

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
COUNTY: CLATSOP

HIST. NAME: Clatsop County Jail
COMMON NAME: County Jail
ADDRESS: 732 Duane
CITY: Astoria, 97103
OWNER: Clatsop County

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1914
ORIGINAL USE: jail
PRESENT USE: office, storage
ARCHITECT:
BUILDER: Palmberg & Mattson
THEME: government
STYLE: American Renaissance

T/R/S: T8N/R9W/S8
MAP NO.: 80908 CB TAX LOT: 7100
ADDITION: McClure's Astoria
BLOCK: 28 LOT: 8 QUAD: Astoria

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PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: rectangular
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: reinf conc
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: flat/built-up
WALL CONSTRUCTION: reinf concrete
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: 6/6 double hung in wood frame secured by steel bars
NO. OF STORIES: two
BASEMENT: none
STRUCTURAL FRAME: reinf conc
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: finished concrete
DECORATIVE FEATURES: cornice with pediment and dentils
OTHER: pilasters with decorative capitals and base

CLASSIFICATION: primary
STRUCTURAL STATUS: GOOD xFAIR POOR MOVED (DATE)
HISTORICAL INTEGRITY: intact
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: none

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: none
ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: Clatsop County Courthouse, 794 Commercial
KNOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES: none

SETTING: NE Corner, 7th & Duane; free standing; parking to east

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: The county court awarded a contract to Palmberg & Mattson for erecting the county jail on May 20, 1913. Their bid was \$8,825. The contract for steel work was awarded to the Stewart Iron Works of Cincinnati, Ohio, the price being \$5,200. The jail opened in 1914 and was in use until 1976, one of the longest continuously operated jails in the United States. This building was entered in the National Register of Historic Places on May 19, 1983.

SOURCES: Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Astoria Daily Budget, May 21, 1913; CUMTUX, Vol. 10, No. 2

NEGATIVE NO: R7 N2

RECORDED BY: NCLC
DATE: 12/12/89
6/18/90

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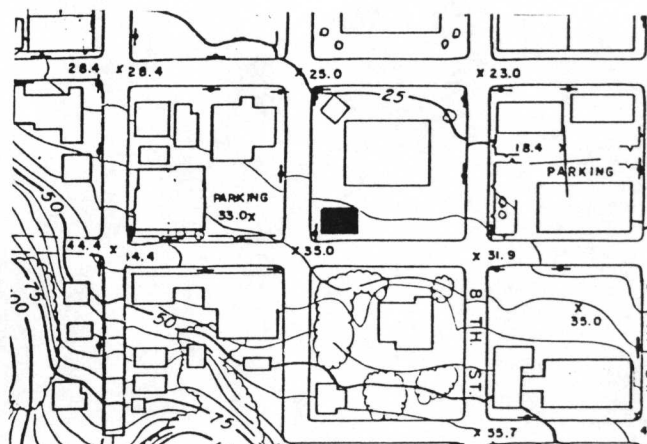
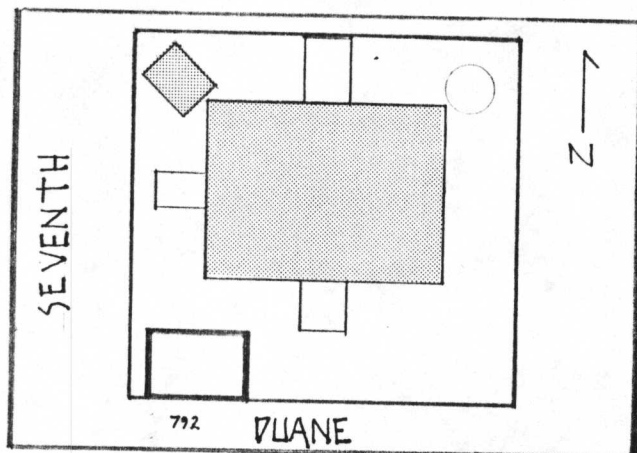
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TOPOG. DATE: 1967

GRAPHIC & PHOTO SOURCES: N.C.L.C.; CITY OF ASTORIA, ENGINEERING DEPT.
S.H.P.O. INVENTORY NO.:

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: stone

BASEMENT (Y/N): y

ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: flat

WALL CONSTRUCTION: stucco over brick

STRUCTURAL FRAME:

PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: 1/1 double-hung with metal bars

EXT SURFACING MATERIALS: stucco

DECORATIVE FEATURES: heavy cornice with dentils and pediment

OTHER:

CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD x FAIR DETERIORATED MOVED (DATE)

EXT ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATED): None

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Small grass strip to South and West

ASSOC STRUCTURES: None

KNOWN ARCHEOLOGICAL FEATURES OF SITE:

IMMEDIATE SETTING: On Southwest corner of county block; paved parking up to walls on East and North sides

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (HISTORICAL AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE, DATES, EVENTS, PERSONS, CONTEXTS): A wooden jail structure in a castellated style with 2 turrets facing East; existed on this corner from 1908-1914 when the present concrete building in a less romantic classical mode was completed. A plaque mounted on the East wall reads; "Clatsop county jail; served as such 1914-1976. One of the longest continuously operated in the Western U.S.", which was precisely why controversy increased and the new brutalist structure was built one block West on a quiet residential street. On NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES; Listed; May 1983

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SOURCES: Astoria Household Directory / Photo #5002006; Compleat Photographer, Astoria / Stephen Beckham S.H.P.O. Inventory 1976

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RECORDED BY: G. Papers-Historic Dimensions
DATE: 15 March 1985

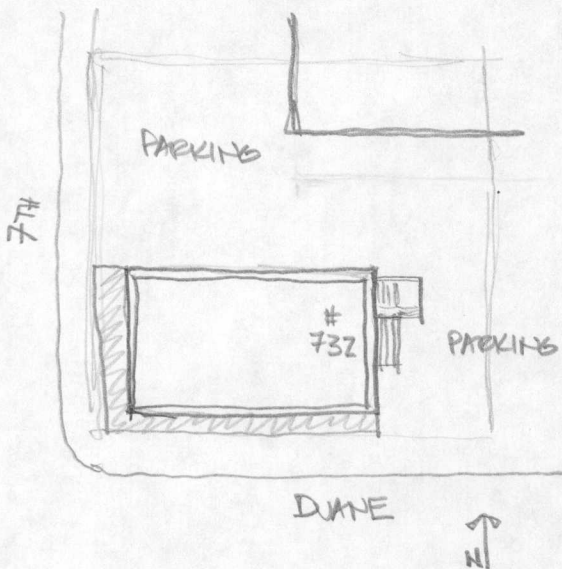
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State Historic Preservation Office,
Oregon State Parks, Salem, 97310



Physical

County Clatsop

Theme 8-C

Name
(Common) Clatsop County Jail

(Historic) (same)

Address 7th & Duane Streets
Astoria, Ore.

Present Owner Clatsop County

(Address) Astoria, Ore.

Original Use Jail

Date of Construction _____

historical significance:

The Clatsop County Jail is a two story, brick building covered with stucco located on the southwest corner of the block which houses the Clatsop County Courthouse. The building, which has a nearly flat roof, has six-over-six double hung sash windows which are barred. The front elevation (which faces east) has three bays on each floor. The center bay on the front elevation is the main entrance to the jail. The building is in a Colonial Revival style.

This building has been the center of significant controversy in the years 1974-76 because of its inadequate facilities for housing and caring for prisoners.

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Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 11 May 1976 Sources Consulted:

Oregon State Historic Preservation Office

Birney, Bruce. Interview with Stephen Dow Beckham, Astoria, Ore., 8 May 1976.

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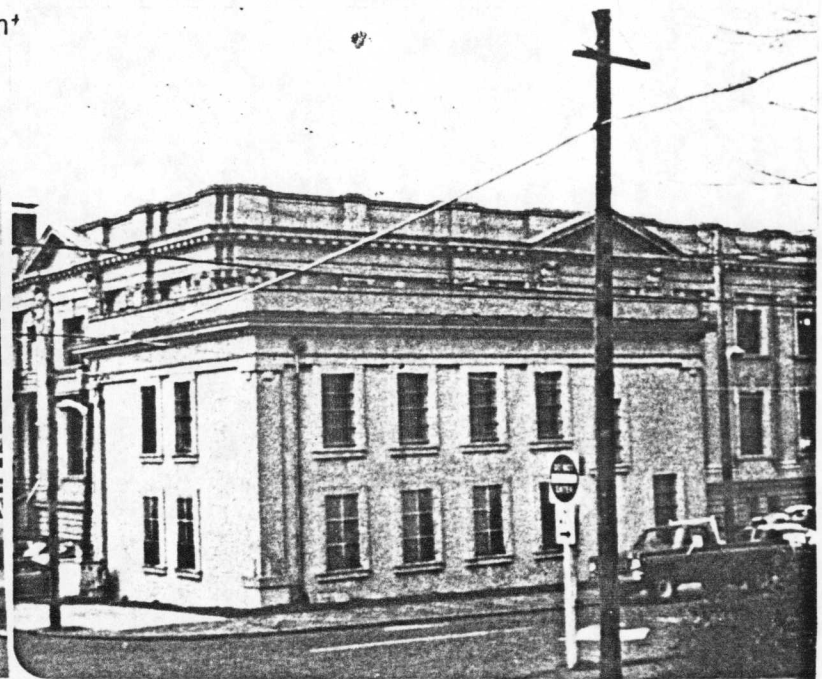
Address Additional pictures to stress
the importance of the old jail

Present Owner in relation to the court-

Address house, museum and new justice

Original Use center.

Date of Construction _____



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Recorded by P. Benson Date April, 1979

Sources consulted (continue on back if necessary):

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