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CONDITION	ONDITION Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Det	eriorated	Ruins	Unexposed
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The schoolhouse at Shaw Island is a wood frame building with clapboard siding and a shake roof. It is painted red with white trim. The building is a one-room structure with a bathroom annex on the west side and an entry way on the east side facing Hoffman Cove Road. A bell tower exists over the entry way.

A few changes have been made to the exterior of the building. The entrance to the school originally was at the north end of the building and the bell tower was on the roof of the main room. The addition of restroom facilities was also a significant change to the building. The school was not always red. Several pictures show it to have been a lighter color, probably gray, but the original color has not been established yet. The original building also had windows along the east wall.

The interior of the schoolhouse has a stage area at the north end. The walls and ceiling are finished in wood which has been painted more than once over the years. Most of the interior furnishings have been changed but an old teacher's desk and several pictures remain. Modern heating and lighting have been installed. During 1970 a portion of the area under the school was enclosed and concrete flooring laid to provide a storage area.

In addition to the school, an old woodshed, a pumphouse and two outdoor restroom buildings are on the property.



SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as	Appropriate)		
Pre-Columbian	16th Century	☐ 18th Century	20th Century
☐ 15th Century	☐ 17th Century	19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicab	le and Known) @1890		
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Che	ck One or More as Appropri	ate)	
Abor iginal	K Education	Political	Urban Planning
☐ Prehistoric	Engineering	Religion/Phi-	Other (Specify)
☐ Historic	☐ Industry	losophy	
☐ Agriculture	Invention	Science	
☐ Architecture	Landscape	Sculpture	
☐ Art	Architecture	Social/Human-	
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☐ Communications	☐ Military	☐ Theater	
☐ Conservation	Music	☐ Transportation	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The primary significance of the Little Red Schoolhouse as it is commonly referred to by Shaw Islanders today is that it is one of the few remaining one-room schools in use in the State of Washington and the United States. In several instances for three generations children of island families have attended this school. It is, therefore, representative of not only a former way of life on Shaw but in a sense of all such schools that have existed as our country developed. Shaw School has continually been in use for 80 plus years and has adapted to the changes which have taken place in this community as well as in the educational activities which take place within its walls. Yet there remains a charm about the structure which keeps it unique and quite distinct from other schools.

Shaw School has been the focal point of the social life of the community through the years and to this day it is used for civic meetings and religious services in addition to the daily educational activities of the public school system which it serves. The island residents have always given great support to their school and continue to attach much loyalty and sentimentality to it, hence the reason it is kept in good condition and continually improved.

In view of the fact that the first school on Shaw Island has fallen into disrepair and the Little Red Schoolhouse still continues to be the coutstanding community building, it is felt by all that it should be forever preserved from any impairment or destruction so that this bit of Shaw Island's past may be saved for future generations.



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