

**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 Yokena Presbyterian Church

and/or common same as above

2. Location

~~12 miles south of Vicksburg on the eastern side~~
street & number of U.S. Highway 61 ___ not for publication

city, town Vicksburg Vicinity vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Mississippi code 28 county Warren code 149

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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>NA</u> being considered	<input checked="" 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 Yokena Presbyterian Church

street & number Rt. 2, Box 120

city, town Vicksburg vicinity of state Mississippi 39180

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk
Warren County Courthouse

street & number Cherry Street

city, town Vicksburg state Mississippi 39180

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1983 federal state county local

depository for survey records Mississippi Department of Archives and History

city, town Jackson state Mississippi

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date NA

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located on the eastern side of U.S. Highway 61, twelve miles south of Vicksburg, the Yokena Presbyterian Church is a frame, vernacular expression of Stick Style architecture. The one-bay by four-bay building rests upon brick foundation piers and is surmounted by a gable roof with overhanging eaves. The church is sheathed in narrow, wooden lap siding except for the triangle of the westerly gable-end facade which is finished with vertical beaded boards adorned with decorative "stick work" of applied diagonal boards and Elizabethan strapwork in the apex. The window openings of the side elevations have unmolded surrounds and are filled with six-over-six, double-hung sash that are closed by original shutter blinds. The single bay of the facade contains the entrance doorway which features an unmolded surround, a two-light transom of colored glass, and double-leaf doors with four molded panels.

The chief ornament of the interior is the exposed hammer-beam roof construction and the unpainted pine woodwork. The hammer-beam roof features collar braces that are segments of full circles that combine to create a low, wide vault. The ends of the hammer beams and the collar braces are decorated with finials. The walls are finished in diagonal beaded boards with a vertical beaded-board waincoting, and the diagonal wall boards are arranged to form chevron patterns. A square-topped alcove, trimmed with a scalloped arch board with pierced corners, originally defined the pulpit area, but the alcove was pushed forward and made flush with the back wall when the rear Sunday school addition was constructed. The window and doorway openings have typical late nineteenth-century symmetrically molded surrounds with corner blocks, and the original pews are simple in design.

A non-intrusive, frame Sunday school addition with a hipped roof was constructed at the rear of the building in the mid-1950's.

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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1885-86 **Builder/Architect** William Stanton

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Dedicated in 1886, the Yokena Presbyterian Church is one of Mississippi's unique expressions of rural, vernacular, ecclesiastical architecture. The church is simply constructed but sophisticated in its use of detail, and it is rendered architecturally significant as one of the states few examples of the Stick Style, a style that was little employed in Mississippi in the late nineteenth-century. Although the exterior ornament is restricted to the triangle of the gable-end facade, which has applied diagonal boards and Elizabethan strapwork, the interior is richly ornamented through the interplay of exposed roof construction, chevron-patterned diagonal wall boards, and vertical board wainscoting. An unusual barrel-vaulted effect is created by the use of semi-circular collar braces in the hammer-beam roof. The building gains added significance from its well documented construction and its architectural integrity. Designed by William Stanton, the building was constructed through the efforts of Mrs. Patty Hyland Gould Hankinson, who donated part of her family plantation, Lucca Yokena, for the building site.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Vicksburg. Yokena Presbyterian Church. Yokena Presbyterian Church papers.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Yokena, Miss.-La.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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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

The church sits in the middle of a small parcel of land that measures 65 feet by 100 feet and was the amount of land under fence in 1919, when the property was deeded to the elders of the Vicksburg Presbyterian Church. The said parcel of land is located in Section 25, Township 14, Range 3 East in Warren County.

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

state NA code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

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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

Kenneth H. P. Pool

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date July 17, 1984