SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

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1. NAME

Historic

Uncas School

and/or Common

2. LOCATION

UTM References:

Zone 10 Easting 508790

- not for publication

Street & Number

Northing <u>5314290</u>

East Uncas City, Town

- vicinity of

Discovery Bay (Uncas)

State Washington County Jefferson

3. CLASSIFICATION

Present Use:

Ownership:

(public)

private

both

museum

Status:

occupied

(unoccupied) work in progress

educational

entertainment government

industrial

military

commercial

park

private residence

religious

agriculture

scientific

transportation (other: abandoned)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

School District No. 50

Street & Number

1610 Blaine

City, Town Port Townsend

- vicinity of

State

98368 Washington

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Jefferson County Historical Society. With Pride in Heritage. Professional Publishing Co., Portland, 1966.

"Will Build School," Port Townsend Weekly Leader. Port Townsend, May 31, 1917.

"District 41, the Results of One Year of Consolidation," Port Townsend Weekly Leader. Port Townsend, June 7, 1917.

FORM PREPARED BY

Name/Title

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Organization	Date
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation	February 1983
Street & Number	Telephone
111 West 21st Avenue, KL-11	(206) 753-7442
City or Town	State
Olympia	Washington 98504

7. DESCRIPTION

Condition:

excellent)

good

fair deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

Circle one:

unaltered

altered

Circle one:

original site

moved

date

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance attach photo

The Uncas School is a handsome four-room school with additional playrooms and offices, and full basement. The school is located at a place historically known as Uncas, and is situated high on a south-facing slope with spectacular views of the Olympic Mountains. There is an ample amount of grounds surrounding the school and a flag pole is situated in the front yard. Large, six pane windows with lights above a bar, are on the north and south walls. The first floor is elevated several feet above ground level, exposing bricks of the basement walls, and allowing windows to be placed in the basement. Open stairs reach the first floor. The roof is hipped, has wood shingles, and rafter ends are exposed. The school remains completely unaltered from its original condition.

Verbal boundary description: Lots 1 to 12, Block 5, Lundstroms

Acreage: less than one

SIGNIFICANCE

Specific dates

1917

Builder/Architect

Harry A. Cotton

a. History

School District No. 41 resulted from the consolidation of three separate school districts: Uncas, Fairmont, and Port Discovery. Previously, each of these three school districts had one-room schools. Consolidation was given a trial in the 1916-1917 school year. The directors of the school district decided to charge a tax to residents rather than go to a bond issue. The first year's consolidation efforts were successful, and the treasury of the school district allowed the construction of the new building. On May 30, 1917, Harry A. Cotton was awarded the contract for construction of the school at a cost of \$6,775. The first class at the new school was held in September of 1917. The school operated until 1965 as part of the Port Townsend School District No. 1.

b. Evaluation of Significance

The Uncas School is significant because it represents a significant trend, consolidation, in the education system and with the scattered settlements that dotted the county. Consolidation of one-room schools and the numerous school districts occurred throughout eastern Jefferson County during this period. Also, high school courses were offered for the first time, including the Uncas School. The mill at Port Discovery had been closed for some time but numerous settlers remained in the valley and around the bay, providing the needed children for a new school.