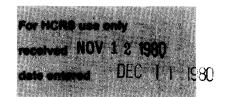
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7. Description

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located on Main Street in Rosedale, Mississippi, is Grace Episcopal Church, a small, one story, carpenter Gothic building set upon low brick foundation piers.

The white clapboarded frame walls are pierced by lancet windows containing stained glass (some of which is original). Encircling the building is a skirt with a simple molded cap and a wide frieze.

The center bay of the three-bay, westerly, gable-end facade is occupied by a butressed rectangular tower with octagonal spire that more than doubles the height of the building and constitutes the main exterior ornament of the church. On each side of the tower belfry is a blind arcade and a louvered pointed arch opening capped by a drip molding all set below a steep gable. Fronting the tower is a narrow, shed-roof porch with pediment. The porch, which is supported by two Tuscan columns, shelters the double leaf entrance doors, each of which features six molded panels.

Immediately inside the doors is a vestibule with a small round window on each side wall. A rectangular opening leads onto the interior where the walls and ceiling are covered with diagonal matched boards. The nave is wainscoted with double-vertical boards. From the boxed ridge of the roof, boxed rafters extend to the eaves where they are supported by brackets rising from the top of the four pointed windows on each side of the nave.

The chancel is separated from the nave by a raised floor and a dark railing. Also, the chancel projects at the sides into transepts. An arch, supported by boxed columns at the entrance to the chancel and is the width of the center aisle, is repeated at the entrance to the narrow east-end recess containing the sanctuary. The floor of the sanctuary is raised one level to accommodate a communion rail. Behind the altar is a large wide pointed arch divided into three smaller pointed arch windows.

Original wooden furniture includes the pews, lectern, and litany desk. A marble font is located at the entrance to the nave. The altar was installed at the turn of the century, and came from St. James' Episcopal Church in Greenville, Mississippi.

Two minor alterations have occured to the church. A vestry set in the angle of the north transept and the sanctuary is probably an addition. The front porch columns are substitutes for the original square-section posts with brackets. Aside from these two changes the building remains much as it was at the time of its construction in 1879.

The three-room rectory, which faces west, about thirty feet south of the church was built in the early 1920s to replace the 1903 rectory that burned.

8. Significance

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

In the architectural context of Rosedale, and Bolivar County, Mississippi, Grace Episcopal Church is an important example of the carpenter Gothic style. In this sparcely populated, agarian Delta county few church structures were built during the nineteenth century and fewer still have survived. Thus, it is not surprising that this 1879 building is the oldest extant church in the county. Similarly, it is the finest carpenter Gothic building in the county and one of the few examples of the Gothic Revival to date from the nineteenth century. While hardly ambitious in size, and somewhat spare of ornament, the pleasing porportions of the nave, the picturesquesness of the tower and the repetition of the Gothic arch motif make this a most pleasing vernacular design.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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