

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY NAME: St. James United Methodist Church

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: LOUISIANA, Ouachita

DATE RECEIVED: 2/13/15 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/31/15  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92001519

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

\_\_\_ ACCEPT \_\_\_ RETURN \_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

REMOVED  
from  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA Remove

REVIEWER Edson Beall

DISCIPLINE History

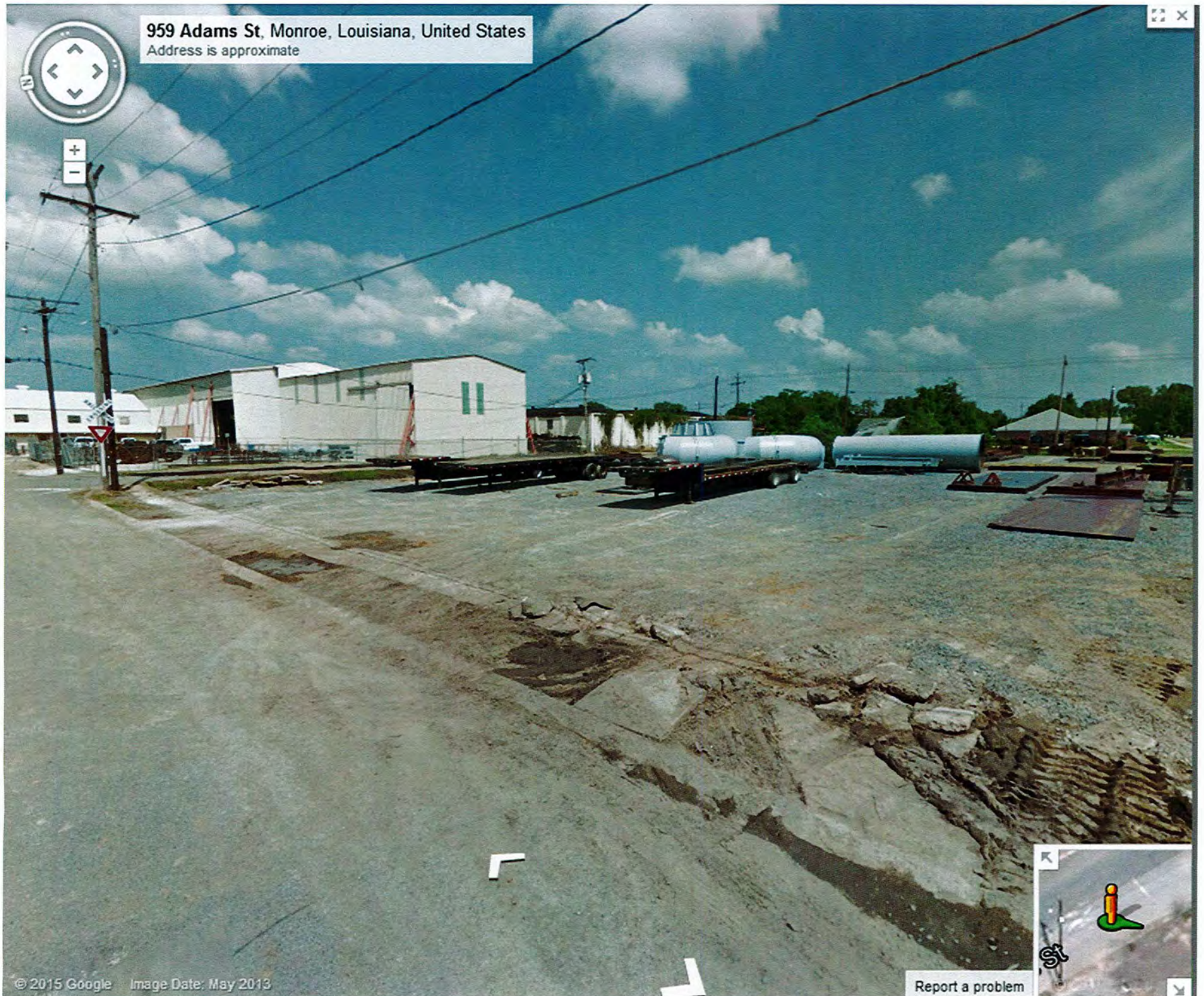
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 3-31-15

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

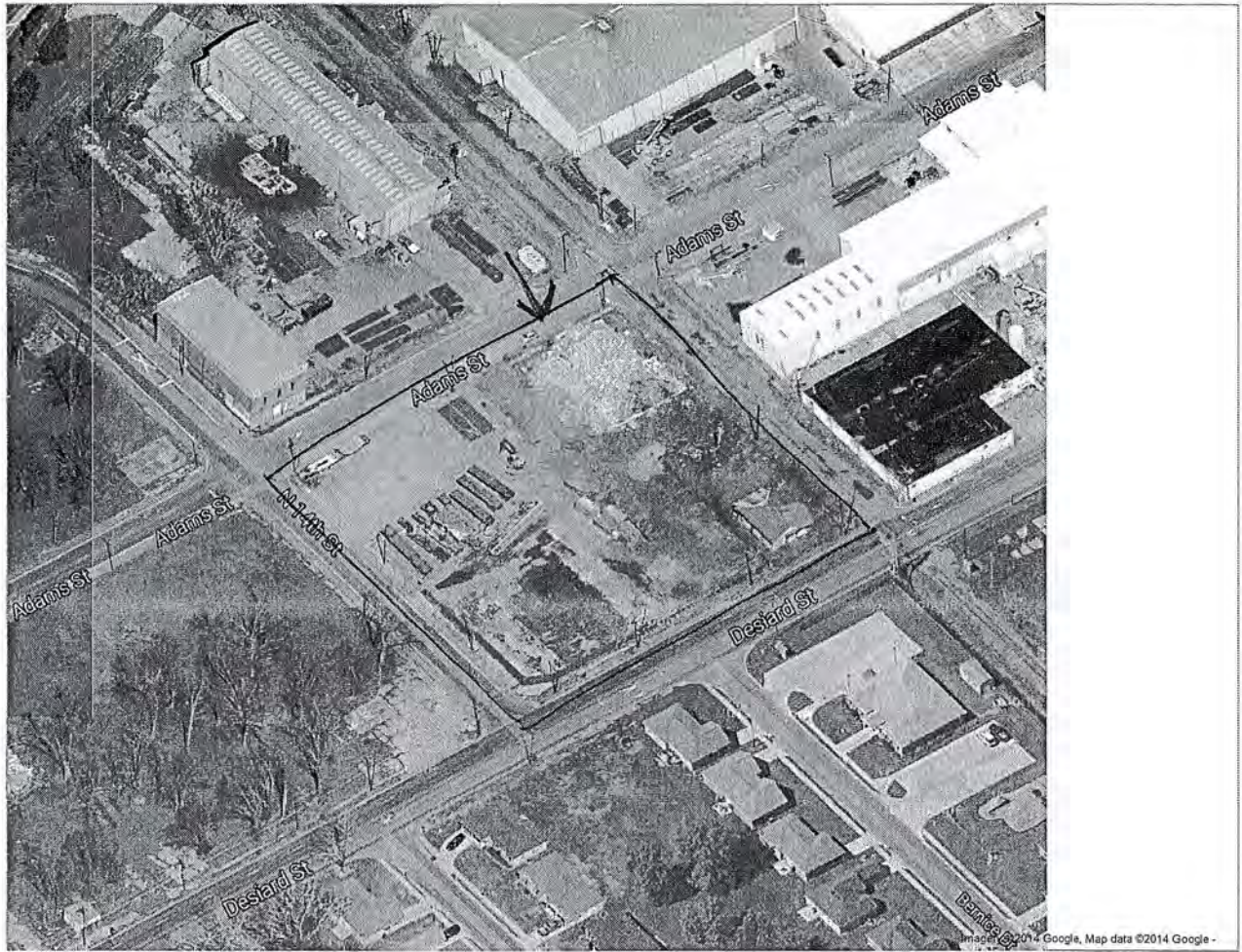
If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

Note the rail line and railroad crossing sign, which can be seen in images submitted with the nomination. The church building sat directly next to the rail line.



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To see all the details that are visible on the screen, use the "Print" link next to the map.



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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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 St. James United Methodist Church

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

2. Location

street & number 916 Adams Street N/A not for publication

city or town Monroe N/A  vicinity

state Louisiana code LA county Ouachita code 073 zip code 71201

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.)

Jonathan C. Fricke Sept 21, 1992  
Signature of certifying official/Title Jonathan C. Fricke 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.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 William Byers Date of Action 10/29/92

~~entered in the National Register~~

**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	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/religious facility  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Gothic Revival  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls brick

roof asphalt

other concrete

**Narrative Description**

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

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National Park Service**

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St. James United Methodist Church, Monroe, Ouachita Parish, LA

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St. James United Methodist Church (1923) is a restrained Gothic Revival church constructed of brick and trimmed in cast concrete. It is located on a relatively small corner lot in a low-scale early twentieth century neighborhood of Monroe.

The basilican plan building features a lower story containing several rooms, most notably a large central common room. The nave, which takes up most of the second story, is reached via a pair of stairs in the narthex. In terms of the plan, it corresponds to the common room below. An additional range of rooms is set to the rear of the nave.

The building has a straightforward gabled mass culminating in a relatively small crenelated side tower containing a bell. Openings are accented with medieval-looking cast concrete quoins. Bays are marked by two stage buttresses with cast concrete caps.

The nave is entered through a pair of doors ornamented with lancet shaped panels. The nave ceiling, which follows the shape of the gable roof, is supported by openwork trusses connected by exposed purlins. The trusses are formed of laminated planks. The nave culminates in a massive lancet-shaped proscenium formed of plaster. The arch is accented with a continuous band of egg and dart molding. Behind the proscenium is the altar area. On the west wall of the nave, near the proscenium, is a wide lancet opening with folding doors which leads to a side conference room. Originally all of the rectangular nave windows had large panes of green and brown opalescent glass. About 75% of this remains, with the missing panes having been replaced with either mauve or white glass. Other changes include the construction of a small gabled entrance porch, the whitewashing of the brick exterior, the installation of acoustical tiles in the nave, and the covering of part of the front gable with what is probably a fiberboard product.

**Assessment of Integrity**

These changes have not compromised the church's Gothic Revival features, which are the source of its significance.

**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.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

1923  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

1923  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

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

Name of repository:

\_\_\_\_\_

St. James United Methodist Church  
Name of Property

Ouachita Parish, LA  
County and State

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than an acre

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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1	5	5	8	4	0	4	0	3	5	9	7	1	0	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

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

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff

organization Division of Historic Preservation date June 1992

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 St. James United Methodist Church

street & number 916 Adams Street telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Monroe state Louisiana zip code 71201

**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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St. James United Methodist Church is locally significant in the area of architecture as a rare example of the Gothic Revival style within the context of Monroe.

The comprehensive structures survey has identified over 1350 structures in the city that are 50 years old or older. The vast majority of these are relatively plain shotgun houses, cottages and bungalows. Monroe also contains some impressive residences (mainly in some form of the classical style), along with a downtown commercial district (NR) which features mainly neo-classical and Italianate buildings. St. James Church is significant as one of only two convincing examples of the Gothic Revival style in Monroe. The only other hint of the historic Gothic Revival taste one can find in the city is in a few bungalows which feature a shallow pointed arch here or there.

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Cornerstone bearing date 1923, no architect given.

Historic Structures Survey, Ouachita Parish. Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation.

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## Boundary Description/Justification

Boundary lines follow the property lines of the lot on which the building is located, said lot being Lot 28 of Filhiol's Second Addition to Monroe, measuring 60' along Adams St. and 140' along Congo St.



St. James United Methodist Church  
Monroe, Ouachita Parish, LA

Donna Fricker  
LA SHPD

June 1992

Photo 1 of 6  
South  
Southwest



St. James United Methodist Church  
Monroe, Ouachita Parish, LA

Donna Fricke

LA SHPO

June 1992

Photo 2 of 6

Southeast





St. James United Methodist Church  
Monroe, Ouachita Parish, LA

Donna Fricker

LA SHPD

Jan 1992

Photo 3 of 6  
North/Northeast (showing side & rear)



St. James United Methodist Church  
Monroe, Ouachita Parish, LA

Donna Fricker  
LA SHPO

June 1992

Photo 4 of 6  
Interior View



St. James United Methodist Church  
Monroe, Ouachita Parish, LA

Donna Fricker  
LA STPO

June 1992

Photo 5 of 6  
Interior View



St. James United Methodist Church

Monroe, Ouachita Parish, LA

Donna Fricker

LA SHPO

June 1992

Photo 6 of 6

Interior View (entrance to nave)



JAY DARDENNE  
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DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM  
OFFICE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PAM BREAU  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

February 9, 2015

James Gabbert  
National Register of Historic Places  
1201 "Eye" Street NW  
Washington, D.C., 20005

RE: Delisting of St. James United Methodist Church, Ouachita Parish, LA

Dear Mr. Gabbert:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of our intent to delist the above property from the National Register of Historic Places. Originally listed on the Register on 10/29/1982, the above property was demolished sometime after that as current satellite images of the listed site show a vacant construction lot. Per 36 CFR 60, Sec. 60.15 (a)(1), we are requesting that the above property be officially delisted based on the fact that the property has ceased to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been destroyed. To support this claim, we have included in this submission current maps and satellite images showing the vacant construction lot.

We have notified the property owner and the chief elected official and have included copies of those letters with this submission. We received no comment from either.

If you have any questions concerning our request, please contact our National Register Coordinator, Jessica Richardson via email at [jrichardson@crt.la.gov](mailto:jrichardson@crt.la.gov) or by phone at 225-219-4595.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pam Breau".

Pam Breau  
State Historic Preservation Officer

PD:JR/jgr  
Enclosure





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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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PAM BREAU  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

January 5, 2015

The Honorable James E. Mayo  
PO Box 123  
Monroe, LA 71210-0123

RE: Delisting of St. James United Methodist Church, Ouachita Parish, LA

Dear Mayor Mayo:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of our intent to petition for the removal of the above referenced property from the National Register of Historic Places, a process known as delisting. This step is important as we strive to maintain an accurate record of properties in our state that are listed in the Register, still extant, and maintain integrity per National Register Criteria.

According to the Federal National Register regulations [36 CFR 6-.15 (a)(1)], a property may be delisted if it has ceased to meet the criteria for listing on the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been lost or destroyed. St. James United Methodist Church was listed on 10/29/1992, and per satellite map images of the property's address, we have come to learn that the building is no longer there. The final delisting decision will be made by the Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service.

The regulations [36 CFR 60.15 (g)] also require that the property's owner and the chief elected official be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed action. If you choose to comment, please respond via letter by **February 9, 2015** to the following address:

Pam Breau  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation  
PO Box 44247  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

If you have questions concerning the delisting petition or any other National Register issue, please contact National Register Coordinator, Jessica Richardson, by email at [jrichardson@crt.la.gov](mailto:jrichardson@crt.la.gov), or by phone at 225-219-4595.

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer



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PAM BREAUX  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

January 6, 2015

James Machine Works LLC  
1521 Adams St  
Monroe, LA 71201

RE: Delisting of St. James United Methodist Church, Ouachita Parish, LA

To Whom it May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of our intent to petition for the removal of the above referenced property from the National Register of Historic Places, a process known as delisting. This step is important as we strive to maintain an accurate record of properties in our state that are listed in the Register, still extant, and maintain integrity per National Register Criteria.

Our research shows you to be the owner of the land where St. James United Methodist Church stood, which was listed on the National Register on 10/29/1992. According to the Federal National Register regulations [36 CFR 6-15 (a)(1)], a property may be delisted if it has ceased to meet the criteria for listing on the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been lost or destroyed. Per satellite map images of the property's address, we have come to learn that the building is no longer there. The final delisting decision will be made by the Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service.

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