


12/7 Grace Chapel aka "Rescol," Ewell's Chapel
(76-76) London Drive, Prince William County

arch. description
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Haymarket, Va.

Exterior

47" high at front to 1' at back.
1-story frame on high, stone, stuccoed foundation. Found. = 2' thick, Δ measures
Covered with channeled siding. Painted light yellow with
brown trim (both faded). Gable ^{metal-covered} roof covered with metal. Cornerboards.
Box cornice. Central entrance via 1-st. gable-roofed
frame porch containing 5 steps. Porch has ogee arch
and is clad with vert. tongue & groove siding. 2-panel double door. ^{missing.} Hardware [^]

Flanking gothic-arch sash windows, upper portion with
~~having~~ tracery mouldings. ^{One} Pair ^{of} ^{arched} windows along each side.
Small apse or altar ^(at rear with flat roof) on raised platform.
Overall dimensions: ~~30' x 24'~~  30'5" x 24'.

Interior

dimensions: approx. 29' x 23' with raised altar at west end.
Height to ceiling: c. 18'

Barrel-vaulted ceiling covered with 5 to 12-inch wide tongue & groove boards in 3 sections of 10' lengths.

Interior walls covered with 4½ to 6-inch tongue & groove planks laid horizontally. Windows - 2 in each of the long sides and 2 at east end - are gothic arched sash type ¾. Windows are flanked by simple pilasters having simple box capitals.

Altar is reached through a rounded arch flanked by pilasters. Arch has a key motif in center.

Floor, laid in 10½" wide +/- tongue & groove pine, is supported along by a longitudinal beam (summer beam?) which 8" x 10½" x 29' that runs from front to back and is mortised to

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carry the 11 or 12-foot long floor joists that run from center to outside walls. Center beam is supported at the center point by a pile of stones laid in a column.

Metal pole^{or brace} at mid-point along each side (~~east~~ north + ~~west~~ south) at about rafter height appears to function as reinforcement

Changes to Structure -- Source: "Grace Chapel - Historic Landmark in Danger of Extinction," ~~an article~~ by Janet Newcomb ~~24 Jan 1974~~ in the Piedmont Virginian 17 Oct 1973.

Restored 1875 to 1886 under dir. of Rev. John Ambler minister at St. Paul's. At that time a gallery, which had been constructed for the Black members of the church, was removed. c/1900 "weatherboarding" was applied and gothic windows installed. [These windows are like those in Bull Run Chapel] Porch prob added then also.