

**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

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1. Name

historic Kingston Methodist Church

and/or common Same as above

2. Location

South of the Kingston-Hutchins Landing Road about 300 feet
street & number southwest of the intersection with Old U.S. 61 South NA not for publication

city, town Natchez *Mississippi* vicinity of congressional district Fourth

state Mississippi code 28 county Adams code 1

3. Classification

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| 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 | NA in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input checked="" 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 Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church/West Jackson-Vicksburg District

street & number c/o Bishop C. P. Minnick Box 931

city, town Jackson NA vicinity of state Mississippi 39205

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk
Adams County Courthouse

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town Natchez state Mississippi 39120

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic American Buildings Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1930's and 1970's federal state county local

depository for survey records The Library of Congress

city, town Washington state D.C.

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Situated on the southern side of the Kingston-Hutchins Landing Road about fifteen miles southeast of Natchez in the southern part of Adams County, the Kingston Methodist Church is a small, sophisticated, brick church building in the Greek Revival Style. Stuccoed and scored in imitation of stone, the building rests upon a base, or plinth, and is surmounted by a hipped roof. A giant-order, pedimented portico shelters the center-bay entrance of the northerly facade. The portico features a full molded entablature supported by Greek Doric columns that are echoed on the front wall by pilasters. The frieze and cornice of the portico are carried around all elevations of the building. The end bays of the three-bay facade consist of recessed panels, and the four window openings of each side elevation are filled with sixteen-over-sixteen, double-hung sash and are closed by shutter blinds. The entrance doorway is defined by a full molded entablature supported by pilasters that enframe double-leaf, mahogany-grained doors with eight molded panels that are set within paneled jambs.

The interior of the building features beaded window surrounds with flared jambs and a molded base with a single fascia. The major ornaments of the interior are an ornate, plaster, ceiling centerpiece and the wooden, Greek Revival frontispiece on the southern wall behind the pulpit. The frontispiece is composed of a full entablature supported by paired pilasters. The raised pulpit, adorned with molded panels, is entered by flanking steps with a railing of turned balusters and newels. An identical railing defines the alter. The pews are adorned with molded end panels and are closed by paneled pew doors, temporarily removed for repairs. A slave gallery, railed by molded panels, is located at the northern end of the sanctuary and is accessed by an enclosed stair entered on the northern wall. The stair begins in a straight flight running along the northern wall, makes a quarter turn with winders, and terminates in the gallery.

About one hundred and fifty feet in front of the church building are paired mounting steps for carriages and the area between the church and the steps is brick paved in a herring-bone pattern. Directly behind the church building is an unobtrusive, one-story, concrete block Sunday school building.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <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 1856-57 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Kingston Methodist Church is a highly significant example of Greek Revival architecture. This significance is based on the high degree of architectural finish, the excellent exterior and interior integrity, the integrity of setting, and the unique manner in which the grand temple form is employed on a small scale in a church building designed to serve the needs of a rural, plantation community. The church was constructed shortly after February 13, 1856, when Alexander Farrar, "desirous of having a new church erected in the Jersey Settlement at or near Kingston for purposes of religious and moral culture," deeded the present approximate eight-acre tract of land to the trustees of the church (Adams County Deed Book LL:382). Dedicated on May 3, 1857, the Kingston Methodist Church still holds regular religious services and has continually served as the cultural and social center of identity for the residents of the Kingston community.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Adams County. Office of the Chancery Clerk. Deed Book LL.

Miller, Mary W. Research consultant, Historic Natchez Foundation. Inspection of Warren-Erwin House, January 4, 1982.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 8+ acres

Quadrangle name Kingston, Miss.--La.

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification See attached xerox of county tax map with the nominated property outlined in red. Nominated property is located on County Tax Map 122. The eight-acre tract constitutes the total acreage owned by the United Methodist Church and is the amount of the original acreage acquired by the church trustees in 1856.

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

state NA code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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date January 5, 1982

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state Mississippi 39120

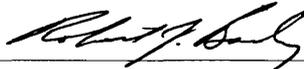
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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

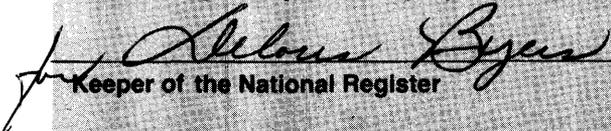


title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date April 5, 1982

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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 5/13/82

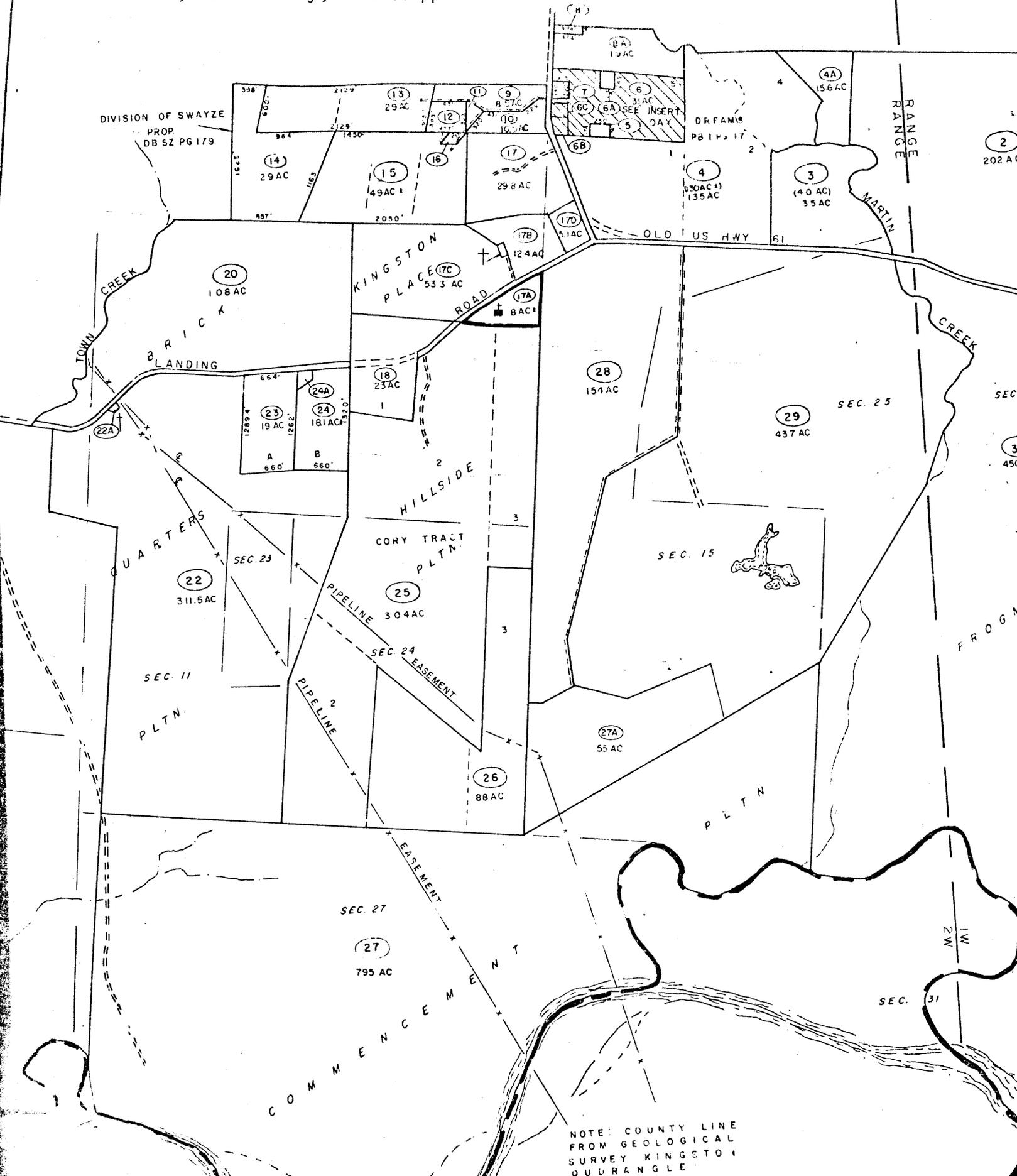
Attest:

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Chief of Registration

MAP 122

KINGSTON METHODIST CHURCH
Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi



NOTE: COUNTY LINE FROM GEOLOGICAL SURVEY KINGSTON QUADRANGLE



KINGSTON METHODIST CHURCH

Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi

Looking southwesterly, the northerly facade and the easterly side elevation of the Kingston Methodist Church.

Mary W. Miller, Historic Natchez Foundation,
January 1982

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KINGSTON METHODIST CHURCH

Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi

Looking southerly, the northerly facade
of the Kingston Methodist Church in its
rural, unspoiled setting.

Mary W. Miller, Historic Natchez Foundation,
January 1982

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KINGSTON METHODIST CHURCH

Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi

Looking northerly, the plaster centerpiece with the paneled balustrade of the slave gallery in the background.

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January 1982

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KINGSTON METHODIST CHURCH

Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi

Looking southeasterly, the interior of the Kingston Methodist Church showing Greek Revival frontispiece and pulpit area.

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January 1982

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