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Form 10-300 (Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE:	Kansas
COUNTY:	Allen
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ENTRY DATE	

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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1. NAME	
COMMON:	Allen County Jail
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 204 North Jefferson St.			
CITY OR TOWN: Iola		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: no. 5, Joe Skubitz	
STATE Kansas	CODE 20	COUNTY: Allen	CODE 001

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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 type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" 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: Allen County Historical Society			
STREET AND NUMBER: 204 North Jefferson St.			
CITY OR TOWN: Iola		STATE: Kansas	CODE 20

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Register of Deeds			
STREET AND NUMBER: Allen County Courthouse			
CITY OR TOWN: Iola		STATE: Kansas	CODE 20

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Survey of Historic Sites and Structures in Kansas			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1957 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Kansas State Historical Society			
STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Topeka		STATE: Kansas	CODE 20

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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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Allen County Jail is a two-story limestone block building, solidly constructed with walls two feet thick. The front of this rectangular rubble-stone structure has two barred windows on the second floor and one double door in the center front at ground level.

Steel cages were installed on the lower floor which was underlaid with rock. The second floor was intended as jailer's quarters, but in the last years of operation, most prisoners were confined there rather than the lower floor.

This building now serves the Allen County Historical Society as a museum.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1869

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Citizens of Allen county voted a \$10,000 bond in August, 1868, to build a jail. It was completed by October, 1869, by White and Hays, contractors, for a price of \$8,400. Allen county had long needed a jail but quarreling factions from different parts of the county couldn't agree which town should have it.

The jail is claimed to be the first building in Allen county erected with county funds, and in 1869 it was said to be the finest jail in southeast Kansas. Apparently it was not very escape-proof. Local papers over the years report a sizable number of inmates escaping, usually by cutting a hole in the roof or by removing a bar or two from a window.

During the 1870's two neighboring counties also used the facilities of the Allen county jail.

In April, 1957, contracts were let for a new Allen county courthouse which would have a modern jail. The new structure was dedicated January, 1959. Many people of Iola and Allen county wanted to preserve the old jail so a bill was introduced in the 1957 session of the state legislature authorizing the county commissioners to transfer the title to the Allen County Historical Society. After passage of the bill the transfer was made the the building is now a museum.

The building has significance for its long usage as a jail, almost 90 years, and it was the first building erected with county funds in Allen county.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Duncan, L. Wallace, and Charles F. Scott, editors, History of Allen and Woodson Counties, Kansas (Iola, Kansas, Iola Register, 1901), p. 26.
History of the State of Kansas (Chicago, A. T. Andreas, 1883), v. 1, p. 671.
 Iola Register, January 12, 1959.
 Lynn, Emerson, "Historic Jail to Close," Kansas City Star, March 20, 1957.
State of Kansas Session Laws, 1957 (Topeka, State Printer, June 29, 1957), pp. 371, 372.

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		
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SW	0	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Richard D. Pankratz, Planner

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: 9/4/70

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West 10th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka STATE: Kansas CODE: 20

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 Nyle H. Miller

Title _____

Date Sent to NR: 10/12/70

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

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

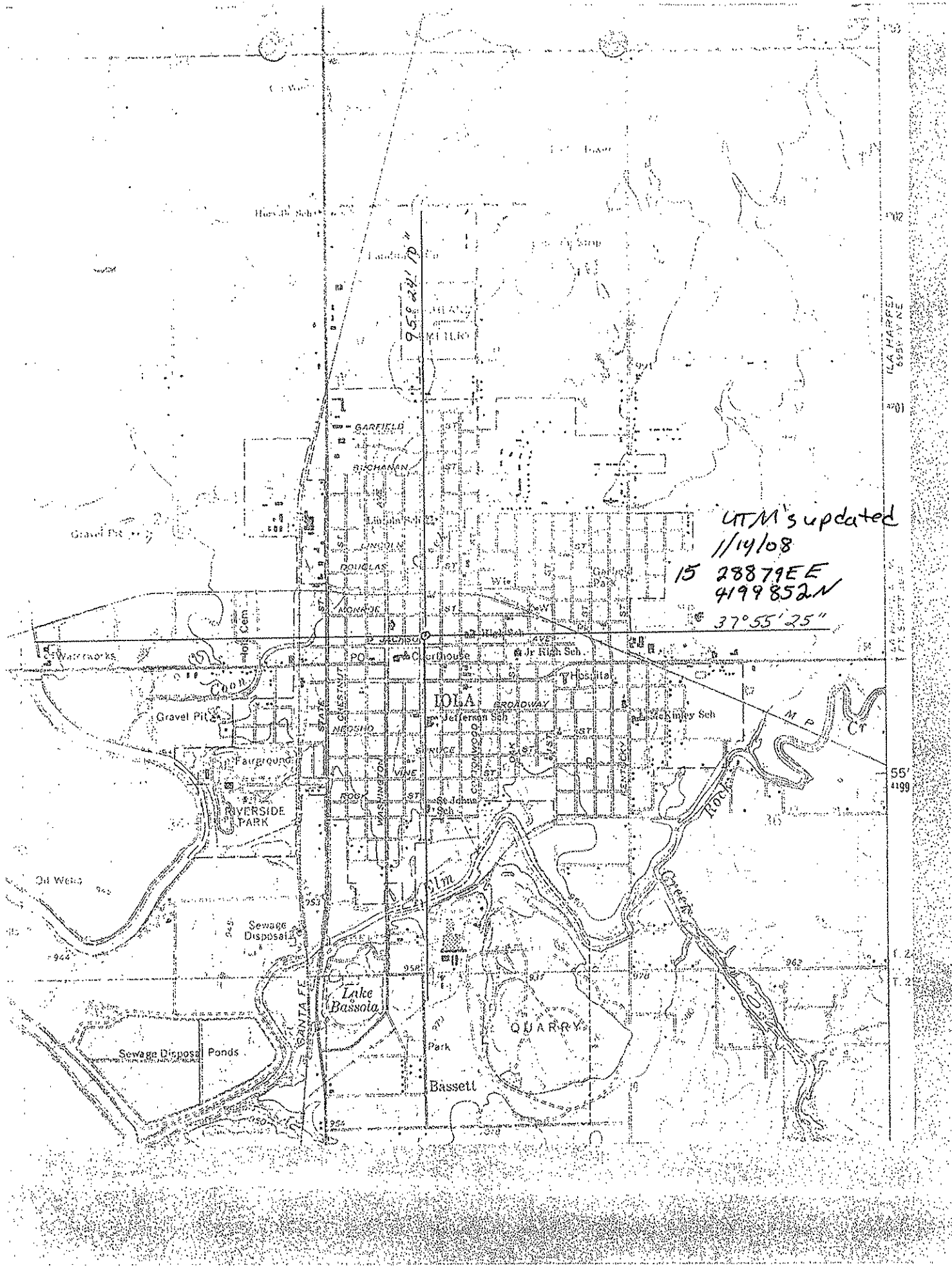
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ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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