

1. SUBJECT:

First Public School in Appomattox, County.

2. LOCATION:

Near old Appomattox Court House; not far from the Appomattox River.

3. DATE:

1870.

4. OWNER:

Appomattox County.

5. DESCRIPTION:

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The first public school in the county of Appomattox was located near the old Court House not far from the Appomattox River. It opened in 1870 with J. H. Featherstone as teacher. There were not many pupils. Two, who are living today, are W. P. Gills and L. E. Smith.

The first superintendent of schools in Appomattox County was Chap H. Chilton, who served from 1871 to 1885. Even before the public school system was established in Virginia, Appomattox had turned to education through home tutors and private schools. Among the best known academies in the county were the two located at Spout Spring - one for boys and one for girls.

7. ART:

8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

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