

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 St. Mary's Episcopal Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 805 1st Street _____ not for publication

city, town Franklin _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 3rd-Billy Tauzin

state La code 22 county St. Mary Parish code 101

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Congregation, St. Mary's Episcopal Church

street & number 805 1st St.

city, town Franklin _____ vicinity of _____ state La 70538

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town Franklin _____ state La 70538

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title La. Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1980 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records La. State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge _____ state La

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

St. Mary's Episcopal Church is located in the old residential area of Franklin. Constructed of board and batten, the basilica plan church has a small pitch roof tower. There is a curving lancet panel fronted gallery in the nave. The flat nave ceiling is supported on curving brackets and has exposed chamfered joists. The lancet windows have milk white glass in diamond leaded panes. Colored glass is sparingly used. The trim is worthy of note. The board and batten siding is ornamented with lancet panels around the pointed arch front door and at the front corners. The eaves are trimmed with scroll saw ornamentation.

To the rear is a small one story wing which is virtually invisible from the front given the narrow lot and adjacent houses.

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 type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1872 **Builder/Architect**

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

St. Mary's Episcopal Church is significant in the area of architecture as a fine example of a mid-nineteenth century Gothic Revival church. Although this was a style for church architecture which flourished in the eastern states, St. Mary's is one of only about 12 extant good examples in Louisiana.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church was organized in 1846 and accepted into the diocese in 1847. It was during that same year that the foundation was laid for the first brick church ever to be constructed in the town. The building was consecrated in 1856 by Bishop Leonidas Polk, later known as the "Fighting Bishop of Louisiana" for his daring service as a Confederate general. In 1870 the church was left in ruins during one of the most devastating fires in Franklin's history. The present structure was begun in 1871 and completed in 1872 at a cost of \$7,000.

9. Major Bibliographical References

History of St. Mary's Episcopal Church as Compiled From Church Records, Located in St. Mary's Episcopal Church National Register File, State Historic Preservation Office, Baton Rouge.

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. .25 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UMT References

A

1	5	6	4	0	7	5	0	3	2	9	6	6	5	0
Zone		Easting					Northing							

B

Zone		Easting					Northing						

C

Zone		Easting					Northing						

D

Zone		Easting					Northing						

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Zone		Easting					Northing						

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Zone		Easting					Northing						

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Zone		Easting					Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

See sketch map

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Gertrude E. Dinkins

organization

date

June 1980

street & number

Charenton Road

telephone

city or town

RFD Baldwin

state

La. 70514

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Gertrude E. Dinkins

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 9/22/80

per 11/21/80 JG

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Peth Grosvenor

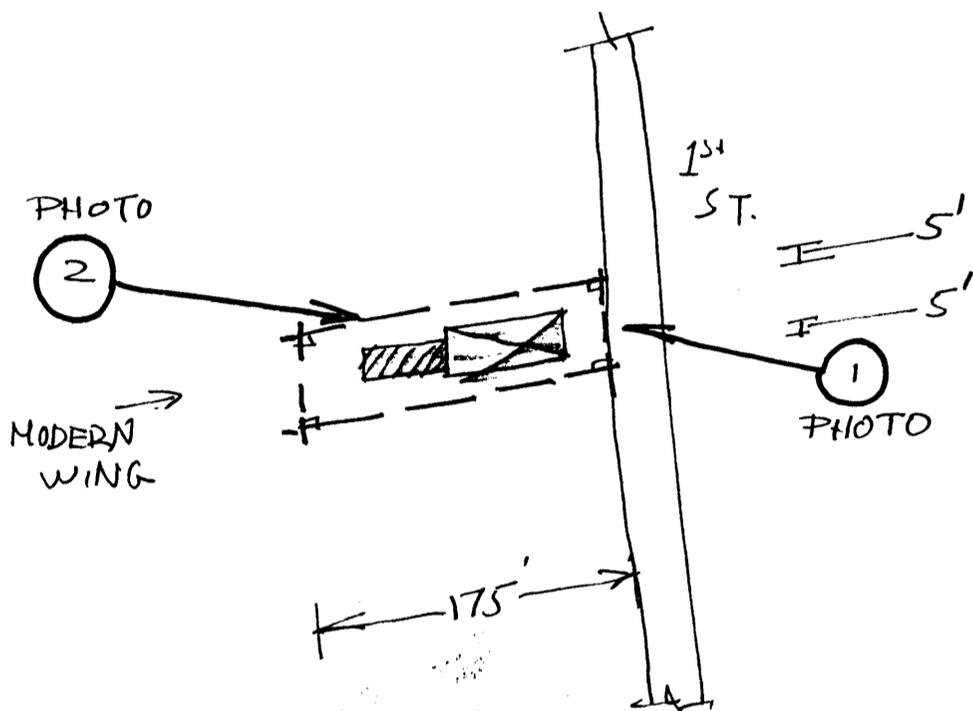
date 11/21/80

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



BOUNDARIES PARALLEL
FACADES OF
CHURCH

APPROX .25 ACRE

