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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Spring Ridge Baptist Church

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number Sherwood Road, near intersection of LA Hwys 559 & 124  not for publication

city or town Enterprise  vicinity

state Louisiana code LA county Catahoula code 025 zip code 71425

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jon. Fricker August 31, 1993  
Signature of certifying official/Title Jonathan Fricker, Date  
Deputy SHPO, Dept of Culture, Recreation and Tourism  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain.) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Alma Beyen

**Entered in the  
National Register**

Date of Action

10/7/93

Spring Ridge Baptist Church  
Name of Property

Catahoula Parish, LA  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/religious facility

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**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/religious facility

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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

no style

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**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls weatherboards

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roof metal

other \_\_\_\_\_

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**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Spring Ridge Baptist Church, Enterprise vicinity, Catahoula Parish, LA

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The Spring Ridge Baptist Church (1892) is a single story plain frame building located in a clearing in the rolling wooded countryside of northwestern Catahoula Parish. Situated between the small hamlets of Enterprise and Aimwell, the church is accessible by a network of mainly gravel roads. Alterations have been relatively minimal.

The church has a simple gabled roof form, three bays deep. The only exterior decoration is its gable end returns, one of which is missing. Windows are four over four. Two doors pierce the front, while there is one central door at the rear. The frames are original, but the doors are c.1930 replacements. The round head stained glass window between the two front doors is a 1950s replacement of a square head window. The stark interior is sheathed in flush boards. The pulpit, located on a raised platform, is built of the same type of boards. Oddly enough, the pulpit is located at the front of the church.

Changes beside those mentioned above are concrete steps with wrought iron railings and tapered concrete piers instead of the original stone supports.

Assessment of Integrity:

All in all, the above mentioned changes have had a relatively minimal impact on the historic appearance of the church. It still easily conveys its character as a stark frame church in a remote setting, a once common character-defining component of the North Louisiana landscape.

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):** N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

architecture

**Period of Significance**

1892

**Significant Dates**

1892

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

unknown

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Spring Ridge Baptist Church  
Name of Property

Catahoula Parish, LA  
County and State

### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 2.3 acres

#### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone

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Zone

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See continuation sheet

#### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Please refer to property plat map.

#### Boundary Justification

Boundaries follow property lines of the parcel of land upon which the  
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.) nominated resource is located.

### 11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff

organization Division of Historic Preservation date July 1993

street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone (504) 342-8160

city or town Baton Rouge state Louisiana zip code 70804

#### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### Continuation Sheets

#### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

#### Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

#### Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Spring Ridge Baptist Church Board of Directors, c/o Glen McGuffee

street & number HC 76, Box 100 telephone (318) 992-2347

city or town Aimwell state Louisiana zip code 71401

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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The Spring Ridge Baptist Church is locally significant in the area of architecture because it is a rare surviving example of an important North Louisiana building type.

The building is a well-preserved example of an austere country frame church. As such, it represents a local North Louisiana unpretentious building tradition associated with the Upland South settlement patterns of the region. From an architectural standpoint, churches of this type should be regarded as remote descendants of provincial Greek Revival temple form churches. Generally associated with the Methodist and Baptist sects, they represent an archetype which is a vital part of the Upland South building tradition.

But it is a building type which is rapidly disappearing. Because these churches are in remote locations, many are no longer actively used and hence face an uncertain future. Also, some have been "modernized" with brick veneer or asbestos siding. Although there is no specific survey to indicate how many churches of this type there once were across northern Louisiana, it is reasonable to assume that they were once common, given the settlement patterns of the region. They were the rural North Louisiana church type. But today, for example, Catahoula Parish has only one other example, and it has serious integrity problems. There are most likely less than a dozen remaining examples in the eastern half of northern Louisiana where Spring Ridge is located. (This figure is based on comprehensive surveys of some parishes, windshield surveys of some, and general State Historic Preservation Office staff knowledge.)

### Historical Note:

Spring Ridge Baptist Church was organized in 1873 about a half mile from the present site. Interviews conducted with older members about twenty years ago indicated that the present church was built in 1892. Because this date is believable given the architectural evidence, it is being used in this submission. The building has not been used on a regular basis for forty or so years, but homecoming services are held annually.

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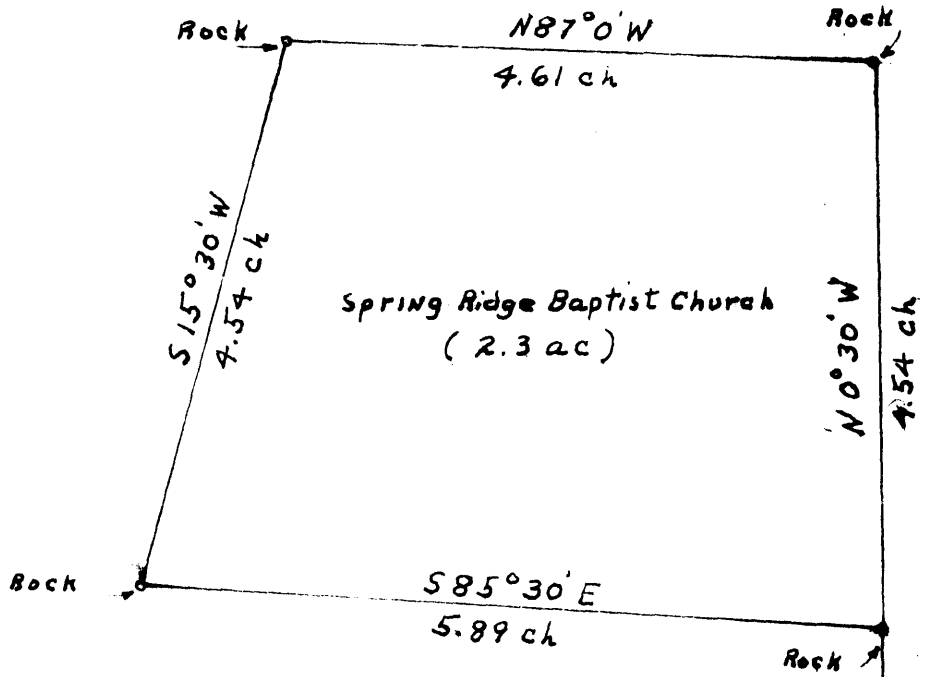
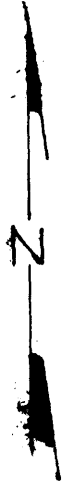
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**Bibliography**

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Preservation.

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 Sec 21, T10N, R5E  
 Catahoula Parish, Louisiana

SW 1/4 SE 1/4

East  
9.76 ch.

Plat prepared from deed  
 recorded in Conv. Book 65,  
 page 87, on the 16th,  
 day of Aug., 1954, #68094.

State of Louisiana  
 Parish of Catahoula

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the  
 page original instrument filed in this office at  
 9:00 A.M. 3-25 19 93

Registry No. A-178-B and recorded in  
 Book No. A Page No. 172 and  
 Book No. Page No.

Given under my hand and seal this  
 25 day of March 19 93  
 Clerk & Ex-Officio Recorder

Scale: 1"=100'  
 Date: 2-8-93

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