



**VIRGINIA**  
**HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

File no. 233-5
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SURVEY FORM

Historic name Haymarket Post Office	Common name
County/Town/City Haymarket	
Street address or route number 1502 <sup>6</sup> Washington Street, Haymarket, VA 22069	
USGS Quad Thoroughfare Gap	Date or period c1900
Original owner	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use	
Present owner Mason Pickett	Source of name
Present owner address Box 144	Source of date Architectural evidence
Haymarket, VA 22069	Stories 2 stories
Present use Post Office	Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation; frame walls.
Acreage 1/2 acre	Roof type Metal-covered gable roof.

State condition of structure and environs Building and environs in fair condition.

State potential threats to structure  
Note any archaeological interest

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

Architectural description (Note significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)

A small, weatherboarded, 2-story, gable-ended structure, built, probably in the early 1900's, as a commercial building. The exterior is covered with rough-sawn weatherboard and is painted white with dark green trim. Rafters are exposed, and there is a plain vergeboard. The building has cornerboards and plain box trim. Regular size <sup>2</sup>/<sub>2</sub> sliding sash except on first floor front where there are oversize <sup>2</sup>/<sub>2</sub> stationary windows. The front entrance is a double door with glass panels in the upper half. There is a three-pane overhead. A covered porch may once have spanned the front.

The Post Office occupies the first floor. It consists of a small foyer or vestibule and a large mail room, the two parts separated by a partition, or bank of post office boxes. The interior is sheathed with wide beaded siding, that on the walls laid both vertically and horizontally. The floor is wood-covered with tiles. The ceiling is covered with "matchboard." The windows and door trim are plain.

The second floor may once have contained a 3-room apartment, but now appears to be vacant.

Haymarket's water and sewage problems have not bypassed this building. It has a well which is polluted, and a septic tank that does not operate.

The Post Office is located across John Marshall Highway (U.S. 55), or Washington Street, as this road is locally known, from Haymarket Town Hall. An older house belonging to Mason Pickett is on the Post Office's west side, and Gossom's Store is on the east.

Interior inspected? Yes.

Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)

The U.S. Post Office occupies the first floor of this building, which is owned by Mason Pickett. Pickett acquired the property in 1968 from Robert C. Smith. Prior to the installation of the post office, Hunt's Pharmacy occupied the first floor of this building, and a community theater was located on the second floor. The post office was in Gossom's (Rector's) Store before being moved into this building.

In the early 1900's, the Post Office was in a 2-story frame building that burned sometime before World War II and was located about where the Tack Shop is.

Sources and bibliography

Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

W.P.A., Writer's Project, Prince William, the Story of Its People and Its Places (c1941), pp. 174-177

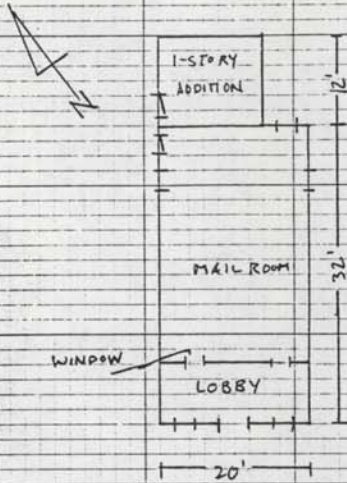
Ratcliffe, R.J., This Was Prince William (c1978), pp. 61-62

Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

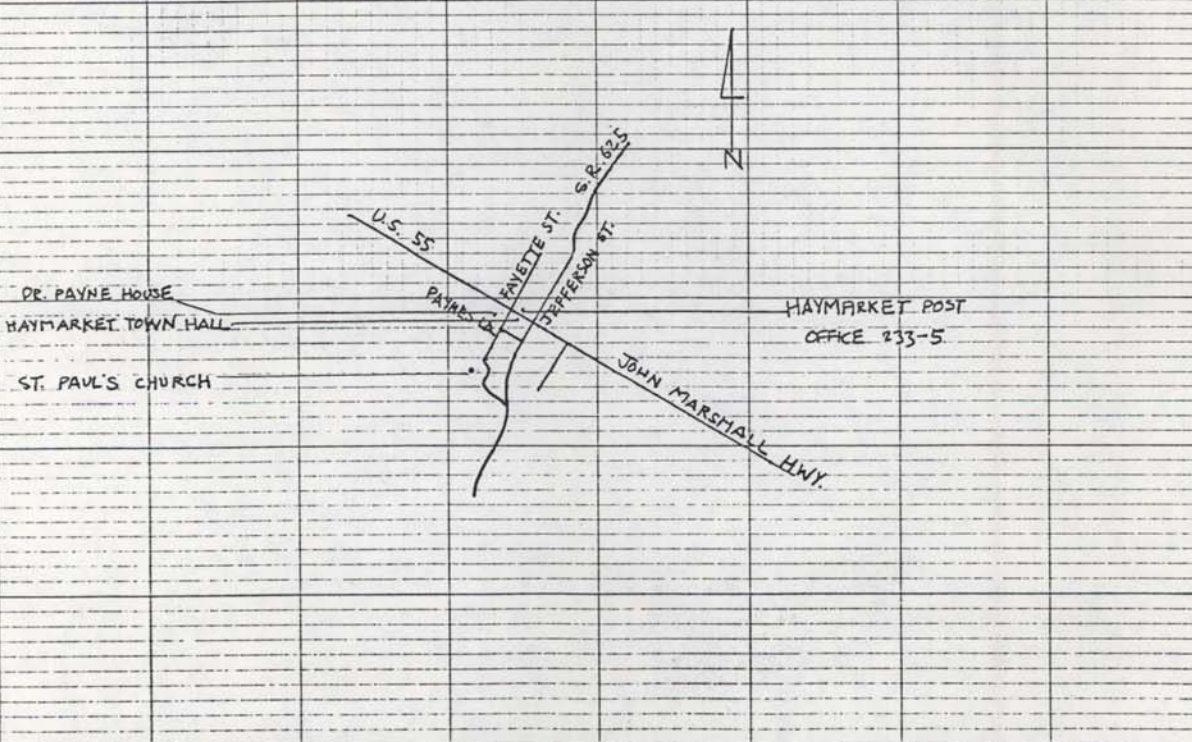
Prince William County Courthouse, Deed ref., Smith to Pickett, Book 485, p. 508

Names and addresses of persons interviewed

Plan (Indicate locations of rooms, doorways, windows, alterations, etc.)



Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)



Name, address and title of recorder

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