

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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**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 St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

and or common same

2. Location

street & number corner of Church and St. Andrew's Streets N/A not for publication

city, town Clinton N/A vicinity of

state LA code 22 county East Feliciana Parish code 037

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Rev. James E. Savoy, Rector
504/683-5498, 635-3400, 683-8971

street & number P. O. Box 8259

city, town Clinton N/A vicinity of state LA 70722

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. East Feliciana Parish Courthouse

street & number St. Helena St. (no specific address) P. O. Box 263

city, town Clinton state LA 70722

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1983 federal state county local

depository for survey records LA State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ N/A _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (1871) is a five bay, basilican plan, board and batten, Gothic Revival chapel located in the residential area of Clinton. Despite a few alterations, the building retains its National Register eligibility.

Despite its suburban location, St. Andrew's enjoys an isolated hilltop setting which contributes to its identity as a Victorian country Gothic church. Both the entrance vestibule and the nave have steeply pitched roofs which are trimmed in blind arcaded vergeboards. All openings are cut in the form of two center arched lancets except for the rear chancel window which employs a four center arch. All windows feature simple bar tracery and board and batten shutters. The roof is surmounted by a small tower with a gabled spire. Most of the stained glass is original. The interior features a false pointed vault which is accented with wooden ribs. The chancel also has a false vaulted ceiling.

The church itself has been little changed since construction; however, in about 1955 two rear additions were built. One is a simple lean-to; the other is a pitched roof structure almost as large as the church itself. Both, however, were executed in board and batten construction and blend well with the original building. In addition, they are both set to the rear and do not dominate the original facade. The 1871 church stands forth from the additions with its composition and styling readily recognizable.

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 1871 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is of state significance in the area of architecture as a rare Louisiana example of a nationally recognized archetype.

St. Andrew's is a good typical example of an American "Carpenter Gothic" church. It has traditional Gothic features such as lancet windows and doors and blind arcaded vergeboards. Moreover, it exemplifies the "romantic rationalism" of A. J. Downing and A. J. Davis. Its board and batten construction was specifically recommended by Downing and Davis as an appropriate expression of building in wood. Its light members and vertical proportions, in addition to being Gothic, were also considered to be in keeping with wood construction. As Downing put it: "It is false taste to erect a wooden building in a massive and heavy style."

"Carpenter Gothic" was popular, especially for rural churches, throughout the country during the middle decades of the nineteenth century. As far as the State Historic Preservation Office is aware, there are only about half a dozen "Carpenter Gothic" churches in Louisiana. There were probably never very many, but those which remain represent a well known and important manifestation of Victorian American taste.

Historical Note:

The first Episcopal services in Clinton were conducted in 1842 by Reverend William B. Lacey, president of the College of Louisiana at Jackson. The parish was organized in 1852 and the present church dates from 1871.

9. Major Bibliographical References

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Cornerstone

Witcher, Robert Campbell. "The Episcopal Church in Louisiana, 1805-1861." 1969 dissertation, Louisiana State University.

Duncan, Herman Cope. The Diocese of Louisiana: Some of its History, 1838-1888. Also Some of the History of its Parishes and Missions, 1805-1888. New Orleans, 1888.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property @ 2 acres

Quadrangle name Clinton, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundary lines follow property lot lines, as shown on the enclosed scale plat map.

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

ASSISTED BY OWNER

name/title State of Louisiana

organization Division of Historic Preservation date January 1984

street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone 504-342-6682

city or town Baton Rouge state LA 70804

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 National Park Service.

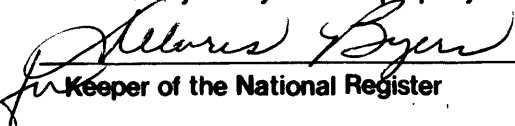
State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer date May 14, 1984

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register


Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 6/21/84

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

CLINTON, LA.

BAPTIST CHURCH

ST. ANDREWS STREET

CHURCH STREET

CEMETARY ST.

EXIST I.R. PETERSON

POLK

RICHARDSON

FELICIANA BANK

CHANEY

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Clinton, East Feliciana Parish, LA

--- boundary line

MAP SHOWS PROPERTY OF ST. ANDREWS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE TOWN OF
CLINTON, LA. AT THE INTERSECTION
OF ST. ANDREWS & CHURCH STREET.

A. M. McConnell
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SCALE 1" = 60' L.D.L.

