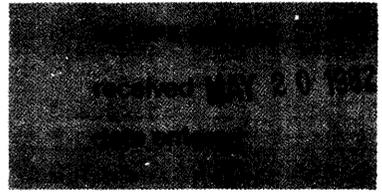


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic Bronwood Calaboose

and/or common

2. Location

BA. 118

street & number First Street (State Highway 118) Between Johnson and Thornton Streets N/A not for publication

city, town Bronwood N/A vicinity of congressional district
state Georgia code 013 county Terrell code 273

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Storage

4. Owner of Property

name City of Bronwood/Jack Findley, Mayor

street & number N/A

city, town Bronwood N/A vicinity of state Georgia 31726

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Terrell County Courthouse

city, town Dawson state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date N/A federal state county local

depository for survey records None

city, town state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Bronwood Calaboose is a small turn-of-the-century wooden jail. The building is rectangular in plan (16' x 9'), one story high, and gable roofed. It is built with a heavy sawn timber frame sheathed in weatherboard and resting on soft brick piers. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. Two exterior doors, of thick planks nailed together with cut and crimped nails, lead into two identical rooms or cells. Each cell is sheathed in rough plank. Each cell also has one small barred window, located in the gable ends of the building; the one on the southeast end also has a lattice covering of strap iron. Adjacent to the jail is a small non-historic storage shed. To the northeast are a municipal water tank, pumping station, and remains of a concrete cistern. The grounds around the jail consist of fields and large trees. To the south are residences; to the southwest is downtown Bronwood.

BOUNDARY

The Bronwood Calaboose stands on property owned by the city which also included the historically unrelated waterworks facilities. In the absence of appropriate current legal boundaries or intact historic boundaries, a boundary of convenience has been drawn around the jail. This boundary extends five feet beyond the rear and sides of the jail and 25 feet beyond its front, forming a rectangle approximately 26' by 39' in size.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The Historic Preservation Section has determined that the photographs taken in February, 1981 still represent the character and appearance of the building. No significant changes have been made since that date.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input checked="" 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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Ca. 1900	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Bronwood Calaboose is historically significant in the areas of architecture and law. These areas of significance support property eligibility under National Register criteria A and C.

Architecturally, the Calaboose is significant as a rare and intact example of a turn-of-the-century wooden municipal jail. It stands in contrast to the larger brick county jails, the most common type of historical jail in the state, and it represents a modest but important type of public building once found in many small Georgia towns.

In terms of law, the Calaboose is historically significant as the only remaining evidence of historic municipal law enforcement in Bronwood, and it represents a type of local law enforcement institution now largely superseded by county government in rural areas of the state. The Calaboose was used from its construction sometime about 1900 until 1954 as a holding jail, a place where the local marshall could house prisoners overnight until transportation to the county jail could be arranged. Although Bronwood continues to employ a marshall, modern law enforcement provides for immediate incarceration at the county prison in Dawson.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Dawson News. January 17, 1912, page 6, column 3.

Massey, Ed. Jr., Personal Interview.

Stone, Rosalie E. "Past History of Bronwood", Governor's Project Competition Scrapbook, 1980.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property Approximately 1000 square feet

Quadrangle name Bronwood, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A	<u>1</u> <u>6</u>	<u>7</u> <u>4</u> <u>9</u> <u>5</u> <u>9</u> <u>5</u>	<u>3</u> <u>5</u> <u>2</u> <u>4</u> <u>6</u> <u>4</u> <u>0</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary is described and justified in Section 7.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	A) Erick Montgomery, Historic Preservation Planner		
	B) Carolyn Brooks, National Register Researcher		
organization	A) Southwest Georgia APDC		date
	B) Historic Preservation Section, GA		February 25, 1982
street & number	A) P.O. Box 346		DNR
	B) 270 Washington Street SW		telephone
city or town	A) Camilla		A) 912 336-5616
	B) Atlanta		B) 404 656 2840
	state <u>Georgia</u>		

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Elizabeth A. Lyon
Elizabeth A. Lyon

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 4/30/82

For NPS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>William H. Graham</u>	date <u>6.22.82</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	