

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Caroline County Jail

2. Location

street & number 101 Gay Street not for publicationcity, town Denton vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Board of County Commissioners, Caroline County Courthouse

street & number Market Street telephone no.:

city, town Denton state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Caroline County Courthouse liber

street & number Market Street folio

city, town Denton state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CAR-233

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

Check one

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed
 unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Caroline County Jail faces the Courthouse across Courthouse square in the center of the town of Denton. The jail complex consists of three parts: the original jail built in 1908, a large modern ten-bay addition, and a small frame shed roofed addition on the east elevation.

The oldest part is a two story five bay wide brick building with a pyramidal roof and Colonial Revival features. These include the heavy dentilled cornice, the modified Palladian window on the central facade dormer and the Tuscan porch columns. Both windows and doors have segmental arched openings; the double doors still retain their multi-paned transom lights.

The two story modern addition is brick with a hip roof, dentilled cornice, a brick string course and segmental arched windows.

8. Significance

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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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1908 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The County jail was one of several public buildings constructed during the first decade of the twentieth century in Denton.



425 MATTHEWS 6.3 MI. EASTON 14 MI. 426 1:24,000 FEET 50' 428 ANDERSONTOWN 5.1 MI. 429 (HOBBS) 5861 IV SE 430
 FEDERALSBURG 18 MI. SCALE 1:24,000

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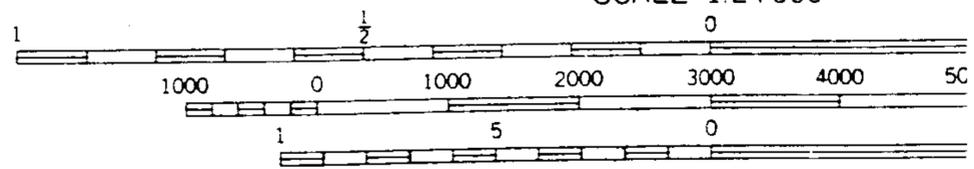
maps by photogrammetric methods
 14. Aerial photographs taken 1942

North American datum
 Maryland coordinate system
 meridian for grid ticks,

compiled by the Geological Survey from
 3. This information not field checked
 in of urban areas

9 1/2°
 169 MILS
 0° 31'
 9 MILS

UTM GRID AND 1973 MAGNETIC NORTH
 DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
 NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF

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Caroline County Jail

101 Gay Street

Denton, MD

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