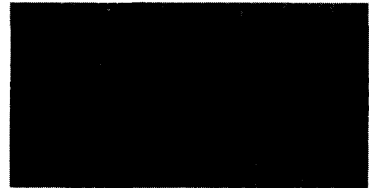


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Loranger Methodist Church

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number ~~corner of~~ Allman Ave. and Magnolia Blvd. N/A not for publication

city, town Loranger N/A vicinity of congressional district 6th--Henson Moore

state La. code 22 county Tangipahoa Parish code 105

3. Classification

4. Owner of Property

name Loranger Methodist Church, c/o Mrs. W. W. Carriere

street & number c/o Miss Theoda Carriere, Route 2, Box 123A

city, town Amite N/A vicinity of state La. 70422

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Tangipahoa Parish Courthouse

street & number P. O. Box 667 Mulberry and Bay Sts. (no specific address)

city, town Amite state La. 70422

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Ia. Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records Ia. State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state Ia.

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Loranger Methodist Church is located on the corner of Allman Avenue and Magnolia Boulevard amid the modern Loranger school complex. It is a square plan building raised on a finished basement with a bungalow style porch and a corner bell tower which has a spreading pyramid roof. The interior consists of a 2 story square space with sets of curved pews which face a corner balustraded platform with a baptismal and a pair of lecterns. The baptismal is inscribed within a Colonial Revival elliptical archway. The ceiling is supported by 4 exposed wood and iron trusses set in a square. Each truss is supported by massive brackets which spring from paneled pilasters. There are ancillary spaces on three sides of the nave. One is framed under an elliptical arch, one is set behind folding doors, and one is reached through 3 double doors. All of the interior surfaces, except the floor, are covered in narrow gauge beaded wainscotting.

Summary Paragraph:

The Loranger Methodist Church (1915) is a three-story frame structure set in a modern school complex. The building has undergone no major alterations since construction.

Assessment of Integrity:

The church has no integrity problem because it has undergone no major changes, and only one minor change, the installation of a metal awning.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1915 **Builder/Architect** O.R. Brown--Architect & Contractor

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion A

The Loranger Methodist Church is significant in the area of exploration/settlement because it is the only surviving public building which represents Loranger's colonization. Shortly after 1910, the Genessee Lumber Company began an elaborate campaign to market their cutover land. They sent agents all through the Midwest to sell farmlands. They changed the postal address from Jessica to Loranger after the brothers who owned the company and laid out a townsite complete with building codes and restrictions.

The Loranger Methodist Church, constructed of Louisiana Longleaf Yellow Pine donated by the Genessee Lumber Company, was completed in the latter part of 1915. The company also donated lumber for another church and a school, but neither of these is extant.*

The Loranger Methodist Church was ideally suited to become the center for many community activities in addition to its religious functions. The large sanctuary on the main floor doubled as an auditorium for plays and choral presentations for the bi-weekly "excursions" of prospective customers the land agents kept bringing in. The auditorium also served for graduations from the school across the street; community service talks by farm experts; and in the 1920's, movies were regularly shown after careful previewing to keep Hollywood from embarrassing the sponsors.

*The company donated lumber and cooperated in efforts to construct the churches and the school so that the area would be more attractive to potential immigrant families.

Summary Paragraph:

The Loranger Methodist Church is locally significant in the following areas:

- (1) It is significant in the area of exploration/settlement because it is the sole surviving relic of a major attempt to attract settlers to the area--an attempt which involved the founding of the present community of Loranger.
- (2) It is significant in the area of social/humanitarian because it served as Loranger's only major gathering place from its construction until more recent times.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Research Report Submitted by Sponsors, located in Loranger Methodist Church National Register file, La. State Historic Preservation Office, Baton Rouge.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approx. 12 acre

Quadrangle name Hammond, La.

Quadrangle scale 1:62,500

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached sketch map.

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

state	N/A	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mrs. W. W. Carriere (CONTINUED)

organization N/A date December 1980

street & number c/o Miss Theoda Carriere
Rt. 2, Box 123A telephone 504-878-4371

city or town Amite state La. 70422

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 

Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer date August 19, 1982

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
	date <u>10/5/82</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest: <u>Patrick Andrus</u>	date <u>9/30/82</u>
Chief of Registration	

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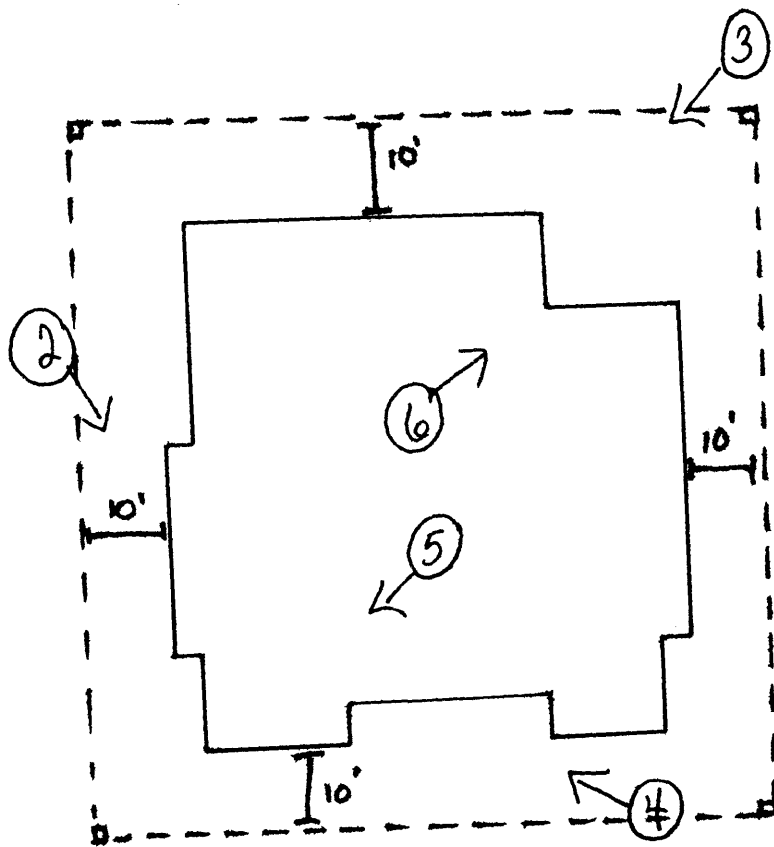
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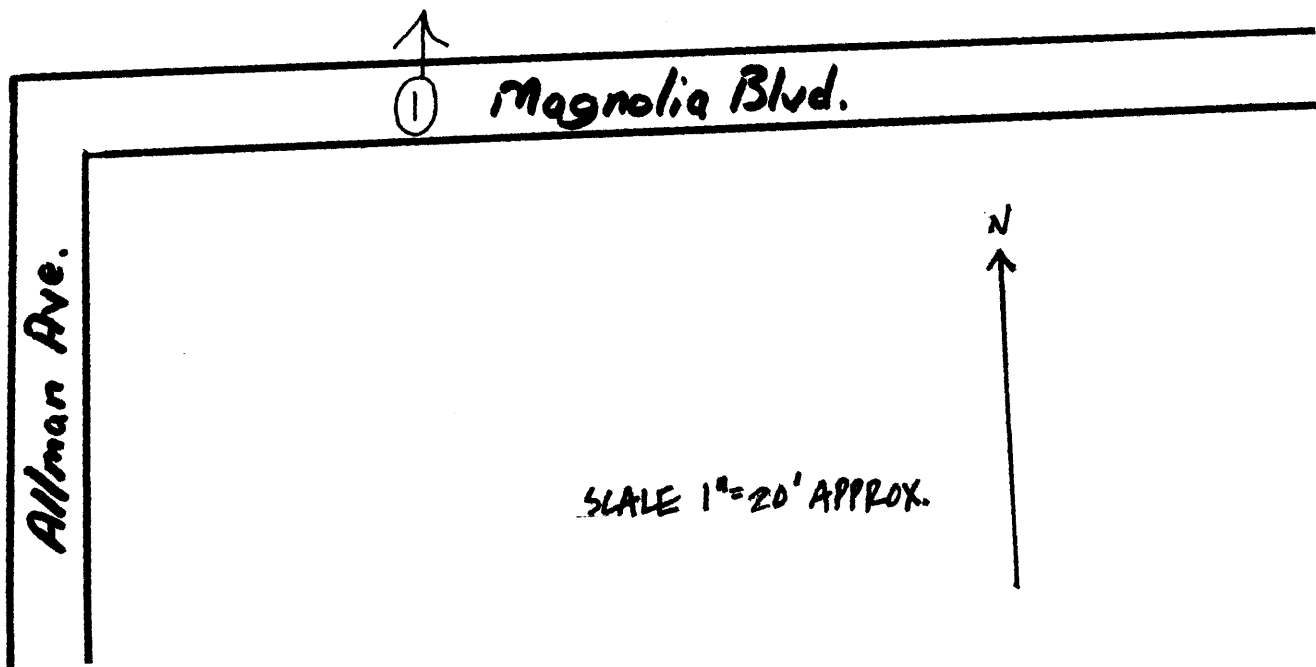
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LORANGER METHODIST CHURCH



NOTE: SITE BOUNDARIES
PARALLEL BLDG. FACADES
AT DISTANCES SHOWN.



SCALE 1" = 20' APPROX.