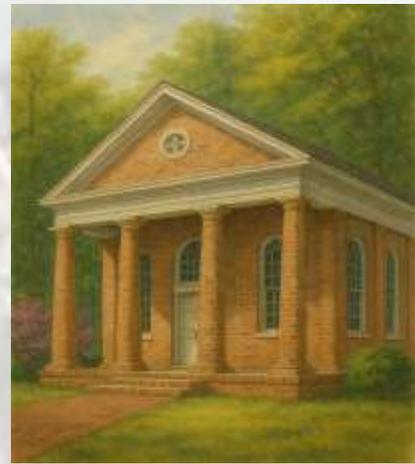


Beaufort County 250 Committee Historic Site Tours Old Sheldon Church Ruins



Formally known as Prince William Parish Church, it was one of the earliest attempts to replicate a Greek temple in America and was built by William Bull between 1745 and 1753.

In 1775 the Bull family burial vault was used to store gunpowder confiscated from the HMS *Philippa* off Cockspur Island and was later shipped to aid General George Washington in the Siege of Boston.

The church served as the muster point for the Beaufort District Militia and its grounds were used for drill and maneuver training during the war.

The original church was burned by Tory neighbor Andrew DeVeaux in 1779 and was rebuilt sometime around 1826..

An inside crypt is the burial place of Col William Bull, a co-founder of the Georgia colony with Oglethorpe.