



**VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

File no. 76-97
Negative no(s). 5164

SURVEY FORM

Historic name Hickory Grove School	Common name
County/Town/City Prince William County	
Street address or route number 2620 Logmill Road, Haymarket, VA 22069	
USGS Quad Arcola	Date or period c1900
Original owner Prince William County	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use School	
Present owner Kenneth and Rita Smith	Source of name
Present owner address 2620 Logmill Road Haymarket, Va 22069	Source of date Architectural evidence
	Stories 1 story
Present use Residence	Foundation and wall const'n Stone and cement foundation;
Acreage 1/2 acre	frame walls covered with stone veneer.
	Roof type Metal-covered gable roof.

State condition of structure and environs Building and grounds are in good 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.)

This is a former one-room public schoolhouse which in the 1930's was converted to a residence. Beneath the 6-inch-thick stone veneer, the building is clad with German siding. The house sits on a stone foundation which has been reinforced with concrete. There is a one-story porch across the house's front, added probably when the building was converted to a residence. A one-story, shed-roofed addition on the rear containing the kitchen and bathroom may have been constructed in the early 20th century. The attic is only an air space, reached by a hatch in one of the bedrooms. The rafters are said to be rough poles, some with the bark remaining. The building is supported by a heavy beam which runs along the center from front to rear.

Originally a single, large, high-ceilinged room covered completely with tongue and groove yellow pine, the classroom was partitioned into a livingroom and two small bedrooms in the 1930's by Todd Rhodes. The kitchen and bathroom were created in a one-story shed-roofed addition onto the rear, a former woodshed. The door and window trim is plain, wide box trim. The windows, 4/4 sliding sash, are probably replacements. The interior 5-panel (horizontally placed panels) doors probably date to the building's conversion to a residence, while the 4-panel doors with metal box locks in the shed addition are older. The tongue and groove-covered walls and ceiling, except for the kitchen ceiling, have been concealed with drywall. The crown moulding and narrow chair-rail were added by the present owner. The floors are old, narrow, pine tongue and groove. The ceiling height in the former classroom is 10 feet. A stove in the northwest corner heated the building when present owners acquired it. There is now an oil furnace, but present owners heat the house with two wood stoves. The house sits on a half-acre lot on the north side of Logmill Road, about 1/4 mile from the late 19th century commercial

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Interior inspected? Yes.

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

The one-half acre lot for Hickory Grove School was deeded in 1877 by the T.R. Gallehers, who owned the farm surrounding the school parcel. It is not known when the present school building was built, but if the history of other schools in the area is any indicator, the first school building on the site may have been built in about 1877 and might have consisted of a small, one-room log or frame building. Sometime in the 1890's or early 1900's, the present school may have been built to replace the earlier one.

In 1925, according to a Term Report prepared by Hickory Grove School teacher Mrs. Selina T. Wilson, the school's enrollment was 28 pupils, ranging in age from 6 to 14 years old. The 14 girls and 14 boys traveled to school distances of from 1/4 mile (the Gossom children) to 2 1/2 miles (10-year-old Francis Watson, who lived on Mountain Road). The attendance rate for the year 1924-25 was 85%, and there were 14 children enrolled in grades 1-4, 12 children in grades 5-7 and 2 in grades 8-9. The school library contained about 90 books, and the teacher's salary was \$70 per month and \$560 for the term.

Many of the small country schools were closed in the 1920's and 30's, with the coming of larger, central schools. Classes were discontinued at nearby Catharpin School in 1935. Hickory Grove School was sold at auction in 19__ to Todd Rhodes, who converted it to a residence. The property passed to Cecil Rhodes, and the present owners purchased it from the Rhodes in about 1974.

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settlement known as Hickory Grove. Carved out of the old Galleher farm, the parcel contains a few shade trees, a well, a chicken house and space for a small kitchen garden.

This is one of the dozen or so former ^{existing} public schools, built in the County in the late 19th or early 20th century. Many of these remaining buildings have been converted to residences; others have been adaptively reused for commercial or other uses; some have been abandoned. Hickory Grove School, while its exterior appearance has been substantially altered by the addition of the stone veneer, retains some feeling of its former school use. The interior ceiling height has not been changed, and the floors are original and well preserved. The tongue and groove walls and ceiling, though concealed beneath wallboard, also remain intact. The building's size or proportions have not been changed, and the present owners claim that the old school makes a comfortable, if small, dwelling.

Sources and bibliography

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

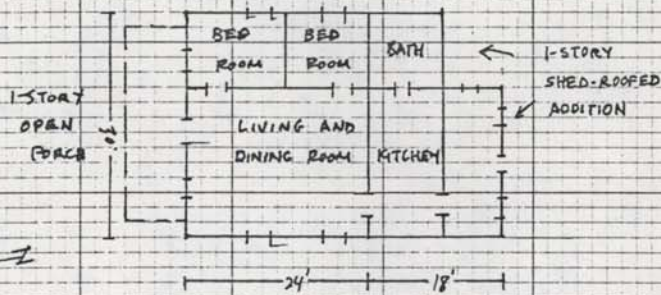
Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

Term Report--Elementary and High Schools, Prince William County, Gainesville District, Hickory Grove School, 1924-1925, from State School Supt., Richmond.

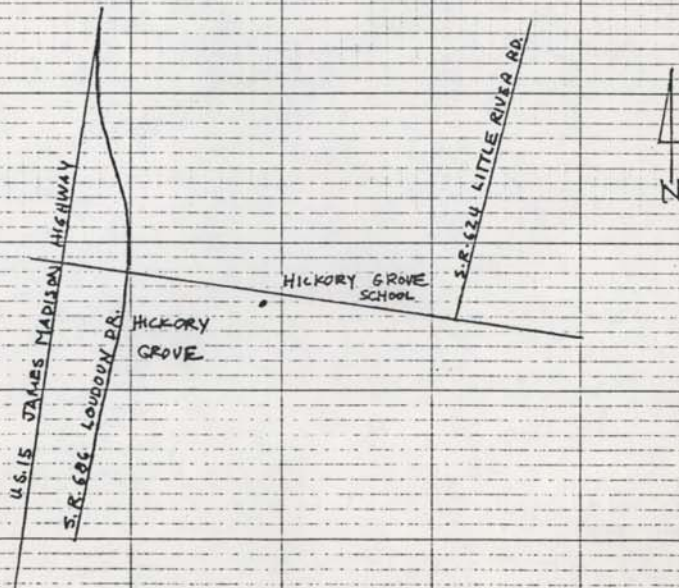
Names and addresses of persons interviewed

Mrs. Kenneth E. (Rita) Smith, owner.

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



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

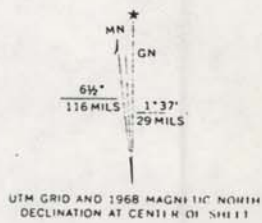


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 Supersedes Army Map Service map dated 1943
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grid based on Virginia coordinate system, north zone
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue



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