

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania
COUNTY: Washington
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Washington County Jail

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Cherry Street.

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
26th

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Washington CODE: 125

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Washington County

STREET AND NUMBER:
County Courthouse- South Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Office of Recorder of Deeds, Washington County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
South Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The jail is a Greek Cross, center plan building. Above the crossing is a low, arcaded, octagonal dome. The building is constructed of stone laid in a deeply rusticated fashion, establishing a highly textural surface. The facade is classical: a 3-bay Greek ionic portico projects from the 5 bay, 3 story, hipped roof facade. The 3rd story is constructed of smooth stone; between the windows are pilasters, above is an unadorned entablature and a pediment with a hollow rondel. All the windows are rectangular, set within architraves. The 3rd story architraves have a subtle shoulder stylization. Windows on other elevations are also rectangular and some have iron grills. On the side elevations of the front and back wings are symmetrically placed tall stone chimneys. The arcaded octagonal dome with octagonal, pyramidal roof dominates the structure. The jail is still in use; it is well maintained and very well preserved.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian; 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1899

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On May 24, 1897, the judges, Hon. J.A. Mellvaine and Hon. J. F. Taylor, approved the presentment of the grand juries and directed the county commissioners to erect a new court house and jail, upon the public square. To build the Court house and jail on the public square, the 2 story brick town hall had to be lifted from its foundation and moved back. This occurred during the years 1897-98 and was considered a marvelous feat. The commissioners chose the plans of the new buildings as prepared by F. J. Osterling, of Pittsburgh, and which had been approved by the judges. The county lot was 240 feet square. One hundred feet on the west side was obtained by condemnation proceedings. Twenty feet along the south side was receded from to widen Cherry alley. The county lot now occupied, as inclosed by walls, is 220 feet front on Main Street and 340 feet in depth.

During the summer of 1898 the brick buildings--court house, jail and sheriff's house--were purchased by William Hockley for \$200. The statue of Ben. George Washington, sculpted by James B. Millard in 1842, was preserved through the patriotism of Charles F. Wallam, and still stands on the corner lot at Locust and Highland.

William Miller & Sons of Pittsburgh were the lowest bidders and therefore selected for the construction of the court house and jail. Their bid was \$397,900. County bonds were issued to help defray all the necessary expenses, which were determined to be \$500,000.

The erection of the jail is practically identified with the erection of the new court house. The tearing down of the old jail commenced early in April, 1898, and the excavation for the new jail was finished July 20, when the foundation was commenced. It was not until June 30, 1899, that the jail was occupied by prisoners.

Shortly after the excavation for the new jail was started the excavation for the new court house was commenced, and was speedily pushed to completion.

"The Washington County jail, erected at the same time as the new court house, is located in the rear of that imposing edifice. It is a fine example of a modern bastille, solid in construction, handsome in appearance and complete with all the up-

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/7 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: James D. Van Trump, Landmarks Planning, Inc.

ORGANIZATION: Washington County Overall Economic Development Program DATE: Summer 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: One South College Street

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

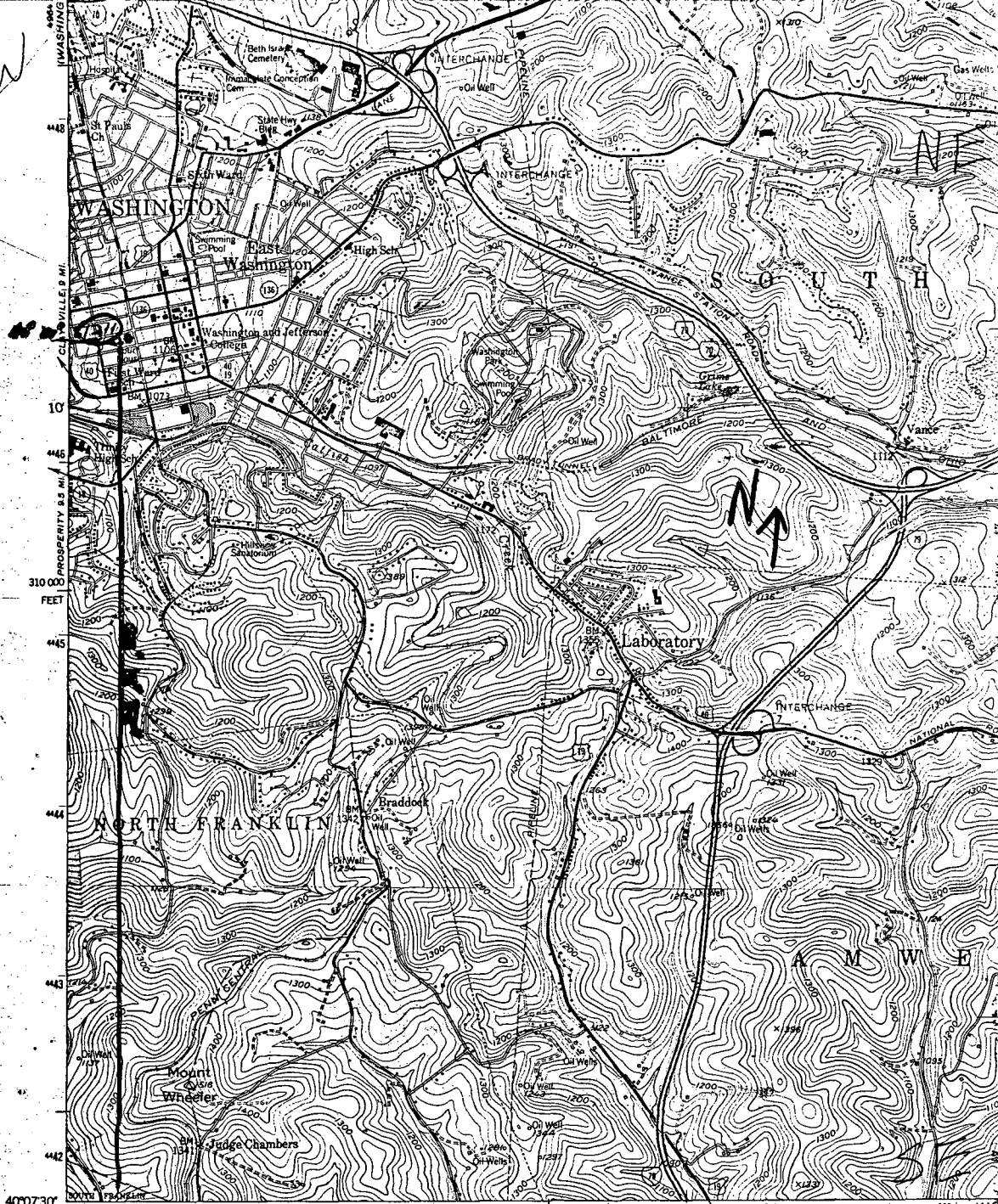
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ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

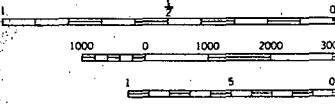
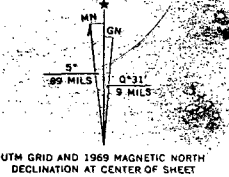
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 Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods
 Aerial photographs taken 1952. Field check 1953
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grid based on Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17,
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 Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
 Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with
 State of Pennsylvania agencies from aerial photographs taken 1969
 This information not field checked



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