

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**



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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Bayou Rouge Baptist Church

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number Corner of Church & College Streets \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Evergreen \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 8th - Gillis Long

state Louisiana code 22 county Avoyelles Parish code 009

**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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Bayou Rouge Baptist Church

street & number

city, town Evergreen \_\_\_ vicinity of state Louisiana 71333

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Avoyelles Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town Marksville state Louisiana

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Louisiana Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? \_\_\_ yes -x no

date 1980 \_\_\_ federal -x state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state Louisiana

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved    date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Bayou Rouge Baptist Church is located on the eastern fringes of Evergreen in an essentially rural setting. It is a frame, 5 bay basilican plan church with a semihexagonal chancel. Some twentieth century reworking has taken place around the chancel, as evidenced by new windows. The present baptismal is set under a large drip molded aedicule. The church takes the form of a simplified Greek temple (without columns). The pediment is surmounted by a square pilastered tower with full entablature and an octagonal spire. The facade has corner pilasters and a simple entablature formed by 3 extra wide clapboards. The fenestration frames have pediment shaped tops. All windows, except for the modern ones at the rear, are 12 over 12 and have louvered shutters.

# 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** 1859

**Builder/Architect**

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Criterion C

Bayou Rouge Baptist Church is significant in the area of architecture as a classic example of a Greek Revival country church commonly found in rural parishes in the eastern states from the 1870's to the Civil War.

This can be seen in its "watered down" temple form, its simple classical details, and its square tower. Although churches of this type are common in the East, there are few extant examples in Louisiana.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Avoyelles Parish Records, Avoyelles Parish Courthouse, Marksville

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**  
**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. .25 acre  
Quadrangle name Cottonport, LA.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A	115	585670	31421471910	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification.

See attached map.

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

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Alice Wright Porter

organization   date August 1980

street & number Oakwood telephone 318-346-7447

city or town Evergreen state Louisiana 71333

# 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 *[Signature]*

title Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer date 10/24/80 *(per phone 11/20/80)*

For HCERS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<i>[Signature]</i>	date <u>12-3-80</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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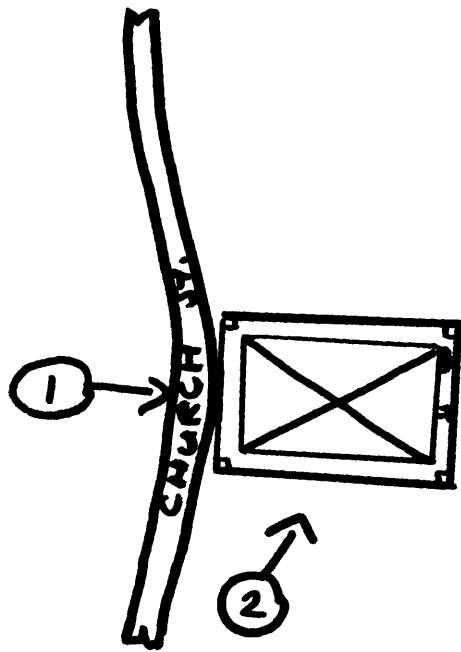
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The State Review Board requested that we submit the following information on Bayou Rouge Baptist Church's role as a community focal point:

Over the years Bayou Rouge Baptist Church was made available to various Christian groups for meetings. The local Methodist congregation used it for church services on various occasions. The Anti-Saloon League and the American Temperance Society also sponsored gatherings in the structure. Recorded in the church minute books are the names of other groups who used the building.

# Bayou Rouge Baptist Church Evergreen, Louisiana

The boundaries are 104.000000  
to 104.000000



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