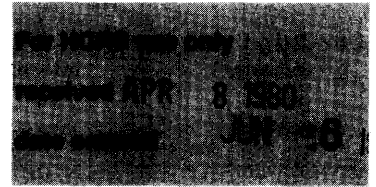


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Macedonia Baptist Church

and/or common same

**2. Location**

street & number 3 miles north on La. 1036 from La. 442  not for publication

city, town Holden vic.  vicinity of congressional district 6th-Henson Moore

state La. code 022 county Livingston Parish code 063

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
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<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 Macedonia Baptist Church Congregation

street & number Route 1, Box 55

city, town Holden  vicinity of state La. 70744

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Livingston Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town Livingston state La.

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

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

date 1979  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state La.

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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**

Set in the pine forest land north of the town of Holden, the Macedonia Baptist Church is accessible only via a three mile dirt road. The church is a four-bay, gable fronted board and batten structure with a rear semi-octagonal chancel bay and two horizontal panel front doors. The gables and the rear bay are sheathed in clapboards. The church retains its original pews, its original cast iron stove, and most of its original 6 over 6 windows.

# 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		

**Specific dates**      1898      **Builder/Architect**

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

The Macedonia Baptist Church is significant in the area of architecture as an almost perfectly preserved typical example of a late-nineteenth century frame country church and represents therefore a local unpretentious building tradition. It is also very probably the oldest structure in the vicinity of the town of Holden.

The Macedonia Baptist Church is the oldest Baptist church building in Livingston Parish. Constructed in 1898, it is a good example of what a typical, rural Louisiana church was like.

The Macedonia Baptist Church was organized in May, 1856 in a grove under a magnolia tree. Church was held at the homes of different members until the congregation shared a building with the Methodists. However, this arrangement did not work out very well. According to an early history of the church, the Methodists "drove" the Baptists out. The congregation then proceeded to build their first church house, which was a log structure valued at \$50. It was followed in 1871 by a board house valued at \$500. The present structure, the congregation's third church house, was completed in 1898 and is still used for church services.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Baton Rouge Sunday Advocate, May 7, 1978.  
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prepared by members of Livingston Parish American Revolution Bicentennial Committee, 1976. (cont)

# 10. Geographical Data

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

Acreege of nominated property .9 acre

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_ code \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ code \_\_\_\_\_

state \_\_\_\_\_ code \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ code \_\_\_\_\_

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Clark Forrest

organization Edward Livingston Historical Association date January 1980

street & number Route 2, Box 397 telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Holden state La. 70744

# 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 State Historic Preservation Officer date 3/27/80

For HCERS use only  
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

[Signature] date 6/6/80  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: [Signature] date 6/2/80  
Clerk

FHR-8-300A  
(11/78)

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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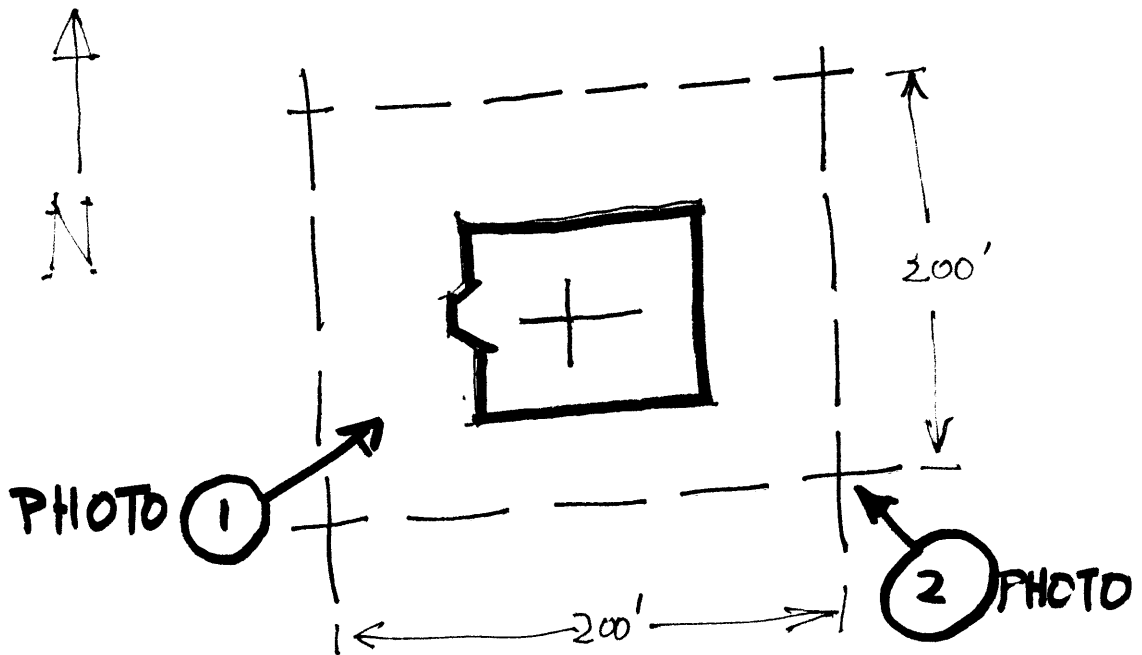
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# SKETCH MAP



Boundaries: A .9 acre  $200' \times 200'$  square centering upon the center of the church building. Sides of the square follow the cardinal directions. Boundaries were chosen to encompass the building & immediate setting.