

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

8. SIGNIFICANCE

Specific dates	1917	Builder/Architect	Harry A. Cotton
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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.