(A reprint of a 1916 report on the Bridgehampton Jail)

Town Lockup – Bridgehampton  
Suffolk County

Inspected October 6, 1916. Charles Redfield, supervisor; P.O. West Hampton; Charles Humblet, resident justice; Carl Mulligna, (sp) chief of police.

The population of the village of Bridgehampton is about 1,200.

This lockup belongs to the town of Southampton but it is used principally by the village of Bridgehampton. It consists of a one-story concrete building, 10 ft. by 12 ft., supposed to be fireproof. It has a concrete floor and roof; is heated by a coal stove; and has two outside windows, each 18 in. x 30 in. It is without water and electric lights, although the village has both. The village has no sewers and the owner of the land on which the lockup stands will not consent to a cesspool upon the premises, so that a toilet is not feasible, but there should be not only an electric light in the lockup but also one on the outside, as it is situated in a lonely place and it is unreasonable to expect an officer to take a criminal to this lockup in the dark, unlock the door, and at the same time retain the custody of his prisoner.

The number of arrests averages about twenty-five a year, most of whom are held over night. No lodgers are cared for.

Recommendations

1. Install an electric light in the lockup and one near the entrance door on the outside.
2. Install water in the lockup.
3. Repair the present stove of replace it with a new one.
4. The roof leaks and makes the lockup very damp. This should be remedied.

Respectfully submitted,

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