

Groveton Display Case



The Groveton display had pictures of the Groveton School in 1876, 1925, 1933 and 2008; plaques listing children, teachers and principals from the Groveton Elementary Schools; Groveton High School Yearbook; 1957 4th grade picture which had Lee District Supervisor's mother, Roberta Morris McKay, in the front row; and 1965 Groveton High School Varsity Football Squad.

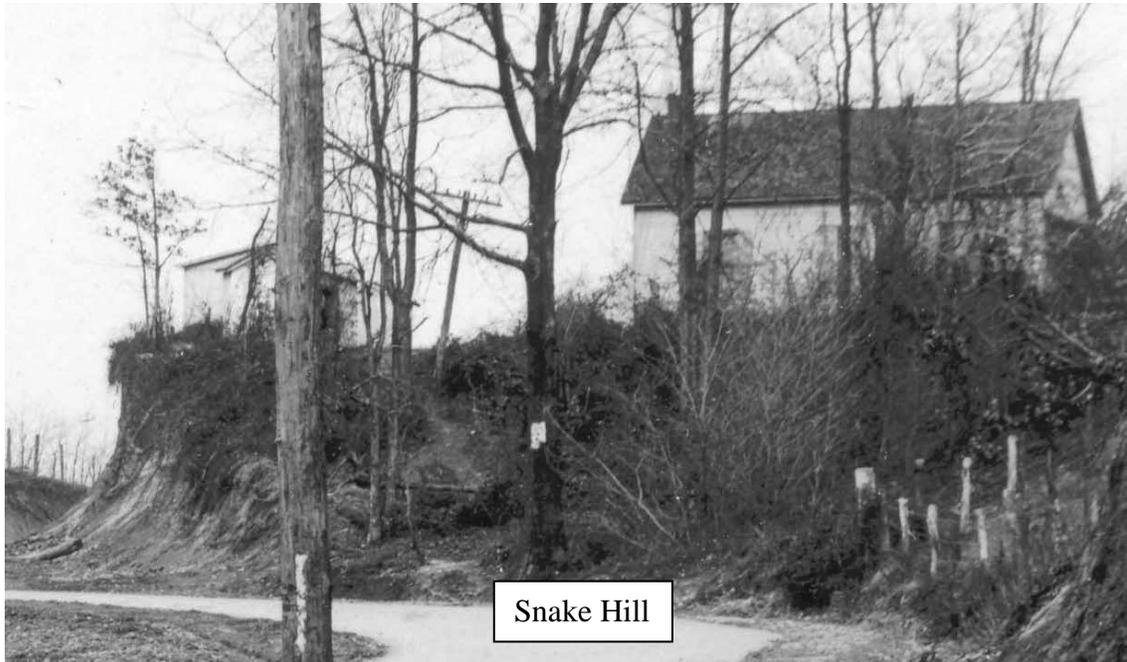


FRANK STROBEL OF COLLARD STREET WORE BASEBALL JERSEY #7.

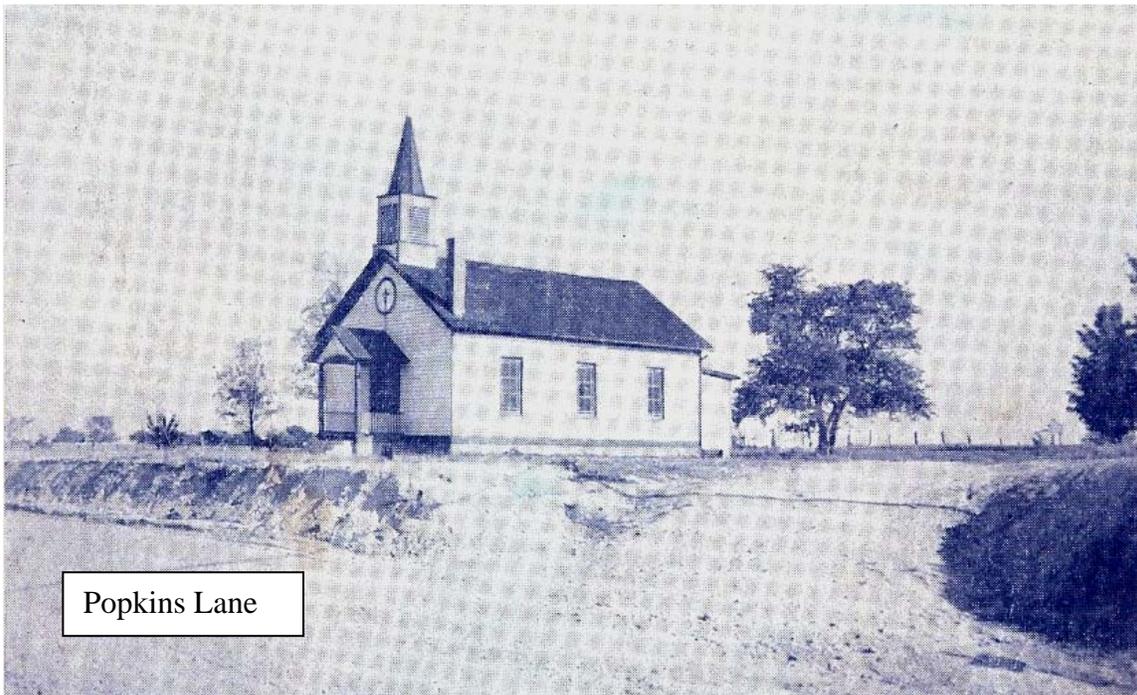
About 1946, WALLACE AND HERRING BUILDERS SUPPLY sponsored the GROVETON ATHLETIC CLUB.

SCHOOLHOUSE AND ST. LOUIS PARISH IN GROVETON

[Corner of Popkins Lane and Snake Hill (now known as Route 1)]



This one-room free public Groveton schoolhouse opened in 1876 and was used by the Seminarians to hold non-denomination Sunday school for Groveton residents from 1880 to 1903.



In early 1920s, under the direction of Father Louis Smet (Pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alexandria), Mrs. L. E. Tull began a Groveton Catholic Sunday school for the children. Within a year or two, Father Smet decided to establish a Catholic mission church in Groveton. He commissioned Mr. Ludwood "Lud" Popkins [son of Richard Nelson and Laura Washington (Ayers) Popkins] to buy the old Groveton School house and the land, which was no longer used by the residents. At the time of its purchase (about 1925), the old schoolhouse faced out on Route 1 instead of Popkins Lane. Mr. Popkins with the aid of a team of horses moved the building to its present location facing Popkins Lane.



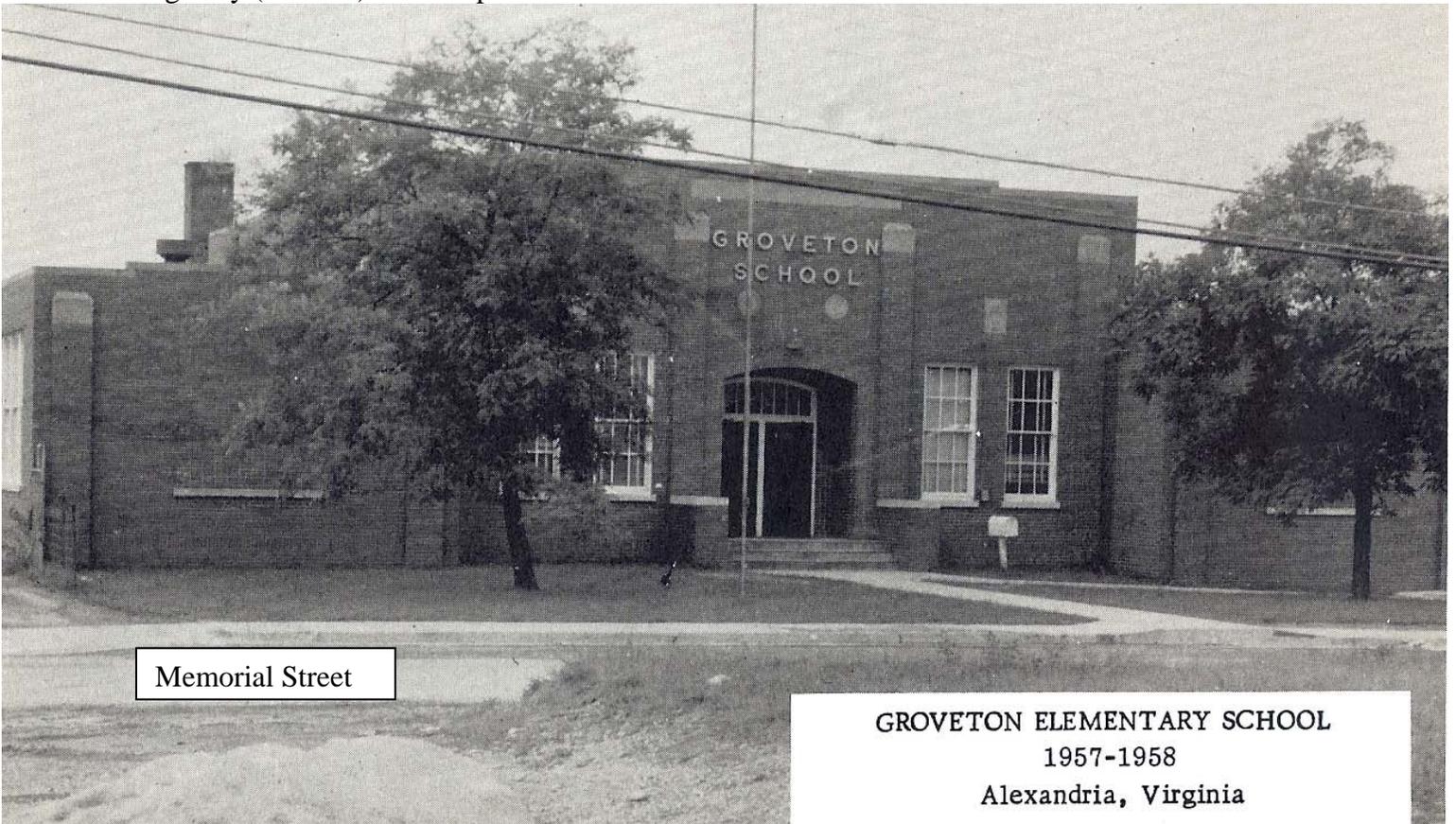
Groveton Grade School (built 1925) was located on the corner of Groveton Street and Route 1. Next to the Groveton Grade School was the Groveton Chapel (also known as Groveton Mission and Christ Church of Groveton) and behind the Groveton Grade School was the Groveton Elementary School built in 1933 (notice the yellow school buses to the right of the Grade School picture). Courtesy of NOVAPICS

GROVETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

(This school was located on Memorial Street, Groveton, Virginia,
across from what is now Chase Bank in Beacon Shopping Center)



Above picture is ca 1933, notice the Groveton Chapel located to the left of the picture, which was facing Richmond Highway (Route 1). Below picture was how the school looked in 1957-1958.



GROVETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL APRIL 12, 1957
(Mrs. Wright's 4th Grade class)





GROVETON HIGH SCHOOL 1965 VARSITY FOOTBALL SQUAD

Managers – Tom Burgess, Kevin Cream, Roland Schach

1965

Front Row, L. to R.: Scott Pusey, Ken Thompson, Joe Zaiko, Rick Tom Stanges, John Seibert, Jerry Martin, Wayne Hall, Geoffrey Harding, Cliff Ortan, Lore Barlow, Eric Jensen, Bill Brajertes, Herbert, Dennis Gilbert, Jim Armstrong, Dave Vios, Dick Jones, Chuck Watkins, Brinkley Seward, Jerry Tingle, Tom Hughes. 2nd Albert Ware. 5th Row: Tony Quander, Ronald Burr, Ron Kuba, Row: Chris Engquiste, Mike Serbousek, Walter Swaboda, Dennis Willie Callahan, Phil Tanalli, Ronnie Mailloux, John Clarke, Andy Cross, Bob Whitbeck, Bill Gordon, Lanny Barlow, Floyd Frank, Joe Burrell, Doug Lindsey. Coaches: Duvall, White, Tolley, Ashline, Parks, Monty Mathews, Charles Lindsey, Carl Fenton, Bob Hileman, Loran Ward, Henderson. Missing from picture: Ron Underhill, 3rd Row: Richard Feather, Bill Keys, Hank Victor, Bill Crositiere, Bruce Blessing, Ken Rowe, Bob Guinn, Mike Manthas, Mike Dave Leppard. 4th Row: John Hughes, Gene Reid, Art Barden, McManus, Harold Priack, Wayne Hook.



The Groveton Elementary Alumni (L to R): Jean (Carper) Bailes, Penny Proffit, Warren Trice, Superintendent Dr. Jack Dale (in back), Carolyn (Holsinger) Trice, Gloria (Dunn) Stearn, Larry Bennett, Mary Elizabeth (Hardin) Castles (in front), Charlotte Brown, Bonnie (Brown) Wilkins, Harry Lehman (in back).

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Groveton School

Location and Existing Information

Tax Map Numbers :92-2((1))13A

Street Address 2999 MEMORIAL ST
/ General Location:



Acreage 3.36

Existing Use DEMOLISHED

Zoning PRM

Comprehensive Plan NA

Supervisor District LEE

Planning District Mount Vernon

Preservation Status

REGISTRATION

National Register

Virginia Register

County Historic District

Standing Structure

X County Inventory

Listed on Inventory between
1988 and Mar 7, 1990.

EASEMENT

Open Space

Preservation

Conservation

Other

X No easements

OWNERSHIP

X Private

Public

Both

ACCESSIBILITY

Accessible, Unrestricted

Accessible, Restricted

X Inaccessible

Demolished Aug 1991.

Historic Information

Original Use School

Original Owner County School Board of Fairfax County

Date Constructed 1925(Accurate)

Historic Significance

The frame school house was built by the county School Board of Fairfax County, Virginia in 1925. It replaced a one-room free public school, which had opened in 1876, located to the south and on the opposite side of Route 1 (then known as Old Mount Vernon Road). The original Groveton Elementary School was purchased at auction by the Reverend Dennis O'Connell, Bishop of Richmond. That site is now the Saint Louis Catholic Church near the intersection of Route 1 and Popkins Lane. In September 1924, the School Board purchased two acres of land from W.F. P. Reid and Sallie K. Reid for \$500 (J-9, 164). In this era of public schools, the School Board, not the parents, funded the building. For this building, a plan prepared by the State Board of Education was used. The plans illustrate a simple and well-proportioned one-story, two-room, center hall building. Construction by R.L. Smith of Accotink was begun by February 1925. It was completed by March 31, when the school was insured with the North River Insurance Company for \$6800. The second Groveton School was built in a period of transition from many isolated school houses administered by independent school boards to larger consolidated schools administered by a centralized County School Board. Both the history and architecture of this structure are evocative of an era of rapid change and can be studied to understand the development of the public school system in Fairfax County. In 1933, already too small, the frame school was replaced by a larger brick building, which was built on an adjacent lot, facing Memorial Street, across from what is now Beacon Mall. The 1933 building was replaced by a fourth

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Groveton School

Groveton Elementary School, built on Harrison Lane in 1972. The 1933 brick Groveton School was also torn down sometime in the late 20th century. Foregoing from "Groveton School Recordation" by Deborah Cannan, February 1990.

Significant People:

Significant Dates /Events:

1876 : First Groveton School opened on different site.
1925 : 2nd Groveton School built (school on Inventory).
1933 : 3rd Groveton School built on adjacent lot.
1972 : 4th Groveton School, on Harrison Lane, built. Still in use.
8/1991 : 2nd Groveton School, Inventory site, demolished.

Site / Structure Information

Condition	Unsalvageable	Site Features
Integrity	DEMOLISHED	0 Standing Structures
Building Style	Classic Revival	0 Landscape Features
Architect/Builder	R. L. Smith of Accotink	0 Archaeological Features
		0 Other Site Features*

Site Description:

The site is now vacant. The concrete steps that used to lead to the walkway to the front door are still there, now leading to nothing.

Architectural Description:

The building was a one-story, wood frame, clapboard covered two-room, center passage schoolhouse with a hipped roof. The most striking feature of the building was the tall, hip-roofed, one-bay center portico supported by paired Doric columns. Beneath the portico were double doors with a transom window. Other than the door, the front elevation had no fenestration, presenting an almost blank façade to the street. These windowless walls accommodated blackboard space in the classrooms. The side elevations had sets of five large sash windows. The building had the improved light and ventilation advocated by educational reformers in the early twentieth century, as well as the characteristic of Classical Revival architecture, such as the temple front and detached columns. The sitting close to and facing US Route 1 was a reminder of the rural and quiet past of that busy highway. Later modifications to the building included: installation of bathrooms in the rear of the passage; installation of acoustic tile ceiling, covering of the center rear windows, and replacement of the original front doors.