

SAINT PAUL'S MISSION

Father Anthony Rivali visited Fort Colville in 1845 — nearly twenty years after it was established. He led the Indians of the Kettle Falls area to build a small chapel of rough logs and brush. By 1847 that chapel had been replaced by a sturdy hand-hewn log church with priests' quarters. The portage road that began at the boat landing below Kettle Falls passed just in front of the church on the way to Fort Colville.



The church was an active cultural and social center. In regular use until the early 1880's, it became a victim of changing times.



In 1939 the structure was restored to its present condition — a monument to the mission era of the northwest frontier.



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SHADOWS OF THE PAST

THIS ENCLOSURE IS PART OF A LARGER
CEMETARY OUTLINED BY THE NEARBY TRENCH.
IN THIS SACRED GROUND ARE BURIED NATIVE
AMERICANS, FUR TRADERS AND EARLY SETTLERS



