

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Old St. Helena Parish Jail is located adjacent to the courthouse square in the center of Greensburg. It is a simple two story brick structure whose main space cuts through the square plan at a 45 degree angle. This leaves two small triangular spaces on each story. One of these contains a relatively new triangular staircase. On the cement floor is evidence of the location of cells. The bars on the windows are still extant.

Specific dates c. 1855
Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)
Criterion C

The Old St. Helena Parish Jail is significant in the area of architecture as a good example of a mid-nineteenth century jail building. It is probably one of less than five extant examples in Louisiana, as well as one of the oldest structures in St. Helena Parish.

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