

Virginia Department of Historic Resources PIF Resource Information Sheet

This information sheet is designed to provide the Virginia Department of Historic Resources with the necessary data to be able to evaluate the significance of the property for possible listing in the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places. This is not a formal nomination, but a necessary step in determining whether or not the property could be considered eligible for listing. Please take the time to fill in as many fields as possible. A greater number of completed fields will result in a more timely and accurate assessment. Staff assistance is available to answer any questions you have in regards to this form.

General Property Information	For Staff Use Only DHR ID #: 029-0154
Property Name(s): <u>Upper Pohick Community Hall (originally The Sydenstricker School)</u>	
Property Date(s): <u>1928</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Circa <input type="checkbox"/> Pre <input type="checkbox"/> Post Open to the Public? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Property Address: <u>8511 Hooes Road</u> City: <u>Springfield</u> Zip: <u>22153</u>	
County or Ind. City: <u>Fairfax</u> USGS Quad(s): <u>Annandale</u>	

Physical Character of General Surroundings	
Acreage: <u>.91</u> Setting (choose one): <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Town <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Corridor	
Site Description Notes/Notable Landscape Features:	
<p>The Upper Pohick Community Hall is at the northeast corner of the lot, adjacent to Hooes road. A small strip of land and a split-rail fence divide the structure from the road. Immediately east of the building is the old Sydenstricker Chapel. Across the street to the north is the new Sydenstricker Church. To the west of the community hall is a gravel parking lot. The southern portion of the lot is wooded with several hundred year old oaks, which indicate that the property reflects the original 20th century landscape. There is a small shed on the southwest side of the building which contains a two-hole privy.</p>	
Secondary Resource Description (Briefly describe any other structures (or archaeological sites) that may contribute to the significance of the property: <u>N/A</u>)	
Ownership Category: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/> Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal	

Individual Resource Information	
What was the historical use of this resource? Examples include: Dwelling, Grist Mill, Bridge, Store, Tobacco Barn, etc...	
<u>One-room-Schoolhouse (1928 – 1939)</u>	
What is the current use? (if other than the historical use) <u>Community Hall</u>	
Architectural style or elements of styles: <u>Vernacular Greek Revival</u>	
Architect, builder, or original owner: <u>Beauregard Wooster (1857 – 1945)</u>	
# of stories <u>1</u> Condition: <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Rebuilt <input type="checkbox"/> Renovated	
Are there any known threats to this property? <u>No</u>	

<p>Resource Component Information</p> <p>Please answer the following questions regarding the individual components of the resource. If the component does not exist, answer “n/a.” If you feel uncomfortable in answering the question, please leave the space blank. Photographs of the features can also help our staff identify specific feature components. Usually, priority is given to describing features on the primary (front) facade of the structure.</p>
<p>Foundation: Describe the foundation that supports the structure. Examples include piers, continuous brick, poured concrete. Concrete</p>
<p>Structure: Describe the primary structural component of the resource. Include primary material used. Examples include log, frame (sawn lumber), and brick. Also include the treatment, such as a particular brick bond or type of framing, if known. Wood Framing</p>
<p>Walls: Describe the exterior wall covering such as beaded weatherboard or asbestos shingles. Beveled clapboard</p>
<p>Windows: Describe the number, material, and form of the primary windows. This includes the number of panes per sash, what the sashes are made of, and how the sashes operate (are they hinged or do they slide vertically) Have the windows been replaced? The building has a total of seven nine-over-nine double hung divided light sash windows. The north elevation is unfenestrated. The vestibule has one 3-over-1 double hung sash window. The windows have not been replaced.</p>
<p>Porch: Briefly describe the primary (front) porch. List the primary material, shape of the porch roof, and other defining details. NA</p>
<p>Roof: Describe the roof, listing the shape and the covering material. Standing seam metal.</p>
<p>Chimney(s): List the number of chimneys and the materials used. Include the brick bond pattern if possible. One metal chimney pipe protrudes from the wall near the southern cornice return. The location of the original stove pipe is visible in the interior, centered on the north wall.</p>

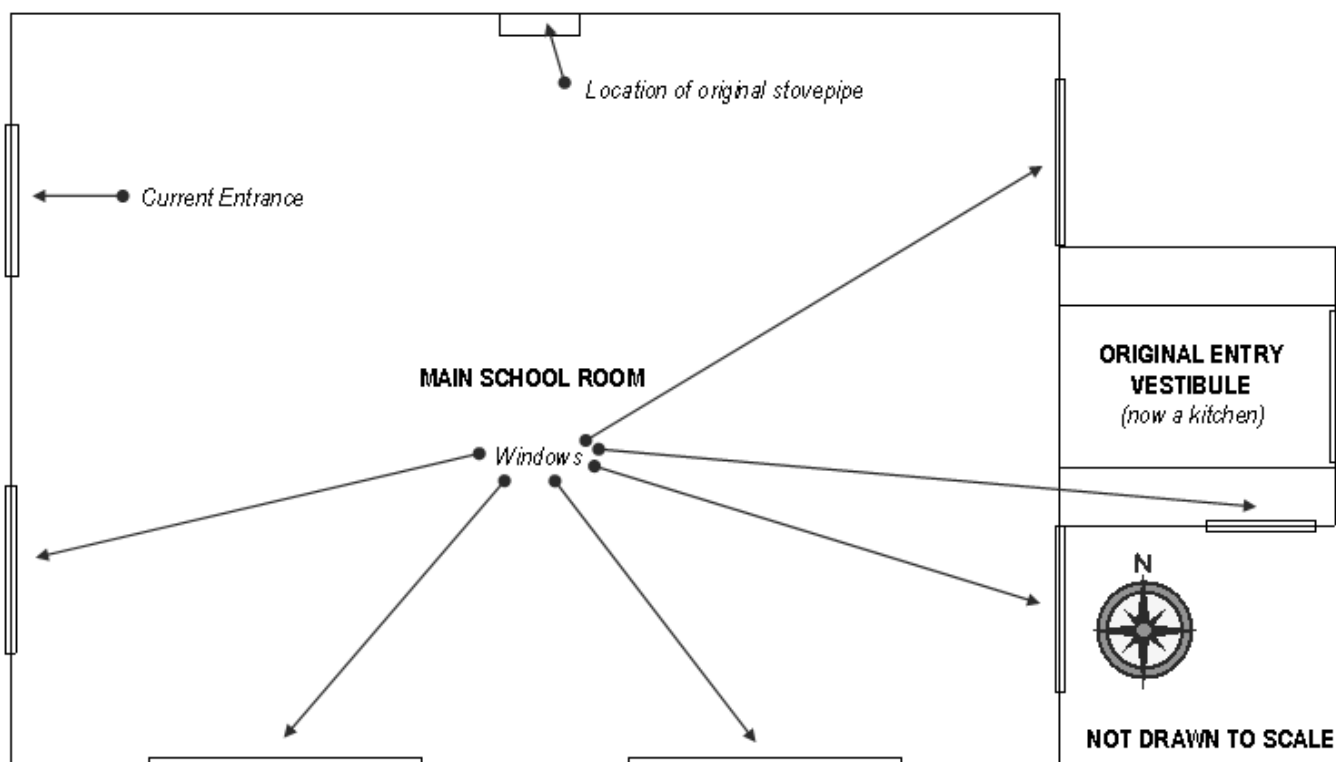
Architectural Description of Individual Resource: *(Please describe architectural patterns, types, features, additions, remodelings, or other alterations. A sketch of the current floor plan would be appreciated)*

Exterior: The only ornament on the north elevation facing Hooes Road is a broad board cornice and a central sign carrying the name of the building. The west elevation has an entrance where a window was once located. This entrance is protected by a pent roof supported by wood brackets. The building details are very simple, and are limited to a broad board cornice and corner boards reminiscent of the Greek Revival style. The clapboard is currently painted red. All doors, trim, and the belfry are painted white. The belfry still contains the original school-bell. The bell was purchased in the 1920s from a Sears store in Alexandria, and survived the fire of 1928 that claimed the original building (Source: October 11, 1989 issue of *The Springfield Connection*, “Class of Its Own; A County Landmark Hides on Hooes”).

Interior: The building was originally accessed through a small vestibule, which was converted into a kitchenette by the Upper Pohick Community League in the 1950s. Three of the vestibule walls and ceiling are covered in narrow painted beaded board placed vertically. There is some question about the construction period for the vestibule, since the foundations were laid independently of the main part of the building, and the support studs for the vestibule encroach on the framing of the two east windows. The west wall of the vestibule is covered in clapboard which matches the exterior walls, and is further evidence that the vestibule was added sometime after the main building was constructed.

The main room of the schoolhouse is a large open space. The walls are covered in narrow painted beaded board placed vertically to chair-rail height, and then horizontally to the ceiling. Four light fixtures (added by the Upper Pohick Community League when the building was electrified in 1950) hang from the ceiling which is also covered in narrow painted beaded board. The location of the original stove-pipe is visible on the north wall.

The pine floors are original to the building and in good condition.



Significance Statement: Briefly note any significant events, personages, and/or families associated with the property. (Detailed family genealogies are not necessary.) Please list all sources of information. It is not necessary to attach lengthy articles or genealogies to this form. Normally, only information contained on this form is forwarded to the State Review Board.

This building is locally significant as an example of a building associated with early twentieth century education, and with the development of the greater Springfield section of Fairfax County.

The school was the last one-room schoolhouse in operation in Fairfax County when it closed in 1939. (Source: September 14, 1939 issue of the *Fairfax Herald*, "Last One Room School in County, at Sydenstricker, to Close").

The Sydenstricker School was named for the Reverend Christopher Sydenstricker, the first minister of the neighboring Sydenstricker United Methodist Church. Reverend Sydenstricker was the uncle of Pearl Sydenstricker Buck, author of The Good Earth.

Legal Owner(s) of the Property (For more than one owner, please use a separate sheet.)			
Mr. <input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/>		
Ms. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	The Upper Pohick Community League	
		Attn: Lisa Becker, Secretary	
7513 Candytuft Court		Springfield	(Firm) VA 22153
(Address)		(City)	(State) (Zip Code)
lisamfb@gmail.com		703-455-2935	
(Email Address)		(Daytime telephone including area code)	
Owner's Signature: _____		Date: _____	
•• Signature required for processing all applications. ••			
In the event of corporate ownership you must provide the name and title of the appropriate contact person.			
Contact person: Lisa Becker, Secretary (Upper Pohick Community League)			
Daytime Telephone: (703) 455-2935			

Applicant Information (Individual completing form if other than legal owner of property)			
Mr. <input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/>		
Ms. <input type="checkbox"/>	Miss <input type="checkbox"/>		
		(Name)	(Firm)
(Address)		(City)	(State) (Zip Code)
(Email Address)		(Daytime telephone including area code)	
Applicant's Signature: _____		Date: _____	

Notification			
In some circumstances, it may be necessary for the department to confer with or notify local officials of proposed listings of properties within their jurisdiction. In the following space, please provide the contact information for the local County Administrator or City Manager.			
Mr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. <input type="checkbox"/>	
Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms. <input type="checkbox"/>	Hon. <input type="checkbox"/>	
Mount Vernon District		Gerry Hyland	Supervisor
(Locality)		(Name)	(Position)
Alexandria		2511 Parkers Lane	
(City)		(Address)	
VA	22306	703-780-7518	
(State)	(Zip Code)	(Daytime telephone including area code)	

Please use the following space to explain why you are seeking an evaluation of this property.
 We believe we have a unique property. It is not the only existing one-room schoolhouse in Fairfax County, but it was the last one in operation. It has been well preserved, and is a cherished landmark in our community.

Would you be interested in the State and/or the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits? Yes No
 Would you be interested in the easement program? Yes No