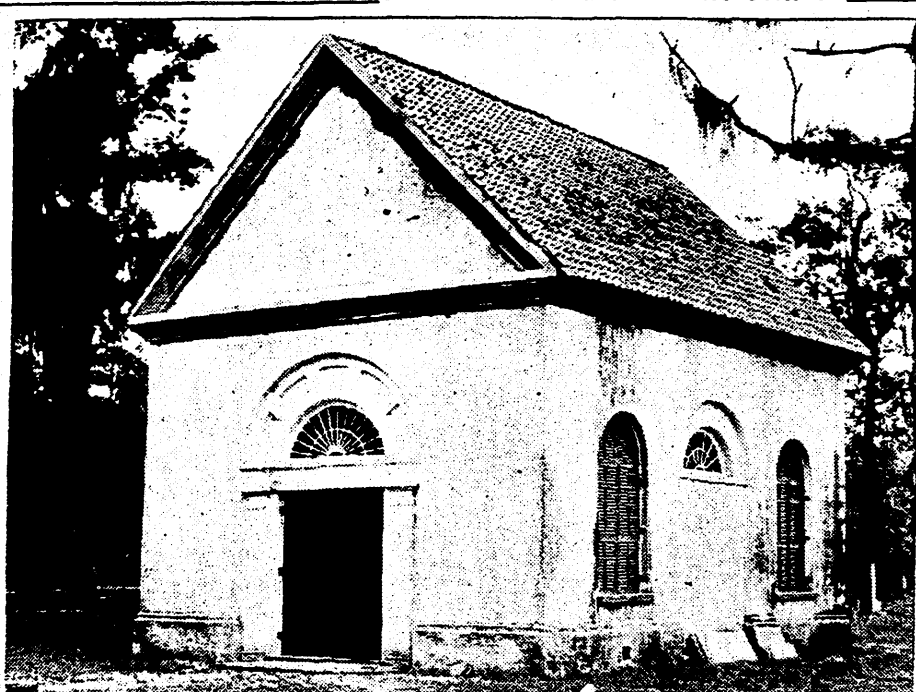


DO YOU KNOW YOUR LOWCOUNTRY

St. Thomas and St. Denis Church



St. Thomas and St. Denis Church (Old Brick Church, Wando), is Shown at the Left Since the Restoration. The Church was Reopened with a Service Yesterday. Below, at the Left, Ruins of the Vestry, Which Probably Dated Back to 1708 When the Original Church was Built. The Present Church was Built in 1819. Below at the Right, the Former Rectory at Cainho, Two Miles Away. In Recent Years, Services were Held in an Improvised Chapel in the Room on the Lower Right Side of the House. The House Will Be Torn Down Soon by the New Owner, Harry F. Guggenheim, Who Also Gave the Money for Restoration of the Church. (Staff Photos.)



Second Church of Name, Built in 1819, Serves Parish Founded in 1706—Land Now is Almost Reclaimed by Wilderness

One of the four earliest Episcopal parishes in South Carolina, St. Thomas and St. Denis now embraces a wilderness in Berkeley county nearly as primitive as it was 230 years ago. Almost within sight of Charleston, it takes an hour to get there by automobile.

A parish church, built in 1819 to replace the original colonial structure that was burned by a forest fire, has been restored after many years of decay through the generosity of Harry F. Guggenheim, former ambassador to Cuba, who has extensive land holdings in the vicinity. For a time a herd of goats lived in the compact little brick building, and moonshiners hid their whiskey in the tombstones.

Now the lot has been fenced to keep out the goats and the hogs, the tombstones have been fixed, the interior of the church replastered, the roof and doors repaired.

Parish Founded in 1706
The parish is one of three, dating from 1706, now under the pastorate of the Rev. William B. Sams. The fourth parish founded in 1706 is St. Philip's in Charleston, oldest of all. The three east of the Cooper river are Christ church, St. James Santee and St. Thomas and St. Denis.

Christ church building, six miles from Mount Pleasant, is the original edifice. Northern soldiers stripped the interior during the War Between the States, and it was restored twenty years ago with the aid of \$1,500 indemnity granted by congress and with generous contributions by John F. Maybank, of Charleston.

St. James Santee church building is the third of the name. It was built in 1832 and restored by the Colonial Dames.

The present St. Thomas and St. Denis building is the second. It is built on the site of the first, which was completed in 1708. In the lot are the ruins of the vestry room, which was destroyed by fire a few years ago. The vestry dated to the time of the original church, and in 1875 a white man was buried by negroes during the Cain Ho, riot in the 1870s. Mrs. Sams remembers seeing stains there when he came to take charge twelve years ago.

Formerly Used Rectory
The people of the parish, most of whom live at Cain Ho, or on plantations nearby, have worshipped for several years past in a chapel improvised in the ground floor of the rectory, a now dilapidated building two miles away on the Wando river. Mr. Guggenheim has purchased the land on which the rectory stands and plans to tear it down. His land surrounds the church, and he became so much interested in it that he gave the money for the restoration.

The woods have reclaimed most of the fields which once were cultivated by a thriving farm community, but isolation in a time of rapid transportation caused the section to deteriorate.

Built in a grove of moss covered pines on a neck of land on the northwest side of the Wando river, the present church is twenty-seven by thirty-seven feet in size and twenty-two feet high. It is much smaller than the original church, and has no steeple. The first had 200 acres of glebe land.

In visiting "Old Brick Church,"

the visitor is impressed, not only with the beauty of the location, but also with the finish, uniformity, and durability of the brick work. In general appearance, as far as skill of workmanship is considered, it is probably not surpassed by any church of equal age in the Lowcountry. The interior of the church is interesting and unlike with its queer old straight back pews.

Silver Plate Buried
The church plate was buried in 1778 with that of the Rev. Robert Smith (afterwards first Bishop of South Carolina) by Mauder, his overseer, beneath a tree on his plantation. Brabant Mauder was suspended from the same tree three times to force the secret of the location of the silver. He was released by a British officer when he refused to talk.

Two cups or chalices now remain, one dated 1711, the other 1753. The plates are of this century.

A marble slab, a memorial to Richard Beresford, adorns the wall to the right of the pulpit, and in front of the gallery, which extends over the entrance door.

There are many interesting tombstones in the churchyard which surrounds the chapel. One is to the memory of Richard Beresford, who died March 17, 1721, and bequeathed the net profits of his estate to the vestry of St. Thomas Parish in trust until his son, then eight years old, should reach his majority. The money was for the support, maintenance, tuition and education of the poor children of the parish. The "Beresford Bounty" has existed here for over 200 years.

The legislature has now relieved the vestry from the necessity of boarding, housing and clothing the children, as the public schools have superseded this charity.

Like other parishes in lower South Carolina, St. Thomas was a slaveholding agricultural section, the lands being held for the most part in large plantations, where indigo, rice, olive and mulberry were cultivated. Here, too, as in the other parishes, time has wrought sad and permanent changes in the social and economic life, and the parish is practically bereft of the people who once occupied these plantations. Death has taken its toll, and those of the younger generation who under ordinary conditions would have remained, have been forced away by economic conditions.

Names in Register
In the parish register one finds the names of many families well known in South Carolina today, though a few of those recorded are now extinct.

Among these are Aiken, Akins, Arthur, Ashby, Auger, Axson, Ball, Batcher, Baker, Banbury, Ballew, Bampfild, Beresford, Bellin, Bennett, Bessellien, Beatty, Beech, Bodon, Bird, Blake, Blalock, Bonn, Bonneau, Boechett, Boyneau, Bonny, Bond, Boyd, Boleaux, Bourdeaux, Bradwell, Brockington, Bonoist, Bourkeland, Boddum.

Also, Boucher, Brabant, Burnham, Capers, Carr, Cape, Canty, Chovin, Chickens, Clyatt, Cleave, Conveys, Cordes, Cooke, Collins, Combe, Collins, Codner, Cromwell, Cusack, Cumming, Chambers, Cahusac, Danton, Devaux, Doorne, Drake, Dubois, Duke, Dubordeaux, Durand, Dwight, Dysart, Dawson, Dehay, Droes, Durley, Edwards,

Eden, Ellis, Elliott, Elder, Ellery, Elfe, Ettering, Evans, Fitch, Ford, Fogartie, Frewin, Frasier, Fawelling and Furman.

Also, Garden, Gabeau, Gilmore, Gibbs, Gibbs, Glen, Goodie, Goddard, Green, Grange, Guerin, Guyton, Gyles, Goodmunduke, Guillard, Hasell, Hamilton, Hall, Harleston, Hartman, Hamlin, Hetherington, Housecausen, Howard, Howe, Hull, Huger, Hume, Irons, O'ns, Jaudon, Jeffers, Jeffords, Jenkins, Jennings, Jennens, Jervey, Joel, Judon, Karwon, Kayler, King, Knighten, Koeser, Laroche, Law, Lachicotte, Lewis, Lesene, Lejeau, Lear, LeBruce, Legare, Leroux, Littenwera, Litz, Lodge, Longuemar, Logan, Luyten, Lunberry, Laurens, Little and Lucas.

Also, Manigault, Marion, Marboest, Maxwell, Maybank, Martin, Manwaring, Manduvel, Macamara, McCulloch, McDole, McDowell, McGrigory, Miller, Metheringham, Millikan, Mills, Mitchell, Mouzon, Moore, Mosse, Morquereau, Motte, Morreana, Monk, Murrel, Musgrove, Muirhead, Nailor, Naylor, Neaufville, Nichols, Norman, Oliver, Oran, Parker, Pawley, Pagett, Padgett, Palthezar, Paris, Peyre, Perroneau, Peacock, Perryman, Pedriau, Phillips, Pinckney, Plowder, Poole, Poltevin, Poyas, Pring, Proctor, Preston, Purry and Poinsett.

Also, Quash, Quarterman, Ravenell, Redford, Rivers, Roper, Roland, Redford, Rose, Roche, Russ, Rubery, Rupp, Sanders, Saunders, Sarazin, Salens, Savage, Scriven, Scott, Serre, Shary, Shekelford, Simons, Singletary, Skinner, Sloan, Smith, Snow, Songster, Souleau, St. Martin, Stone, Stinson, Stewart, Stanley, Syme, Syer, Sams, Scanlan, Sinklar, Taylor, Thomas, Tart, Thompson, Thomson, Threadcraft, Tiencken, Townsend, and Tookerman.

Also, Tresvan, Trapier, Turkitt, Tyrant, Tamplett, Tidman, Tousigere, Toomer, Tyrrell, Vanderhorst, Vaval, Verine, Vicardige, Videau, Valley, Verine, Venning, Verone, Wattle, Watts, Warnock, Warbur, Ward, Wells, Welsh, White, Whiteside, Whitman, Withers, Witten, Wicfall, Williams, Wood, Wright, Westcott, Warnock, Wagner, Watts, Young and Yates.

STRIKERS SEEK PARLEY

Overture at Charlotte Due Today

Charlotte, Sept. 19.—(U.P.) Strikers of the Highland Park No. 13 cotton mill will make their first overture for a settlement of the seven-day shutdown tomorrow.

Roy Lawrence, Carolinas director of the Textile Workers Organizing Committee, said the strikers would seek a conference with the management.

The 500 employees, Lawrence said, would ask for a standard contract embodying "usual" agreements on hours, wages and working conditions.

The employees struck Tuesday in protest of what they said was the institution of the "stretchout". Mill officials denied the "stretchout".

WPA CLOSING OBTAINED

Sheriff to Arrest All Who Will Not Pick Cotton

Okemah, Okla., Sept. 19.—(U.P.) Cotton farmers forced to watch their crop spoil because of a shortage of pickers prevailed upon the WPA to close down. When idle men still failed to apply for work, Sheriff Ben Hill announced he would visit all idlers and give them a choice of picking cotton or going to jail.

PROGRESS REPORT

IS MADE ON ROADS

New Projects are Ready to Start, Heyward Says. Bridge is Hit

E. Taliaferro Heyward, the county legislative delegation's adviser on works progress administration and engineering projects, announced that work is near completion on several road projects, making possible the transfer of men to other county highway jobs.

Mr. Heyward gave this schedule of changes for the next few weeks: From Ashley avenue, Folly Beach, to the Sol Legare road, in about six weeks.

From the John's Island road to the Martin's Point road, in about two weeks.

From Riverland Terrace to Windermer, three weeks.

From the Dupont road to Ashley Forest, two weeks.

Mr. Heyward, who is state highway commissioner for this district, reported progress on several state highway department jobs in this section, as follows:

State Highway Progress Given
Paving on the Remount road will start within about ten days; the base now is being put on the Gardens-Summerville road; the cut-off on United States Highway No. 17, already in use, will be sealed this week.

The Dawhoo causeway is not giving the serious trouble it did a few months ago. Mr. Heyward said.

Mr. Heyward told Charleston county lawmakers the contract for building a second traffic lane between the end of the North Charleston boulevard at Eight Mile and the Ten Mile locality will be let about October 1. This eventually is to be a four-lane road, each lane a separate roadway, if traffic warrants.

Work on the Dawhoo bridge is necessary because of damage done when a boat struck it. Piles from that bridge can be used on a bridge requested for the Red Bank road.

The county lawmakers instructed Mr. Heyward to handle this matter with the sanitary and drainage commission.

Two Road Projects Sought
The delegation has signed two more WPA road projects, both of them grading work to be undertaken when the WPA program permits. They are one-half mile Gardner road project in St. Andrew's parish; from Route 61 to the Dupont road, and the one-half mile road to the canning factory in St. Paul's parish, running from the Yonge's Island road to the factory.

In the Gardner road project, the county is to put \$2,884.50 and the federal government, \$5,769.00. For the St. Paul's parish road, the county will put up \$4,582 and the federal government, \$4,792.24. Much of the county's share will be in equipment of the sanitary and drainage commission.

Vacation Luck
Tact, Cal.—(U.P.) Eddie Kolar, fourteen, is ready to start an anti-vacation organization. Last year when he went on vacation he fell ill and was quarantined six weeks. This year, when he took his annual vacation, he developed appendicitis and was rushed to the hospital for an emergency operation. Next year, he plans to stay at home.

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