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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Great Falls Grange Hall and Forestville School
other names/site number VDHR # 29-441

2. Location

street & number 9812 and 9818 Georgetown Pike not for publication
city or town Great Falls vicinity
state: Virginia code: VA county: Fairfax code: 059 zip code: 22066

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature]
Signature of certifying official

6/30/04
Date

Director, Virginia Department of Historic Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the
National Register
 See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the
National Register
 removed from the National Register
 other (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper
Date Of Action _____

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Social Sub: meeting hall
Education school

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Social Sub: meeting hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Grange: Bungalow/Craftsman
School: Other: Late-19th-century Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

	Grange:	School/Post Office:
foundation	<u>TERRA COTTA</u>	<u>CONCRETE</u>
roof	<u>ASPHALT</u>	<u>METAL: Tin</u>
walls	<u>BRICK</u>	<u>WOOD</u>
other	<u>WOOD</u>	
	<u>CONCRETE</u>	

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL HISTORY

EDUCATION

Period of Significance: 1889-1954

Significant Dates: 1889; 1929

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder: Grange: L.B. Morris (Builder)

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Virginia Department of Historic Resources
2801 Kensington Avenue
Richmond, VA 23221

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 9.02

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	18	302025	4319010	2	

 See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

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**Great Falls Grange Hall and Forestville School
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Summary Description

The Great Falls Grange Hall and Forestville School are located at 9818 and 9812 Georgetown Pike, Route 193, in Great Falls, Virginia. The Great Falls Grange Hall has functioned as a center for the community since its construction in 1929. The Forestville School was built in 1889, expanded in 1911, and served as a schoolhouse until 1922. Members of the Great Falls Grange No. 738 specifically designed their grange hall to meet the needs of the community. The 1½-story building is a gable-fronted, rectangular, brick structure. Elements of the Craftsman style are common to the building including a prominent porch on the main elevation supported by concrete pillars, exposed roof rafter ends, knee braces supporting the eaves, and wood shingling in the gables. Forestville School was originally built as a one-room schoolhouse on the site in 1889. In 1911, the vacated Floris School building was moved to this site and joined to the original structure. This combined building is an L-shaped wood-frame structure covered in weatherboards and topped by a standing-seam metal cross-gable roof. After closing as a school in 1922, it served as a residence and then as the Great Falls Post Office from 1959 until 1982. Both of these historic landmarks are now owned by the Fairfax County Park Authority.

Site

Today the community of Great Falls, formerly Forestville, is suburban in character, but it continues to possess remnants of its former status as a crossroads village. The area was dominated by dairy farms in the past, and today the lots remain large, while the rolling hills break the land around Georgetown Pike. Nearby national and county parks flank the Potomac River and preserve the rural character of the area. The property is surrounded by a combination of open land and buildings. To the north are community recreational fields. To the east are two private residences that are accessed by Innsbruck Avenue. The Great Falls Grange Hall, constructed in 1929, and the adjacent Forestville School occupy a central place in the historic core of the town. As gathering places for community meetings, religious ceremonies, and local events, these buildings continue to play a central role in the community. The athletic fields to the north, which provide recreational entertainment, and the library to the west, which promotes higher education, complement the community function of these two historic buildings.

The Grange Hall is separated from Georgetown Pike by a timber picket and rail fence on the south. Behind the fence is a deep, grassy setback scattered with trees. An asphalt

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drive allows access and parking for the Grange Hall and the Forestville School. On the north, between the Grange Hall and the recreation fields, are a picnic pavilion (noncontributing resource) and a modern playground. Great Falls is an area with a unique blend of urban and rural life, and the Great Falls Grange site reflects this by combining community facilities with the natural beauty of the rolling topography.

Exterior

The Great Falls Grange Hall sits on a raised foundation of terra cotta bricks that are parged with concrete stucco. On the south gable end the foundation is a full story. The land slopes up to the north. The ground floor of the east and west elevations have eight three-over-three double-hung sash windows. A cellar bulkhead extends from the rear of the building on the north elevation. There are also two basement windows on this elevation. Two concrete staircases that lead to the front porch extend across most of the south elevation on the ground floor. Three doors are under the porch. Two of the doors allow access to storage areas under the stairs. A single-panel and twelve-light door centrally positioned under the porch allows entrance into the ground floor of the hall. Distinctive features are found on the main level. The bricks are laid in 6:1 American bond. The eight bays on the east and west elevations consist of six-over-six double-hung sash windows. The windows at the northernmost ends of the side elevations are smaller than the others to accommodate the raised stage at the north end of the main floor. Metal stairs on the north elevation lead to another five-paneled door that opens onto the stage. The south elevation has three bays. Two are large six-over-six double-hung sash windows. The central front entrance has a twelve-light French-style door highlighted with a five-light transom and sidelights. A large concrete porch providing access to the main floor of the building dominates the south elevation. It is accessed by two sets of concrete stairs flanking the ground-floor entrance. The porch has a gable-front roof supported by two sturdy square concrete pillars and exposed rafter ends at the eaves. On the porch parapet between the two concrete porch pillars are the words painted in black, "Great Falls Grange No. 738."

Four chimneys extend above the asphalt-shingled gable roof. One exterior-end chimney is located on the north elevation. The east and west elevations are each divided into four

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sections by brick pilasters, at the center of which are two semi-exterior chimneys. A fourth exterior chimney is located at the north end of the west elevation. Typical of the Craftsman style, the roof rafter ends are exposed under the eaves along the east and west side elevations. Also, five triangle knee braces support the overhanging eaves of roof at the south (front) and north (rear) gable ends. The upper portions of the gable ends are clad in wood shingles, and each contains a window. The north gable end has one small window, whereas the south gable end has a tripartite window configuration. The present Forestville School consists of two sections; the original 1889 one-room schoolhouse constructed on the site in 1889 and the Floris School which was moved to the property in 1911 and attached to the east elevation of the Forestville School. The present building's western section consists of the original one-story, one-room, frame and weatherboard, side-gable-roofed schoolhouse. Its symmetrical façade features a central four-panel door and flanking large twelve-over-two double-hung sash windows with flat architraves capped by a simple drip cornice. The entrance is sheltered by a one-bay porch with turned posts and decorative sawnwork. The west elevation of the original schoolhouse has a six-over-six and a six-over-one double-hung sash window, while the rear elevation features a twelve-over-two double-hung sash window sheltered by a one-bay porch attached to a shed-roofed frame addition. The Floris School is a one-and-a-half-story frame with weatherboard, gable-front building that appears to have been substantially remodeled from its original appearance. Today, the front (south) elevation is asymmetrical with a four-panel door to the left and paired six-over-one double-hung windows to the right. A three-bay frame porch with turned posts and decorative sawnwork extends across the front. A pair of six-over-one double-hung sash attic windows are positioned in the front gable end.

Interior

The interior of the Grange Hall consists of a foyer and auditorium plan. A stair vestibule located at the southeastern corner of the building connects the basement, main floor, and loft. The main level has a foyer in the south leading into a large single-room auditorium space. To the west of the foyer is a large cloak closet leading into a restroom. At the north end of the auditorium is a raised stage with stairs on each side. Original built-in bookcases line the wall of the south end of the auditorium space. The auditorium

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has hardwood floors and a high segmental-arched ceiling. The ceiling, wainscot, and parapet of a loft at the south end of the building overlooking the auditorium are clad in narrow beaded boards.

The basement has a similar plan to the main floor, but it is more functional. The foyer leads into a large space used for dining facilities. A second restroom is located to the west of this foyer. Beyond the dining room to the north and below the stage is a large, functional kitchen. The large service window and door between the kitchen and dining hall allow this floor some of the same openness found in the room directly above. In the dining room, to the right of the door, are original built-in glass-fronted cabinets.

Retaining much of its original architectural integrity, the Great Falls Grange Hall has experienced few changes over the years. The only notable changes have been the replacement of the hardwood floors due to fire damage and updates to the kitchen facilities. The original plumbing is still functioning.

The interior of the Forestville School retains much of the original 1889 and 1911 wood floors and reflects the two separate structures that form the whole. A 1986 renovation of the building retained the early windows, much of the wall structure, and the roof supporting structure. Each of the rooms has a molded chair rail, simple crown molding and symmetrically molded door and window trim with bull's-eye cornerblocks. Reproduction "schoolhouse" light fixtures are suspended from the ceilings of each of the rooms.

Building Count

Great Falls Grange Hall, 1929 - **Contributing**
Forestville School, 1889 - **Contributing**
Picnic Shelter - **Noncontributing**

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Summary Paragraph

The Great Falls Grange Hall and Forestville School are two significant landmarks representing the social and educational life of the residents of Forestville, a crossroads village in northern Fairfax County that was later called Great Falls. The National Grange was a social, political, and educational organization of the American farmer.¹ The Grange movement began with Oliver Hudson Kelley, who in 1867 established the first Grange in western New York. This fraternal organization, originally known as the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry, promoted rural communal spirit and improved economic and social conditions for farmers across the nation. Formed in 1920, the local chapter of the Grange, Great Falls Grange No. 738, had a grange hall built in 1929 at the center of Great Falls village.² This was the first grange hall built in Virginia, and one of five grange halls to be built in Fairfax County. The hall was not only used by the local Grangers, but as a meeting place and focal point for the entire community.³ A wide range of events, including ice cream socials, dances, carnivals, voting, and lobbying, all took place at the Grange Hall throughout the twentieth century.⁴ The Craftsman structure continues to serve the community today as it has from the beginning. The Forestville School is located to the east of the Grange Hall. The earliest part of this structure was built as a one-room schoolhouse on the site in 1889.⁵ In 1911, the vacated Floris School, another one-room schoolhouse built around 1900 for the community of Floris in western Fairfax County, was moved to the site and attached to the west side of the older schoolhouse.⁶ Together this one-room schoolhouse complex is significant in Fairfax County's educational history as it contains two of fewer than fifteen one-room schoolhouses still in existence in the County, and Forestville School is one of even fewer that still occupies its original site.⁷ Free public education in Fairfax County began in 1870 and as late as 1906 all the schoolhouses had either one or two rooms.⁸ In 1940 there were still six active schools with only one room.⁹ Thus the one-room schoolhouse represented elementary education for many of the County's children for more than 75 years. The facility continued to serve as a school until closing in 1922.¹⁰ Later used as a residence, office, and bank, it is best remembered by local residents as the Great Falls Post Office from 1959 until 1982. Both the Grange Hall and Forestville School are now owned by the Fairfax County Park Authority and are still used for meetings and events.

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Historical Background and Significance

The Grange movement began with an idea by Oliver Hudson Kelley in 1867 and the first Grange was established in western New York.¹¹ He based this fraternal organization, the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry, on the promotion of rural communal spirit and improving economic and social conditions. The local chapter of the Grange, the Great Falls Grange No. 738, was established in 1920.¹² The Great Falls Grange Hall was completed in 1929; it became one of five grange halls in Fairfax County.¹³ Dairy farming was the predominant form of agriculture in the area until 1933.¹⁴ As a result of technological advances in transportation and the growth of Washington D.C., Great Falls became the leading dairy producer in Virginia.¹⁵ It is, therefore, not surprising that a local chapter of the National Grange was formed in Great Falls.

The Forestville Grange held its first meetings in the loft of a sawmill and later they moved to a two-room schoolhouse.¹⁶ These locations could not meet the needs of the Grange or other community gatherings, so in 1925 a special building committee was formed to explore the possibility of constructing an appropriate grange hall.¹⁷ This committee requested that a new grange hall be built near the center of the village.¹⁸ It would be used as a hall for the Grange and as a meeting place for the community. Eight acres of land adjacent to the old Forestville School were purchased in 1927¹⁹ and in 1928 the Grange announced that their prominent member, L. B. Morris, would build the Grange Hall.²⁰

Great Falls Grange No. 738 built the first grange hall in Virginia.²¹ This noted event for the Virginia Grange gathered local, state, and national attention. The masters of both the State and National Grange organizations spoke at the building dedication on May 4, 1929.²² This large ceremony was the first of many events that brought the community together in pride.

The Grange Hall was not only home to the Great Falls Grange, but it became the focal point for many community activities. Dances, picnics, ice cream socials, plays, parties, and speeches were regular events during the height of the organization's history.²³ The Grange participated in putting on the annual Forestville Day and they offered the town the use of the hall and the grounds due to its ideal central location.²⁴ These events

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encouraged fellowship and communication among the local people. One Grange member said, "It was the first social organization in the community, other than the church."²⁵

The Grange was a strong force within the community and it used local support as a means of influence. By 1956, the Great Falls Grange No. 738 grew to be the largest chapter in Virginia.²⁶ With this community power the local Grange chapter was able to influence county government and meet the needs of the community. The Grange focused its efforts on improving education for children and farmers and expanding social services for the community.

The education of farmers was one of the original goals of the National Grange,²⁷ but the desire to educate the public and improve the community's quality of life in other ways grew with their new power to lobby to obtain better roads, schools, and social services. The Grange used its meeting place to discuss the wants and needs of the community and its members donated a small building on their property to be used as needed classroom space.²⁸ As the community grew and a larger school was needed, the Grange funded the foundation of a new school²⁹ and even established and opened a public library on their land in 1939.³⁰

There are many other ways the Grange influenced community standards. The Junior Grange program was established to insure that future Great Falls farmers received the best information and advice of the times.³¹ This organization within the Grange held its own meetings at the hall. Other events held at the hall, such as spelling bees and essay contests, were sponsored to enrich education.³² To improve the standards of living, the Grange cleared part of the lands for recreational fields for community use in 1955.³³ The hall was also used for rallies, debates and speaking engagements to influence changes to improve the local aspects of life.³⁴ Finally, the Grange Hall and the adjacent Forestville School have been used as the district polling place.

Grange members would donate both their time and money to help out the sick and needy of Great Falls. At regular meetings the members conducted a "penny march" wherein they would collect donations as they marched around the room. The donations were given to those in need.³⁵ The Grangers would also contribute time and labor to help a family get by when a member of the community could not care for his or her land due to illness or age.³⁶ For the people who received these donations of time, money, and labor, the Grange Hall was a symbol of the generosity of the people who built it.

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As Great Falls began to grow and emerge as a suburb of Washington D. C., the power of the Grange began to diminish.³⁷ The focus increasingly slipped away from farming as government and smaller organizations began to take on the activist role that the Grange once held. The members of the Grange were growing fewer in number and older in age. The upkeep in activities and on the building began to decline. After long and heated debates over ownership and the ability to maintain the hall, the Grange sold the building and the surrounding property to the Fairfax County Park Authority in 1980.³⁸

Today, the Grange Hall and its surrounding land continue to serve the community as a social and civic center. The hall remains open to the public for town assemblies, civic meetings, theater productions, and church services.³⁹ Local organizations use the facilities to hold regular meetings, just as the Grange once held them. When the members of Great Falls Grange No. 738 do have meetings, they return to the hall. Special events, weddings, and plays still occur in the Grange Hall.⁴⁰ The recreational fields continue to be used for youth activities and local leagues and a new library is located on an adjacent parcel.

As an adjacent historic structure and one that also served a public function in the Forestville/Great Falls community, the Forestville School contributes to the educational history of the community. Free public education in Fairfax County, as in the rest of Virginia, began with the Underwood Constitution of 1869.⁴¹ Overcoming a stigma of long standing – that free public education was only for poor people – the system gradually took root in the county. Under the prevailing laws of the time, the school system was segregated. Growing from 41 schoolhouses in 1870, serving an average attendance of 1,000 pupils (75% White), by 1900 there were 99 schoolhouses serving an average attendance of 2,246 pupils (71% White).⁴² In 1871, all but one of the 46 schoolhouses were one-room frame or log buildings;⁴³ as late as 1906 all the schoolhouses had either one or two rooms. The county had a separate school district for each magisterial district, with one common meeting each year, until 1922. In that year Fairfax adopted the County Unit Plan, under which there is one school board for the entire county.⁴⁴

The Great Depression, which began affecting Fairfax County as early as the late 1920s, prompted the consolidation of the many small elementary schools. As late as 1934 there still were thirty one-room schoolhouses.⁴⁵ Between 1927 and 1942 thirty-one schoolhouses were closed;⁴⁶ by 1940 there were only six active schoolhouses left that had only one room. As the schools were closed they were either torn down or sold; some

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were incorporated into dwellings. Today there is one one-room schoolhouse open as a museum of public education (Legato School, which was moved to the grounds of the Fairfax County Court House in the City of Fairfax.) The Forestville and Floris schoolhouses are two of the fewer than fifteen frame one-room schools left in the County; Forestville is one of even fewer that has remained on its original site.

The earliest section of the present structure was constructed as a school on this site in 1889. In 1911, the Floris School, which was built around 1900 in the western Fairfax County village of Floris, was vacated, moved to this location, and joined to the west side of the older schoolhouse. The combined buildings were used as a school until 1922. The structure was then converted to a residence in which Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Cornwell lived until around 1950. Until a realtor occupied the east wing in 1958 (followed later by a bank), the building served a number of different public and private functions, including homes to the Junior Grange and a Boy Scout troop. The Great Falls Post Office occupied the west wing in 1959⁴⁷. It was used as such until 1982, when a new facility was constructed. In partnership with Great Falls Heritage, Inc., the Fairfax County Park Authority acquired the property in 1983, and it now serves as a meeting facility. Separately and together the two schoolhouses represent the one-room schoolhouse tradition in which generations of children in the area received their education.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundaries of the nominated property are indicated on Fairfax County tax maps as Parcels 13-1-((1))-15 and 13-1-((1))-18 (see County tax map).

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary includes the Grange Hall, the adjacent Forestville School and the Hall's surrounding land. These buildings and land have historically been part of the Great Falls Grange and maintain their historic integrity.

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NAME OF PROPERTY: Great Falls Grange Hall and Forestville School
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PHOTOGRAPHER: Don Sweeney, Fairfax County Park Authority
PRODUCTION SERVICES DATE: December 2003
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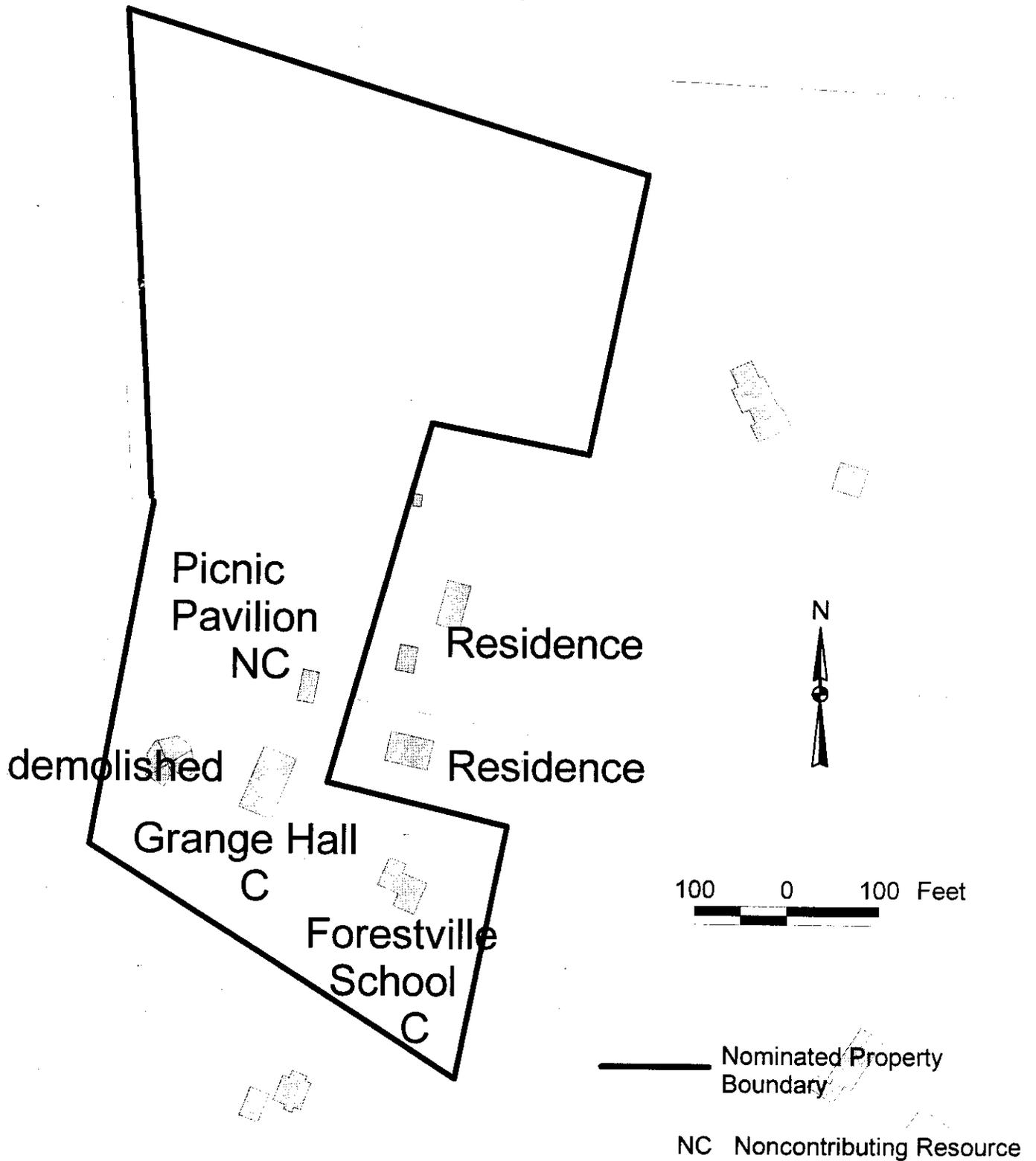
1. South elevation of Great Falls Grange Hall looking north. Neg. No. 21156: 2. Photograph 1 of 17.
2. Detail of the porch on the south elevation looking north. Neg. No. 21156: 3. Photograph 2 of 17.
3. Southeast elevation of Great Falls Grange Hall looking northwest. Neg. No. 21156: 4. Photograph 3 of 17.
4. East elevation of Great Falls Grange Hall looking west. Neg. No. 21156: 5. Photograph 4 of 17.
5. North elevation of Great Falls Grange Hall looking south. Neg. No. 21156: 7. Photograph 5 of 17.
6. West elevation of Great Falls Grange Hall looking east. Neg. No. 21156: 10. Photograph 6 of 17.
7. Interior view of Great Falls Grange Hall looking north at the stage. Neg. No. 21156: 11. Photograph 7 of 17.
8. Interior view of Great Falls Grange Hall looking south. Neg. No. 21156: 13. Photograph 8 of 17.
9. South elevation of the Forestville School looking north. Neg. No. 21156: 36. Photograph 9 of 17.

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10. Southeast elevation of the Forestville School looking northwest, showing Great Falls Grange Hall in left background. Neg. No. 21156:25. Photograph 10 of 17.
11. East elevation of the Forestville School looking west. Neg. No. 21156: 26. Photograph 11 of 17.
12. North elevation of the Forestville School looking south. Neg. No. 21156: 27. Photograph 12 of 17.
13. West elevation of the Forestville School looking east. Neg. No. 21156: 29. Photograph 13 of 17.
14. Southwest elevation of the Forestville School looking northeast. Neg. No. 21156.30. Photograph 14 of 17.
15. Interior view from the northwest corner of the west wing (the former Floris School) of the Forestville School looking southeast. Neg. No. 21156:15. Photograph 15 of 17.
16. Interior view from the southeast corner of the east wing of the former Forestville School looking northwest. Neg. No. 21156: 17. Photograph 16 of 17.
17. Interior view of the kitchen/office of the Forestville School looking west. The view includes the hallway and west wing. Neg. No. 21156: 19. Photograph 17 of 17.



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