

**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 Holly Grove Methodist Church

and/or common same

2. Location

SW of Anacoco

street & number 1.3 miles west of Highway 171 near Anacoco not for publication

city, town Anacoco vic. —X vicinity of congressional district 4th-Buddy Leach

state La code 22 county Vernon Parish code 115

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 Holly Grove Methodist Church Congregation, c/o Mrs. Billie Guy

street & number P.O. Box 118

city, town Anacoco — vicinity of state La 71403

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Vernon Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town Leesville state La

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1979 — federal X 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

Set within a fenced off cemetery in a forested area, the Holly Grove Methodist Church is accessible only by a narrow 1.3 mile dirt road. Originally built in 1894 as a simple one-room frame structure, the building was enlarged in 1915 to a cruciform plan with a semi-octagonal apse. Hewn timbers give evidence of "cannabilism" in the construction. Two lean-to additions have subsequently been built. These are slated for removal as part of an upcoming restoration effort. The interior is simply detailed with wainscoting below a crude chair rail and balustrades around an elevated choir. Floor boards are original to the 1915 remodeling.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<input checked="" 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 1894, 1915

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

The Holly Grove Methodist Church is significant in the area of architecture because it is the only remaining example in Vernon Parish of the type of simple frame churches which characterized much of rural Louisiana at the turn of the century. It is also the parish's oldest extant church structure. Holly Grove, therefore, is a landmark in the sparse architectural history of this comparatively recently settled parish.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Louisiana Historic Sites Survey, 1979, Vernon Parish.
 "Holly Grove Methodist Church Tells of Rich, Vivid Heritage," Leesville Leader,
 December 24, 1979.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property approx. 5 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

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

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mrs. Billie Guy

organization _____ date April 1980

street & number P. O. Box 118 telephone _____

city or town Anacoco state La 71403

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 *Donald Laine*

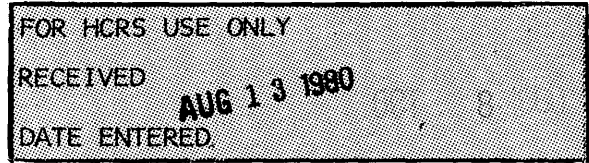
title State Historic Preservation Officer date 5/23/80

For HCERS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<i>Billie Guy</i>	date 10/8/80
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest: _____	
Chief of Registration	

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM



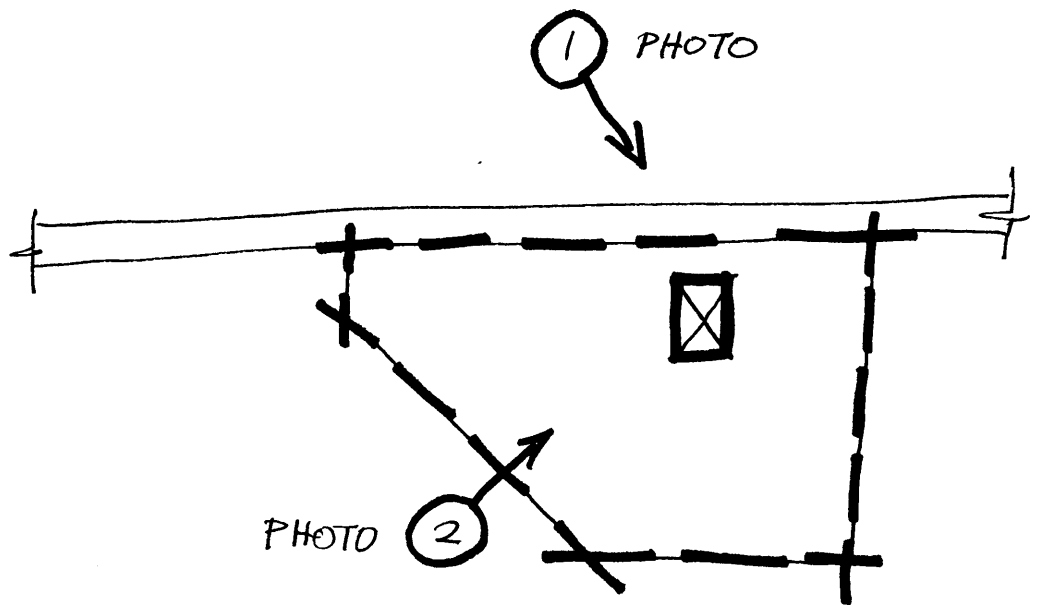
Holly Grove Methodist Church

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The Holly Grove Methodist Church was established in the 1830's and although it was not the present building, it represents the beginnings of Methodism in the extreme western portion of Louisiana as well as the earliest settlement in what was to become Union Parish.



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FORMED BY THE PERIMETER
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Approx. 5 Acres

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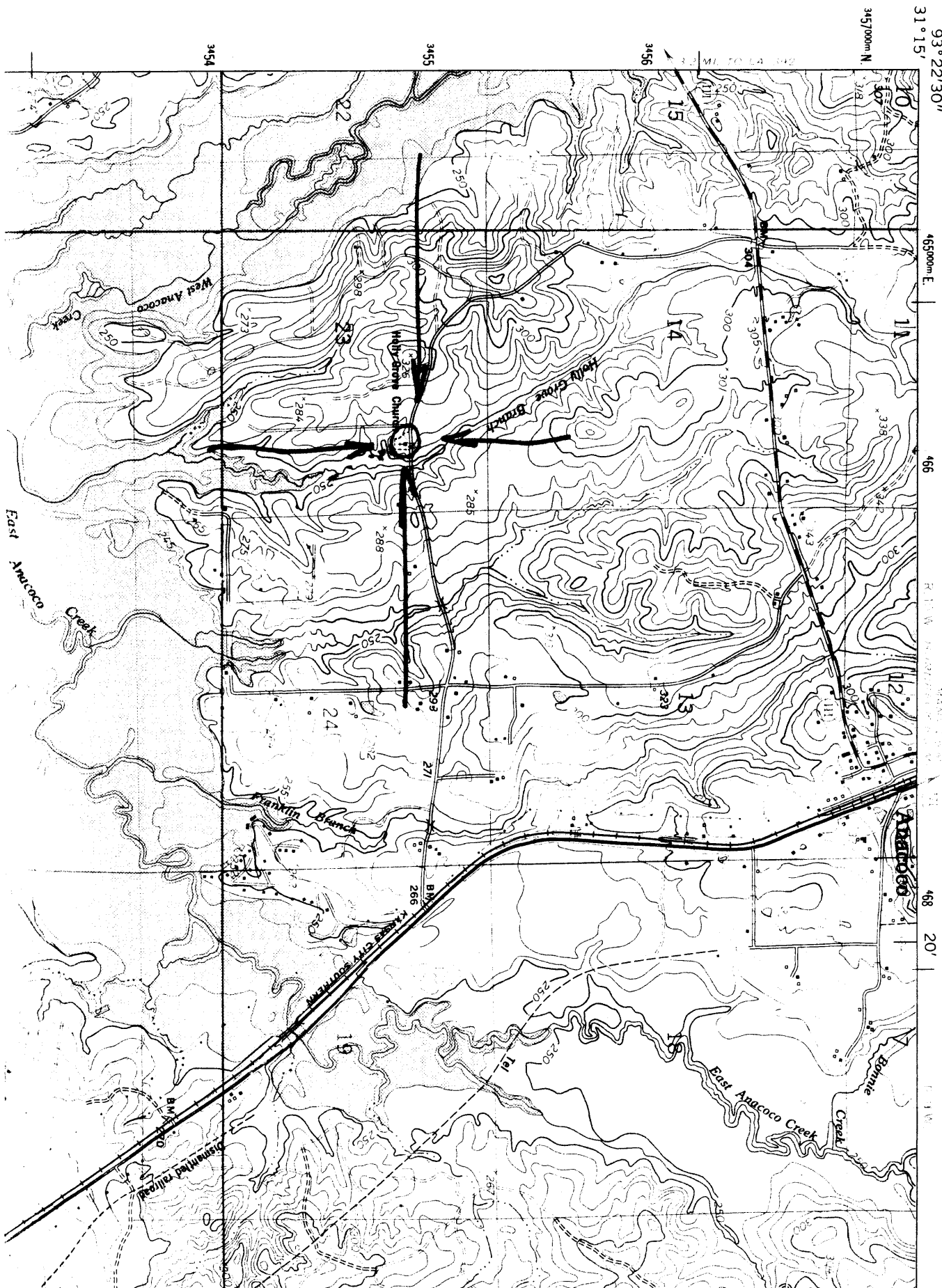
Holly Grove Methodist Church

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(HORNBECK)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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