

**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 Trinity Episcopal Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number across from Cheneyville on Bayou Rapides not for publication

city, town Cheneyville *mic.* vicinity of congressional district 8th-Gillis Long

state La code 22 county Rapides Parish code 079

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 of Trinity Episcopal Church

street & number c/o Mrs. Dorothy Branch, Box 405

city, town Cheneyville vicinity of state La

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Rapides Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town Alexandria state La

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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Trinity Episcopal Church enjoys a semirural setting on the east bank of Bayou Boeuf across from the small town of Cheneyville. Two large cedar trees obscure the square front tower. The church is a five bay basilica constructed of brick with a slave gallery. Noteworthy details include hood molded stained glass, lancet windows, wood mullions which resemble tracery, buttresses and crenelations. The present exterior stucco dates from the twentieth century. Originally the building was brick but it is now stuccoed. The cypress, fauxbois, Gothic pews are original to the building as are the paneled doors.

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	1860	Builder/Architect	William Henry Chase-architect O. W. Bislies-contractor
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

Trinity Episcopal Church is significant in the area of architecture as one of approximately 12 extant examples of mid-nineteenth century Gothic Revival church architecture in Louisiana. Although the present stucco is not original, it has in no way obscured the building's architectural features. In any case, if the building was not stuccoed when it was built, it would have to have been stuccoed soon after because the brick is soft and vulnerable to deterioration. It is still a handsome Gothic style church and certainly the only mid-nineteenth century Gothic style church in Rapides Parish. It is therefore a landmark in the parish's architectural history.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Herman C. Duncan, The Diocese of Louisiana: Some of Its History, 1838-1888 (New Orleans: A. W. Hyatt, 1888).

Trinity Episcopal Church Records

Paper on Trinity Episcopal Church Researched and Written by Adair Ewin Faust, Located in ~~National Register File on Trinity Episcopal Church, State Historic Preservation Office,~~

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property approx. 2 acres

Quadrangle name _____

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See sketch map

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mrs. Dorothy Branch

organization Restoration Chairman, Trinity Episcopal Church date April 1980

street & number P. O. Box 405 telephone _____

city or town Cheneyville state La 71325

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 *J. Donald Lewis*

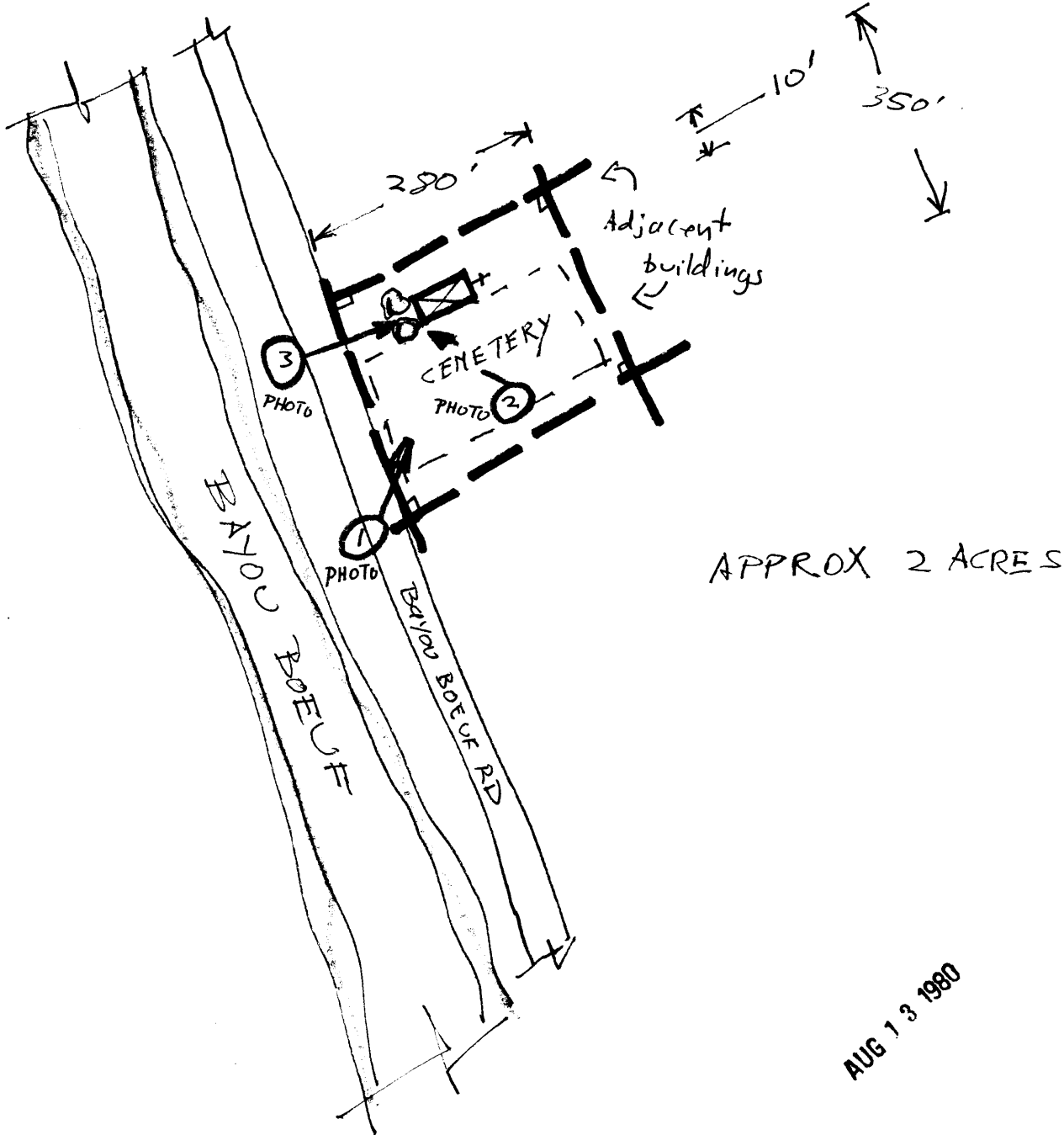
title State Historic Preservation Officer date 5/23/80

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

for *W. Ray Lewis* date *10/16/80*
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *Lyle Gust McCloud* date *10/16/80*
Chief Registration



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