

ADDENDUM TO:  
POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY JAIL  
226 Pearl Street  
Council Bluffs  
Pottawattamie County  
Iowa

HABS IA-88  
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FIELD RECORDS

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20243

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| STATE<br>IOWA  | COUNTY<br>POTTAWATTAMIE                                     | TOWN OR VICINITY<br>COUNCIL BLUFFS |
| HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)<br>POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY JAIL  |   | HABS NO.<br>IA-88                  |
| SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE   |   |                                    |
| COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)<br>226 Pearl St., North of county courthouse.   |   |                                    |
| DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)<br>Built 1885.   | ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)<br>Eckel and Mann, architects |                                    |
| SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)<br>The jail was built at the same time and designed by the same architects that built the nearby county courthouse. The original cell equipment is still intact.          |   |                                    |
| STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)   |   |                                    |
| MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)<br>Constructed of brick with limestone trim.   |   |                                    |
| SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)<br>The two-and-a-half story jail is irregular in plan. The roofscape is composed of gable and hipped roofs; a large cross-gable caps the projecting pavillion. |   |                                    |
| EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE<br>Exterior features include wall dormers and bracketed and corbeled cornices in High Victorian Gothic detail. An octagonal rear section with hipped roof and cupola contains the circular jail cells.                         |   |                                    |
| INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)<br>Three circular tiers of jail cells which rotate within a steel cage exists in the octagonal rear section.   |   |                                    |
| MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES   |   |                                    |
| PRESENT CONDITION AND USE<br>Unknown   |   |                                    |
| OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE<br>The rotary cell design was patented by W. H. Brown and were supplied by Haugh, Ketcham Co. of Indianapolis   |   |                                    |
| SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)<br>Shank, Wesley I., <u>The Iowa Catalog: Historic American Buildings Survey</u> , University of Iowa Press, Iowa City, 1979.                                       |   |                                    |
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