



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. 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. 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.



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. 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. Free public education in Fairfax County began in 1870 and as late as 1906 all the schoolhouses had either one or two rooms. Thus the one-room schoolhouse represented elementary education for many of the County's children for more than 75 years. It continued to function as a school until closing in 1922. Both the Grange Hall and Forestville School are now owned by the Fairfax County Park Authority and are still used for meetings



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