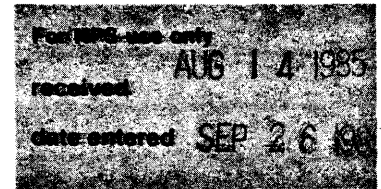


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#1619 Charles Ifeld Memorial Chapel, Masonic Cemetery, ca. 100' SW  
of corner of Colonias and Romero, ill. 62.

4. Owner: Masonic Temple, c/o Jose Vasques, 1407 4th St.,  
Las Vegas, N.M.
7. Description: L-shaped plan; stucco over sandstone foundation;  
rusticated light brown random ashlar sandstone with reddish  
mortar rather than the normal off-white; buttresses at chapel  
ends and midway on side; wood shingle roof; moderate overhang  
with bargeboard, exposed rafters and bracketed beams; half-  
timbering in gable; boarded-up windows with brick surrounds or  
brick sills and sandstone lintels. Chapel entrance: brick  
"quoins," doors boarded-over, topped by pointed recessed panels,  
dentil course, pointed window and boxed "beam" ends supporting  
pedimented lintel. Caretaker's porch: new posts, flat "arched"  
lintel. Located in the Masonic Cemetery on a hill to the  
northwest of residential areas.
8. Significance: One of the most richly finished Tudor Revival  
buildings in New Mexico, the Ifeld Memorial Chapel (which also  
served as the Masonic Cemetery caretaker's house) was made  
possible in 1912 by the generosity of Charles Ifeld, the State's  
leading nineteenth-century merchant. Seven years later he would  
fund the completion of the more ambitious Adele Ifeld Auditorium  
on the Highlands campus to memorialize his wife. This chapel has  
a rich combination of earth hues--the light brown sandstone with  
reddish mortar, dark brown shingles and woodwork, and red bricks.  
The rustication of the stone, the small butresses and bell cast  
roof provide a feeling of solid repose.
10. Acreage: under 1. UTM Reference: 13 478470 3939040  
Boundary: Unplatted. Ten feet surrounding the building.