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The facade of Pon Pon Chapel had a central entrance flanked by a window on either side. Both windows and entrance were designed as semi-circular arches with brickwork pattern of one stretcher alternating with two header bricks. Two round windows on second level in same brickwork pattern. Walls in Flemish bond.

Since 1832, Pon Pon Chapel has been in ruins. A hurricane in September 1959 toppled much of the ruin. Plans for restoration have been jointly undertaken by the Colleton County Historical Society and the Episcopal church.

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Established 1725 by Act of the General Assembly, Pon Pon Chapel of Ease was one of two serving St. Bartholomew's Parish after the Yemassee War (1715) aborted plans for a parish church.

At time of construction, the chapel site, now isolated, was located on Parker's Ferry Road, the busy stage-coach thoroughfare which connected Charleston and Savannah. President George Washington traveled this road on his Southern tour in spring 1791.

In 1754, a brick chapel was erected to replace the earlier wooder structure. This brick chapel burned in 1801, and Pon Pon Chapel has subsequently been known as the Burnt Church. Rebuilt between 1819 and 1822, the chapel was in use until 1832 when it was reduced to ruins either by disrepair or a second burning.

John Wesley preached two sermons at Pon Pon on April 24, 1737. Also of significance is the church burial ground. Here are the graves of two Congressmen, Aedanus Burke and O'Brien Smith, and numerous other local leaders.

The South Carolina Department of Archives and History erected an historical marker here in August 1970.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

Pon Pon Chapel

The ruins of Pon Pon Chapel have long An area landmark been, and reminder of the early establishment of the Anglican religion in St. Bartholomew's Parish. Because of the destruction wrought by the Yemassee War in 1715 and the subsequent shifting of the population, St. Bartholomew's, unlike other colonial parishes, was unable to organize and build a central parish church. For this reason, an act was passed by the Assembly of the Province of South Carolina on December 9, 1725 which authorized a chapel of ease to be built in St. Bartholomew's near Cox's plantation and gave the minister permission to "constantly celebrate divine service in the said chappel as other ministers do in the several parish churches." As a rule chapels of ease did not enjoy all of the privileges afforded to the parish church which kept all vital statistics for the parish, held elections and carried out many of the political duties of the parish. Usually the chapels of ease served parishoners who lived a great distance from the parish church. Thus Pon Pon Chapel was exceptional as a chapel of ease which performed all the functions of a full parish church and was for many years the sole Anglican worship place in the area.

Pending acceptance on the National Register, the Colleton County Historical Society plans to apply for a grant to stabilize the ruins.

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In colonial South Carolina, the church's importance was more than religious. Interwoven into the development of South Carolina, the church was also important historically. Thus we rate as valuable the physical vestiges of any church and chapel buildings remaining from this period.

In his <u>South Carolina: A Synoptic History for Laymen</u>, Dr. Lewis Jones, head of the history department at Wofford College and one of the state's most respected historians, explains the peculiar importance of the colonial church in South Carolina.

According to Dr. Jones, the Church Act of 1706 was one of the most significant laws in South Carolina legislative history, not only in making the Anglican the established church and at the same time allowing dissenters to become eligible for all political offices, but also because of its crucial non-ecclesiastical aspects -- mainly that of providing for the creation of 10 parishes and churches which were, in reality, political units of government.

These parishes were more than church divisions, explains Dr. Jones. In a colony devoid of local government, the parishes (and those later created) were to serve as election districts, or precincts, for coastal and Low Country representation in the colonial and state legislatures until 1865.

As Eugene Sirmans, author of <u>Colonial South Carolina: A Political</u> <u>History 1663-1763</u>, stated, "the real seat of the establishment in South Carolina was in the parish vestry." The vestry, elected every Easter Monday by St. Bartholomew's Parish Anglican freeholders meeting at Pon Pon, was responsible for providing a register of births, marriages and deaths, for supervising parish finances and church repairs and for administering poor relief.

St. Bartholomew's was one of the two parishes in Colleton County created by the Church Act of 1706. The fact that Pon Pon was not only a Chapel of Ease but also functioned as the Parish Church establishes its historical and political importance quite apart from any religious significance it had. It also explains why even the ruins of Pon Pon are valued by the people of Colleton as a landmark, enough so that they are raising money to stabilize and preserve them. Form 10-300o (Dec. 1968)

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