

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Hornby School

other names/site number Shadduck School

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2. Location

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street & number: 10,000 Station Road, SR 430

city or town: Greenfield Township

vicinity: NA

state: Pennsylvania code: 049 county: Erie Not for Publication:
NA

zip code: 16428

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)



Signature of certifying official

June 30, 2008
Date

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
State or Federal Agency or Tribal government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National

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4. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
 - See continuation sheet. _____
 - determined eligible for the National Register
 - See continuation sheet. _____
 - determined not eligible for the National Register _____
 - removed from the National Register _____
 - other (explain): _____
- _____
Signature of Keeper
- _____
Date of Action

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5. Classification
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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

- | Contributing | Noncontributing |
|--------------|------------------|
| <u> 2 </u> | _____ buildings |
| _____ | _____ sites |
| _____ | _____ structures |
| <u> 1 </u> | _____ objects |
| <u> 3 </u> | _____ Total |

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Education Sub: School

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Recreation and Culture Sub: Museum

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

No Style

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation- stone

Roof-shake

Walls-wood

other

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- a owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- b removed from its original location.
- c a birthplace or a grave.
- d a cemetery.
- e a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- f a commemorative property.
- g less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Education
Architecture

Period of Significance

1875-1956

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Hart, Fred

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Hornby School, 10,000 Station Road, North East, PA 16428

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property: 1.10 acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	17	17.0593	46.63142	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title: Linda R. Prather, President
organization: Hornby School Restoration Society date: February 29, 2008
street & number: 11573 Station Road telephone: 814-725-5680
city or town: North East, PA 16428

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Additional Documentation
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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner
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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name _____
street & number _____ telephone _____
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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**Hornby School
Erie County, PA**

Description

The Hornby School is an 1875 one-story frame one-room schoolhouse. Located on the north side of Station Road, the 36 ft x 22 ft building is ¼ mile from the intersection of Station Road and Williams Road in Greenfield Township, Erie County. The surrounding neighborhood is largely rural farmland and residential single-family homes. Also on the property is a frame two-stall outhouse, located east of the school, and a hand pump, near the northwest corner of the school, both considered contributing resources. The lot contains a few mature trees and shrubs but is largely open grass with a short gravel driveway and small parking area. A wood fence borders Station Road and a metal gate extends across the drive entrance. The integrity of the school remains intact, as any repairs or restoration efforts have been made in keeping with the original materials.

The 36 ft x 22 ft building is wood frame construction clad with wood siding. The foundation is cement block faced with fieldstones. The gable roof is covered with cedar wood shake shingles and at the west end of the roof is a wood belfry with a cross-gable roof sheltering the school's bell (1900). A brick chimney rises through the roof near the east end of the building. The building has two bays on the south side, which faces Station Road, two bays on the west side, three bays on the north side, and one bay on the east side, which is the main entrance to the school's interior. There are a total of six wood double-hung sash windows, with 6/6 panes of original glass. Two windows are located on the south wall, two on the west wall and two on the north wall. The north wall's third bay is an exterior door. The east door enters the cloakroom and was the main entrance when the school was in use. The doorway is reached by two wood steps; there is no porch or landing. There is a small window located above this door in the attic area. The north entrance opens into the wood storage area. It is reached by a simple wood platform step. Both exterior doors are surrounded by simple wood frames.

The interior of the building consists of the school classroom itself, a cloakroom, and the wood storage area. The interior ceiling height is 12 ft; the ceiling is plaster and was replaced in 1975. The classroom walls are wood horizontal wainscoting painted gray, and the floors are tongue-and-groove wood. All wainscoting and floor boards are original. In the west end of the ceiling is a hole through which the rope for the belfry is located. On the north, east and south walls are located black slate chalkboards, one of which is original. The cast iron wood stove sits in the eastern section of the room and the stove pipe extends up through the ceiling where it joins the brick chimney.

The cloakroom contains original coat hooks on the south wall. A door located on the west wall of the cloakroom enters the schoolroom. The cloakroom now serves as a display area for items donated to the museum in two display cases. Electricity is provided to this room and the wood storage area only, not in the school classroom. .

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The wood room is entered through a door in the east side of the school classroom. The wood room can also be entered from the north exterior door. This room was modified in 1984 by adding a partition wall made of plywood to create a locked storage room for use by the museum. The dividing wall is covered by wainscoting and an antique wood box was donated to delineate this being a wood storage area. The locked portion of the storage area contains numerous shelves for book storage. There is also a fireproof safe that houses original records of Greenfield Township including the records of the School Board, as well as other research materials.

The two-seat outhouse is also wood frame construction and the gable roof has cedar-shake shingles. It is located to the northeast of the school. Most of this structure is original but has been up-dated for present day use. The original receptacle for waste products was removed and a cement septic tank installed beneath it in 1982. The west stall is currently in good working order while the other side is used for storage. A privacy screen has been installed around it made of 2"x 4" posts and sheets of plywood. Research indicates that this was not original in 1875, but had been in use about 1904. It was re-introduced to the site in 1990 for the comfort and privacy of visitors.

The property has a working hand pump for well water near the northwest corner of the school building. The pump was repaired and some interior parts replaced in 1990. The water was tested and the well declared safe from contamination in 1984 and 2000. Research indicates that the property was enclosed by a fence; therefore the entire property was enclosed by a wooden split-rail fence installed in 2007. There is a gate across the entrance of the property which is closed when the building is not in operation and a gravel parking area to the east of the school.

Because the building sat vacant from its closing in 1956 until the Hornby School Restoration Society was formed in 1973, some repairs and restoration work were warranted. Any deterioration due to lack of use has been reversed by this restoration. Much research was done by members of the Society as well as builders to assure historical accuracy. The building was insulated in 1977. A new cedar shingle roof was installed in 1981 and replaced again in 2007, in keeping with the original style of the roof. The exterior wooden siding was repaired as were the windows in 1978. Three years later, protective storm windows were put in place in 1981. Reconstruction of the belfry took place in 1984, housing the school's original bell. In 1988, a new block foundation was built to stabilize the building and maintain structural integrity. Fieldstone was then placed on the exterior to keep the original appearance.

The original plaster ceiling had deteriorated and was falling, so in the 1920s, wainscoting had been placed over it for safety's sake. Both were removed and a new plaster ceiling was installed in 1975. The interior of the building has been painted in two shades of gray and remains intact, except for the one interior wall built into the storage area in 1984. All traces of electricity were removed and electrical service supplied only to the storage and cloakroom in 1984.

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SIGNIFICANCE OF HORNBY SCHOOL

Hornby School is significant under Criterion A for its role in education in Greenfield Township, Erie County, from the mid 1800s through 1956. Beginning in 1850, one-room school houses were built in Greenfield Township to educate rural children from the ages of six to 18. This is one of two original schools remaining in Erie County. Under Criterion C, Hornby School is an excellent architectural representation of wood vernacular schoolhouses of the late nineteenth century as described in *Pennsylvania School Architecture* (Burrowes, Chapter III, p. 29-35). The period of significance is 1875, when the school was constructed, through 1956, when the school closed.

HISTORY OF PROPERTY

The first school to be established in Greenfield Township was the school built at Colt Station in 1820. The second was Moore School built in 1828 from lumber salvaged from the old Presbyterian Church that had been established south of Colt Station. On April 1, 1834, Pennsylvania Legislature passed a law providing a system of free public education for all. Out of 400,000 children, more than 250,000 were not in school in 1830. The *Free School Act of 1834* laid the foundation for a public school system and was the beginning of cooperation between the state and community (Pennsylvania State Archives; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission website; "The Fight for Free Schools in Pennsylvania", page 3).

This act was generally supported by the better educated and more progressive individuals and communities. The enrollment in the Erie County public schools increased 128% by 1860. Greenfield Township joined this trend. In fact, Greenfield Township was commended by the Erie County District Superintendent, William Armstrong, when he wrote:

There is still much opposition in many localities to building (school) houses by public funds, but this opposition is gradually giving way to better and more enlightened views. The directors of Greenfield Township are deserving of especial commendation for the consistent and uniform policy which they have pursued in relation to building houses. Two years since there was not a building deserving the name of school house within the limits of the district—now there are four commodious and substantial houses completed, ready for the opening of winter schools; and the directors design during the next year to complete the number required to supply the district. (*Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools of Pennsylvania for the Year Ending June 2, 1856*, page 262-63.)

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Although the four schools are not named, it is assumed that they were Colt Station School, Moore School, Wilson School in the village of Little Hope, established in 1835, and Shadduck School. The Shadduck School, built by Joseph Shadduck for the education of his own 22 children, was a log cabin built on the west side of Station Road in 1850. Another log cabin, also called Shadduck School, was built directly across Station Road on the east side in 1865. (*Erie Times News*, August 20, 1984)

Thanks to the funding provided by the *Free School Act of 1834*, the School Board of Greenfield Township authorized the building of ten frame one-room schools. All were similar in construction and size and all had wood-burning stoves. They were located so that no child had farther than two miles to walk to school. According to the *Greenfield Township District Record Books* that contained the minutes of Board Meetings from 1872 through 1904, buildings were either constructed new or old buildings were remodeled to meet the standards established by the state. There were 12 school houses in operation in Greenfield Township: District 1, Wilson School; District 2, Davis School; District 3, Parmenter School; District 4, Colt Station School; District 5, Miller School; District 6, Moore School; District 7, Shadduck School; District 8, Prindle School; District 9, Wildman School; District 10, Union School. This school was located on the line between Greenfield Township and North East Township and the costs were shared by both. Two additional schools were established in 1889, Ashton School and Long School (also called Lake View.)

On December 16, 1873, two new school houses were authorized to be built by the Board. These were the Parmenter School and the Shadduck (later to be named Hornby) Schools and both were scheduled to replace older buildings. Both were to be 24 feet by 38 feet with a ceiling height of 12 feet. A $\frac{1}{4}$ acre lot was purchased next to the existing Parmenter School and the bid went to F. [Fred] Hart for \$630. (It is unclear from the records if this amount was to be for the two schools combined.) One month later, however, it was decided that the Shadduck School could wait.

Then, on June 12, 1875, the directors voted to take bids for a school to be 22 feet by 36 feet and 12 feet in height to replace the existing Shadduck School. They also voted to levy 2 mills for the building and 3 mills for tuition. Two weeks later, on June 26, 1875, the directors met at Shadduck's Corners to locate the ground for the school. They voted to take possession of one half acre of ground on the Marshall farm as they "could not buy the land as there is no one that can give us a good title." The ground selected is on the north side of the road between the old school house and Shadduck's Corners. The Directors voted that the ground was to be 8 rods on the road and extending 10 rods north. Possession being taken, the Board adjourned to meet at Shadduck's Corners on the first Saturday in October next at 10 A.M. for the purposes of examining the new school house (*Greenfield Township District Records Book 1872-1878*).

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In August, 1875, the district received \$213.90 from State appropriations toward the building of the school. The Directors met again on October 12, 1875, and voted to have a three month term of school to commence on the first Monday of December. They also voted to pay teachers \$30 per month and require all teachers to pay their own Board for the first time. Emma Shadduck was assigned to teach in the new Shadduck School house.

On October 27, the directors met at Shadduck School to examine the new building. Motion made by Thomas Wildman and seconded by Edgar Luce to accept the school house as it was now finished. They also voted to pay the builder, Mr. Hart, an additional \$150.00 (the reason was not specified). On November 3, 1875, the Board met to sell the old Shadduck School house. The wood from the building sold for \$5.00. (*Greenfield Township District Records Book*)

The original sign dated 1875 is still in place under the eaves of the school. It was identified as Shadduck School in the school records until June 4, 1900, when it was called Hornby after the post-office located less than 1/4 mile to the north-east of the building on Williams Road (also known as Hornby Road). The Hornby Post Office was established in 1883 with Daniel Hunt as Postmaster. The record books indicate that several other schools came to be called by the names of the respective post offices in their district.

Not all schools houses were originally built with a belfry except the new Miller school built in 1899. On November 6, 1900 a motion was made and carried by the board that "the board shall erect a suitable belfry on any school house where the people of the district furnishes a bell by popular subscription." (*Greenfield Township District Records Book 1898-1904*, pg 128) Then on November 24, 1900, a motion was made and carried that E.W. Burch and A.H. Murphy (both board members) "cause to be erected a belfry on the Hornby School House and present bill for materials and labor to the board." (*Greenfield Township District Record Book, 1898-1904*, Pg. 130)

Over the years, some schools were consolidated or closed due to fire or lack of students, until the 1940s when only six schools remained. These were Hornby, Miller, Bissell, Wildman, Prindle and Davis. The system of teaching grades 1 through 8 in one-rooms schools ended in 1956 with the opening of Greenfield Township Elementary School. The six schools were auctioned in the summer of 1956 including the contents, the building and the land. Mrs. Josephene Walter purchased Hornby School because the land had originally been part of the farm she purchased in 1939 and because she had taught there for many years. The school sat vacant until 1973 when the Hornby School Restoration Society was formed. Mrs. Walter donated the school and one-half acre of land. In 1991 she donated another half acre to the Society for a total of 1.08 acres.

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Historical Significance

Of the six school houses, Hornby is the only one that remains unaltered and has never been used for anything else. The remaining schools have been altered for other uses. Miller School is currently a commercial auto-parts establishment, while Wildman, Prindle and Bissel have been converted into residential living spaces. Davis School was destroyed by fire. Hornby School has been equipped with chalkboards, desks and other teaching implements that were original to either Hornby or one of the other Greenfield schools and donated to the restoration project. Due to the alterations of the other schools, Hornby School stands out as being the least altered one-room school in Greenfield Township as well as Erie County.

The only other known one-room schoolhouse in Erie County is the Valley School located in Albion, PA. This school was moved from its original location in Albion and currently sits adjacent to the Northwestern School complex, also in Albion. This building has been updated to include electricity.

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SOURCES

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**Hornby School
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BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The parcel is identified as Parcel Number 26-008-021.0 – 022.02 and is recorded in the Erie County Courthouse.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The Property includes the entire half acre parcel historically associated with Hornby School since 1875, with an adjacent half acre parcel added to the deed in 1991, located directly north of the original.

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**Hornby School
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Photographic Record of Hornby School

10,000 State Route 430/Station Road
North East, PA 16428
Greenfield Township, Erie County

Photographer: Julie Pazun

Date: September, 2003

Negatives stored in Hornby School

1. Hornby School House, south view of property.
2. Hornby School House, South side and east end, entry door.
3. Hornby School House, front view, south.
4. Hornby School House, north side view, pump located at right of photo in north west corner.
5. Hornby School House, east end view.
6. Hornby School House, west end view.
7. Hornby School property, original out house/privy.
8. Hornby School Classroom, interior, east end view.
9. Hornby School Classroom, interior, west end view.
10. Hornby School Classroom, interior, north side view.
11. Hornby School Classroom, interior, south side view.
12. Hornby School Classroom, interior, east end view into cloak room/display area.
13. Hornby School Classroom, interior, east end view into wood storage/display area.