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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Jasper County Jail, Old

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number State Highway 503 N/A  not for publication

city or town Paulding N/A  vicinity

state Mississippi code MS county Jasper code 061 zip code 39348

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. P. Pool January 21, 1994  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Edson H. Beall Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 3/7/94

Entered in the  
National Register

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

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

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**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)

No Style

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Brick

roof Not extant

other Iron

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
[X] C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1895

Significant Dates

c. 1895

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Pauly Jail Bldg. and Mfg. Co.
St. Louis, MO

Primary location of additional data:

- [X] State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** less than one acre

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	16	307680	3545380
Zone	Easting	Northing	
2			

3			
Zone	Easting	Northing	
4			

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

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organization MS Department of Archives and History date 12-3-93

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city or town Jackson state MS zip code 39205

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Jasper County Board of Supervisors

street & number P. O. Box 1047 telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Bay Springs state MS zip code 39422

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### DESCRIPTION

The village of Paulding is located near the center of Jasper County, a rural county located in the south-central part of Mississippi. Paulding itself is a very small unincorporated community of between 100 and 200 citizens. The courthouse, built in 1972, is the largest building in town and is located where State Highway 503 bends as it passes through the settlement. Located approximately 200 yards south of the courthouse on a dirt road, is the Old Jasper County Jail. Built between 1895 and 1900, the Old Jasper County Jail at Paulding is a one-story, 3 x 2 bay, brick building ornamented with a watertable, segmentally arched door and window openings and a corbelled cornice. The jail, although badly deteriorated, retains a high degree of integrity. The original 16" thick brick walls are still basically intact. Most of the interior plaster has fallen off the walls but the original unmolded window trim and corner blocks remain around most of the windows. The original iron bars remain over the windows but the glazing is missing. Apparently the original exterior door is missing as evidenced by the remaining exterior hinges, but the solid iron interior door is still there. Although the hipped roof is almost gone, the ceiling is still mostly intact. It is constructed of corrugated iron covered with concrete and supported on iron trusses, a method of construction that made the building fireproof.

The building consists of two rooms. The front room has a large free-standing iron strap-work cell at one end. The back room has a larger two-part cell with solid iron panels alternating with open bars. The main area of this cell is entered through a heavy barred door. This was apparently the "maximum security cell." Both this cell and the cell in the front room are free standing structures and do not touch the walls of the building. The ends of the maximum security cell are five to six feet from the windows. This distance between the cells and the windows was probably provided to prevent anyone on the outside from passing anything in to the prisoners. The strapwork cell in the front room is much closer to the windows but the openings into the cell are much smaller, making it more difficult to pass items into the cell.

Located on the key box of the maximum security cell is the notation, "Manufactured by the Pauly Jail Bld'g and Mf'g Co., 2215 DeKalb Street, St. Louis, Mo." This company was also responsible for building the Webster County Jail at Walthall in 1892. The 1907 jail in Macon, Noxubee County was built by the Pauly Jail Company of Memphis.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Jasper County Jail is locally significant under Criterion C in the area of architecture as a rare surviving example in Mississippi of the law-enforcement facilities that were commonly found in county seats throughout Mississippi around the turn-of-the-century. The Old Jasper County Jail, built ca. 1895, is the oldest surviving building in Paulding and one of the oldest in the entire county. Other extant correctional facilities in Mississippi dating from this era include:

Old Carroll County Jail, Carrollton (1890), listed on the National Register 1978 (in historic district)  
Old Adams County Jail, Natchez (1891), listed on the National Register 1979 (in historic district)  
Old Webster County Jail, Walthall (1892)  
Old Tunica County Jail, Tunica (1895)  
Old Pearl River County Jail, Poplarville (1903)  
Old Yalobusha County Jail, Water Valley (1903-10)  
Old Perry County Jail, New Augusta (1904)  
Warren County Jail, Vicksburg (1906)  
Old Noxubee County Jail, Macon (1907), listed on the National Register in 1979

After Jasper County was formed in 1833, Paulding, named for Revolutionary War hero John Paulding, was chosen as county seat. Paulding was located at or near the intersection of two important early roads, Jackson's Military road and the Natchez-to-Fort St. Stevens road. The early years of the community were busy ones, and for many years the town was the center of wealth, culture, religion, education and politics for the area and was referred to as "The Queen City of East Mississippi." St. Michael's, the third Catholic parish after Natchez and Biloxi to be formed in the state, was organized here in 1842-43. The state's oldest daily newspaper, the Clarion Ledger, now published in Jackson, began here as the Eastern Clarion in 1837.

Paulding's decline began in 1886 when the railroad came through the county. The citizens of Paulding did not want the railroad to come to their town and voted against it. As a result the railroad went to Vossburg and with it went business and prosperity. A second blow came almost twenty years later in 1905 when the county was divided into two judicial districts. Paulding remained the seat for the first district

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while the railroad town of Bay Springs near the western edge of the county became the seat for the new second district.

Most of the physical evidence of Paulding's age and importance has been lost. The brick 1838 courthouse was destroyed by fire in 1932, a double tragedy as the old county records were also lost. Then only ten years later the old Catholic church also burned to the ground. The oldest remaining building in Paulding and one of the oldest in the entire county is the old jail. This building was constructed sometime between 1895 and 1900. There is little information about the building as the Board of Supervisors records were destroyed in the 1932 courthouse fire. The date of construction is estimated based on references found in newspaper articles.

This jail is the second such building located on this site. The first, a wooden structure built in the 1840's, was, according to tradition, burned down by a drug-crazed prisoner.

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9. Bibliography

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"Paulding is Still Queen City." Jackson Daily News. Jackson, Mississippi, March 1, 1977, p. 6A.

10. Geographical Data

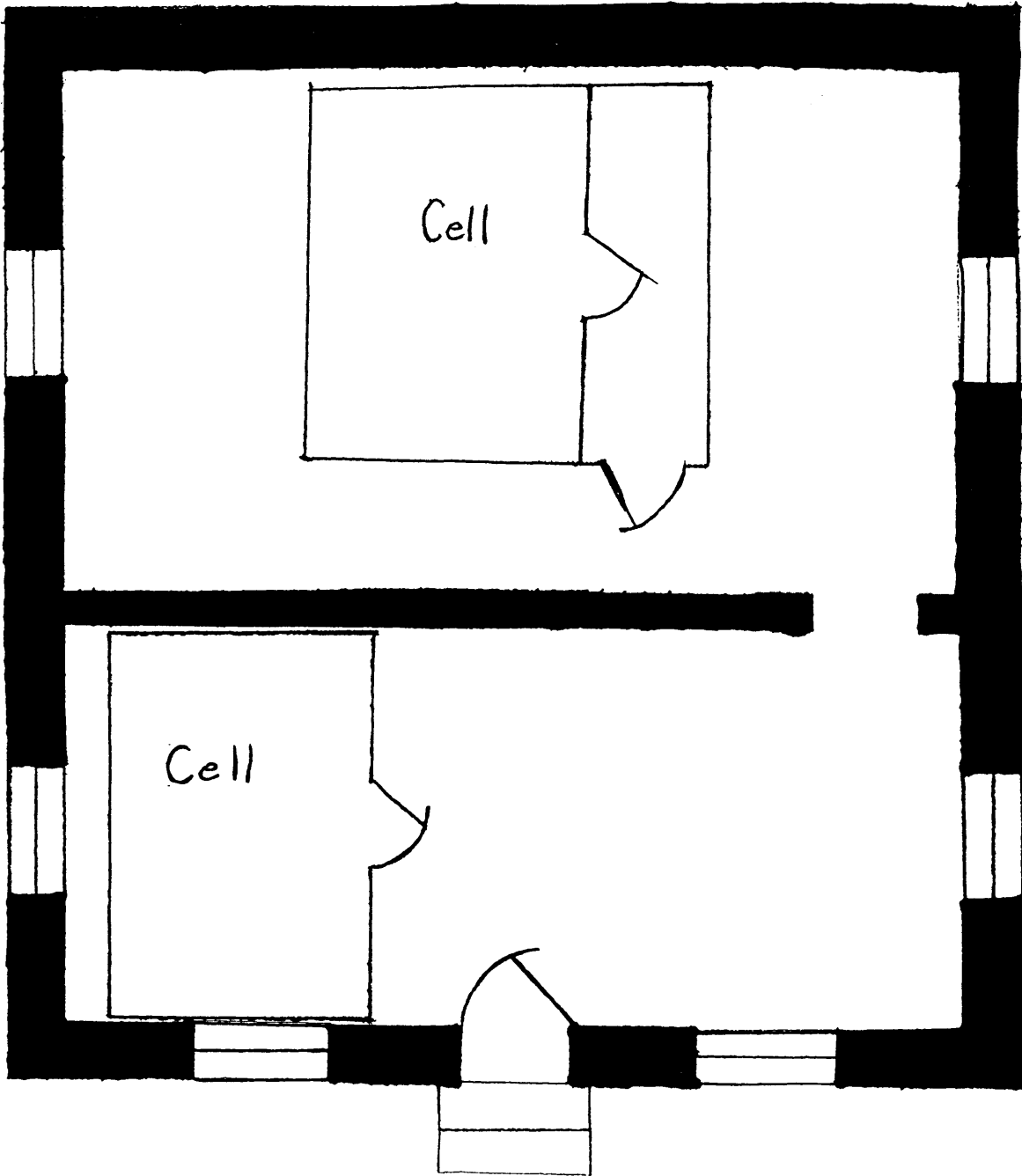
Verbal Boundary Description

That property commonly known as the old Jasper County Jail, together with all and singular improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, located on Mississippi Highway 503, Paulding, Jasper County, Mississippi, and more particularly described as: A parcel of land which old Paulding Jail is located thereon and ten (10) feet in width immediately surrounding said old jail location, being located in the SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 12 East, First Judicial District of Jasper County, Mississippi, in Deed Book 77, at page 88 in the land records of Jasper County, Mississippi.

Verbal Boundary Justification

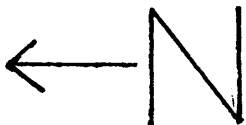
The nominated property includes the entire parcel presently associated with the old Jasper County Jail.

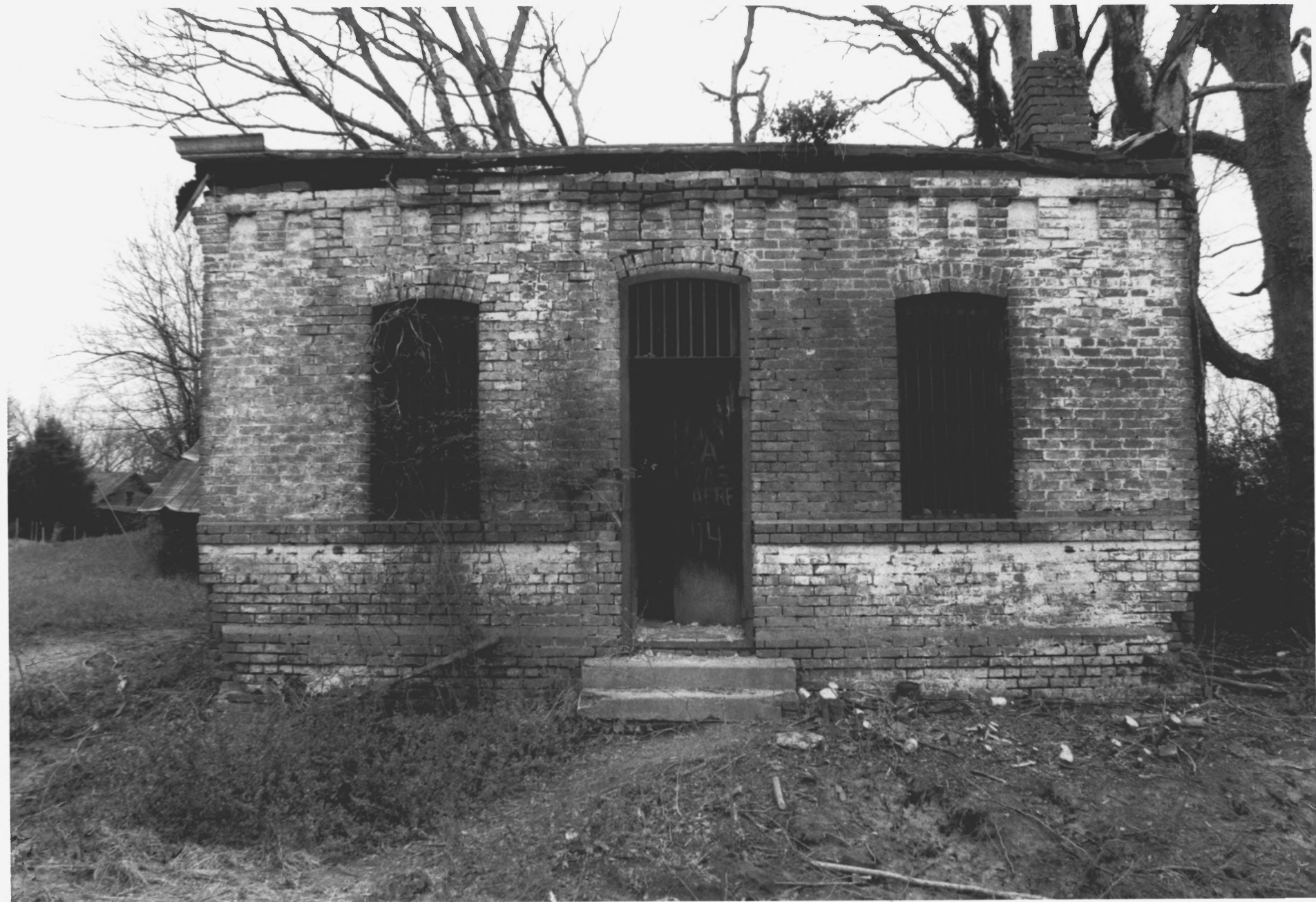




Jasper County Jail, Old  
Paulding, Jasper County, Mississippi

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Jasper County Jail, Old  
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Facade, view to Northeast

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Jasper County Jail, Old  
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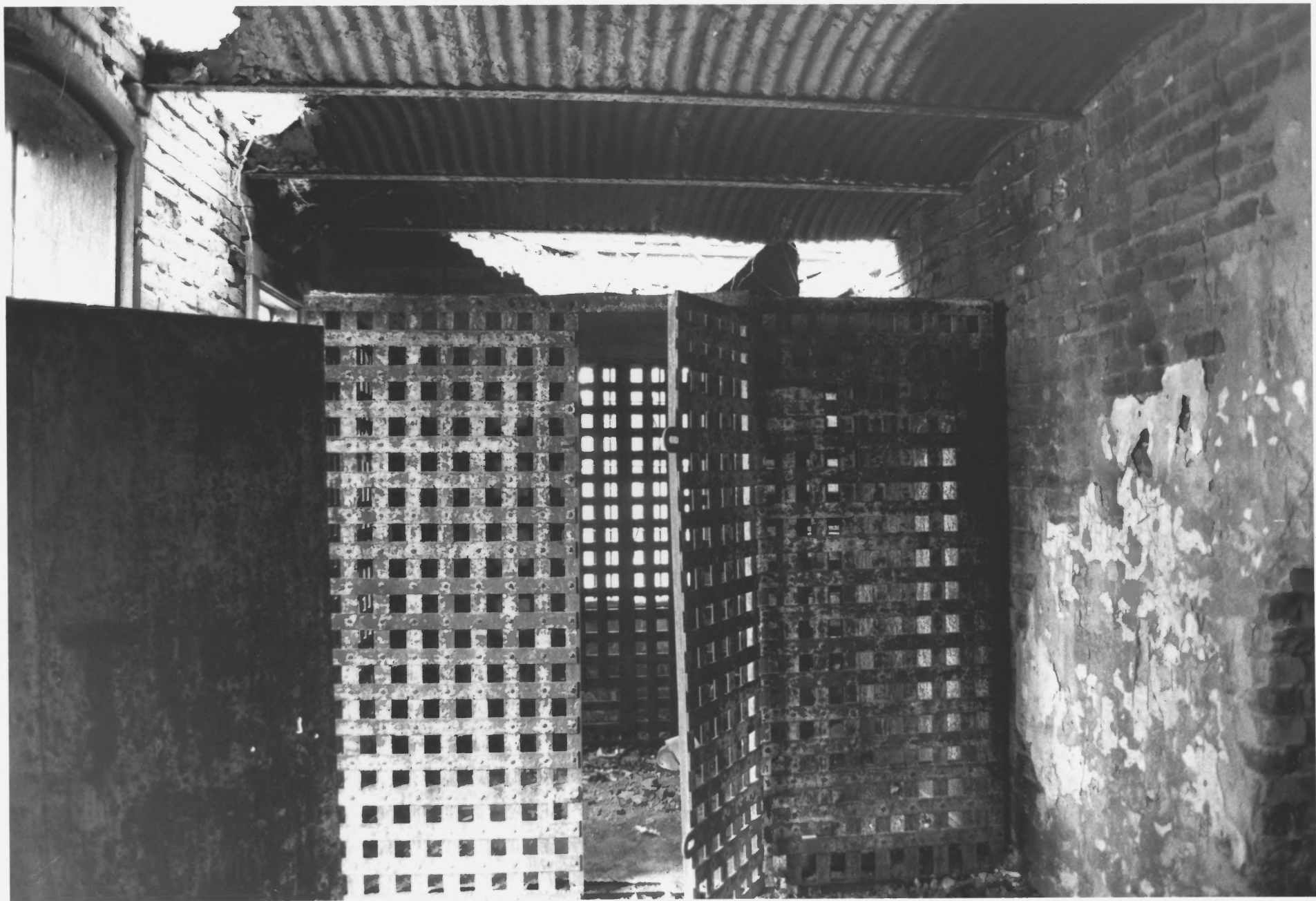
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Northwest elevation, view to southeast

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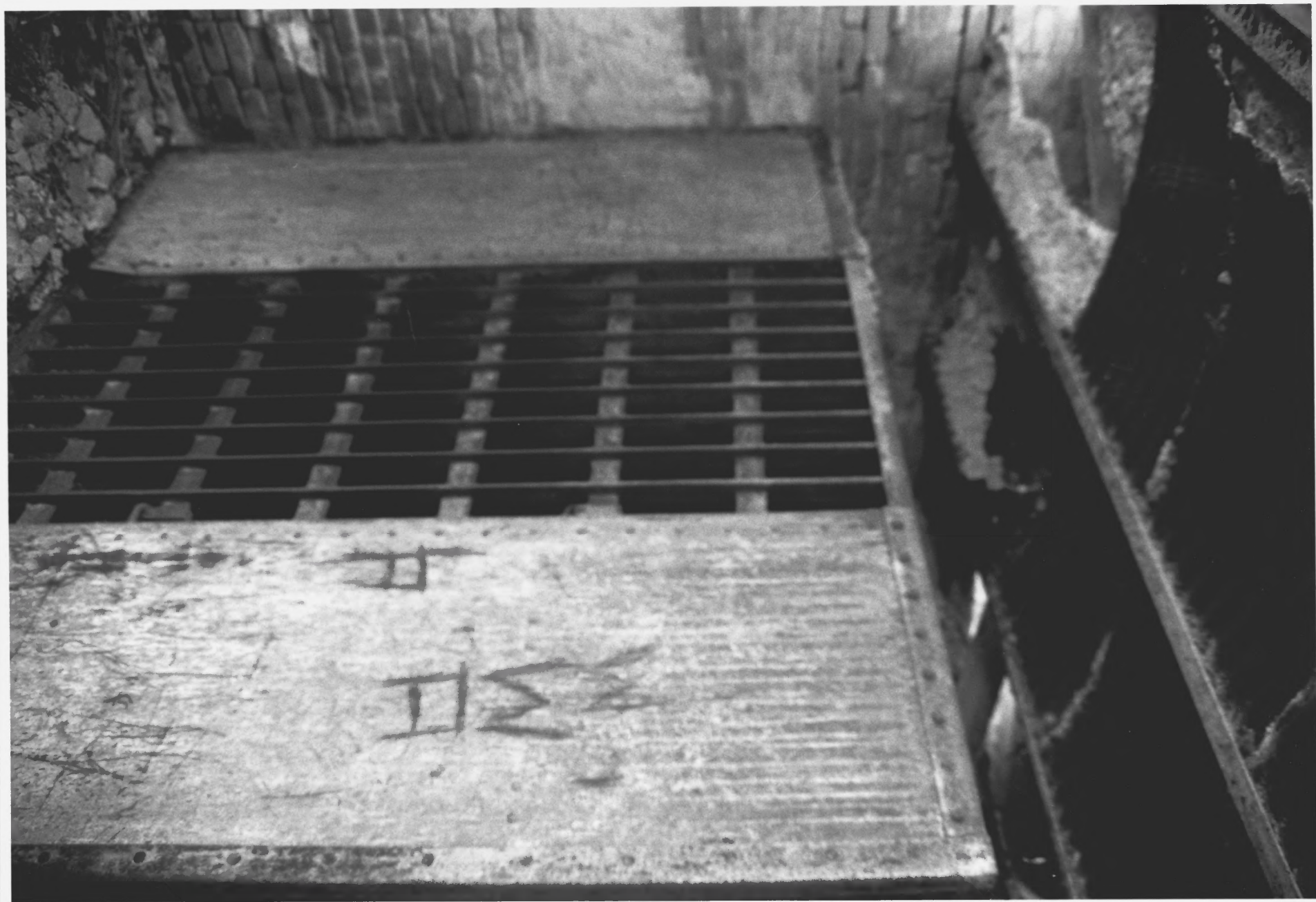
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