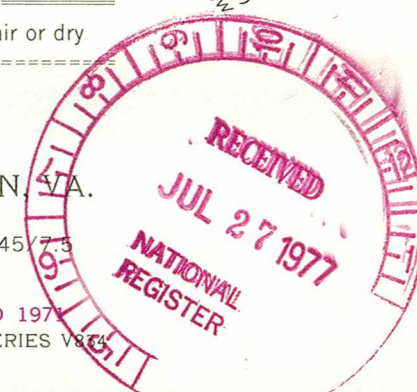
ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
U.S. Route	State Route



WARRENTON, VA.  
N3837.5—W7745  
1966  
PHOTOREVISED 1971  
MS 5461 III NE—SERIES 1965

JAN 20 1976



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# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

*Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission*

July 20, 1977

**TUCKER HILL**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

221 GOVERNOR STREET  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23219  
TELEPHONE 786-3143

Dr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
National Register of Historic Places  
U. S. Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
18 and C Streets, NW  
Washington, D. C. 20240



Dear Mr. Murtagh:

Re: National Register of Historic Places  
Nominations

The enclosed reports on the following four places are being submitted in nomination to the National Register of Historic Places:

- (1) Brentmoor, Fauquier County
- (2) Melville, Surry County
- (3) Old Fauquier County Jail, Fauquier County
- (4) Seven Springs, King William County

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Corrine S. Pellegrin".

Corrine S. Pellegrin  
Registrar

CSP/bf

Enclosures

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE VIRGINIA

Date Entered JAN 20 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Singers Glen Historic District	Singers Glen Rockingham County
Old Fauquier County Jail	Warrenton Fauquier County
Spilman-Mosby House (Brentmoor)	Warrenton Fauquier County

Also Notified

Hon. William L. Scott  
Hon. Harry F. Byrd, Jr.  
Hon. J. Kenneth Robinson  
Regional Director, Mid Atlantic Region

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. Tucker Hill  
Executive Director, Virginia Historic  
Landmarks Commission  
221 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

880 Mott/js 1/24/78

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Old Fauquier County Jail  
 ② OTHER NAMES:  
 ③ date of entry: JAN 20 1978  
 ④ county code: 61

⑤ LOCATION street & number: Fauquier County Courthouse Square  
 city / town: Warrenton  
 vicinity of:  
 state: VA  
 county: Fauquier  
 ⑥ NPS REGION: SE

⑦ OWNER  PRIVATE  STATE  MUNICIPAL  COUNTY  MULTIPLE  FEDERAL (agency name)  
 ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR:

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS  HABS  HAER  NHL  
 ⑩ FUNDED?  YES  NO  
 ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 7th  
 ⑫ SOURCE OF NOMINATION:  STATE  FEDERAL  
 if state who prepared form?

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES, NAME  NO  
 ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?  YES, NAME  NO  
 ⑮ ACREAGE  
 LOCAL  PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION  
 deteriorated  altered  original site  
 excellent  ruins  unaltered  moved  
 good  unexposed  reconstructed  unknown  
 fair  unexcavated  excavated

⑰ features:  
 INTERIOR  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1  NOT INTACT-0  UNKNOWN-4  NOT APPLICABLE-7  
 EXTERIOR  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2  NOT INTACT-0  UNKNOWN-5  NOT APPLICABLE-8  
 ENVIRONS  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3  NOT INTACT-0  UNKNOWN-6  NOT APPLICABLE-9

⑱ ACCESS  YES-Restricted  YES-Unrestricted  No Access  Unknown  
 ⑲ ADAPTIVE USE  YES  NO  
 ⑳ SAVED?  YES  
 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?  yes  no

㉑ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
 ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2  COMMERCE-6  ENGINEERING-11  LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15  POLITICS / GOVT.-21  RECREATION-28  
 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1  COMMUNICATIONS-7  ENTERTAINMENT-26  LAW-16  RELIGION-22  SETTLEMENT-29  
 AGRICULTURE-3  CONSERVATION-8  EXPLORATION-12  LITERATURE-17  SCIENCE-23  URBAN PLANNING-31  
 ARCHITECTURE-4  ECONOMICS-9  HEALTH-27  MILITARY-18  SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24  OTHER (SPECIFY)  
 ART-5  EDUCATION-10  INDUSTRY-13  MUSIC-19  SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30  
 INVENTION-14  PHILOSOPHY-20  TRANSPORTATION-25

㉒ CLAIMS: explain  
 'first'   
 'oldest'   
 'only'

㉓ functions  
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT:  
 CURRENTLY:

㉔ dates of initial construction:  
 major alterations:  
 historic events:

㉕ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉖ architectural style(s):  
 ㉗ architect:  
 ㉘ master builder:  
 ㉙ engineer:

㉚ landscape architect / garden designer:  
 ㉛ interior decorator:  
 ㉜ artist:  
 ㉝ artisan:  
 ㉞ builder/contractor:

㉟ NAMES give role & date  
 PERSONAL:  
 EVENTS:  
 INSTITUTIONAL:

㊱ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP