

Bacon Race School

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Occoquan School District

White

1890? – 1923

No records exist to document the year the Bacon Race one room school opened. The small frame building was located at the intersection of Davis Ford Roads and Bacon Race Church and served the children from the Hoadley area. Hoadley was a loosely organized community in the Hoadley-Bacon Race-Davis Ford Road area of the county where the McCoard Administrative Center is now located. The people of Hoadley were mostly farmers who also earned some money from timbering and making moonshine.

When no teacher could be found for the 1923-24 school year, the Bacon Race School was closed. Consolidation of the small schools at larger center schools was a major objective of the School Board at that time, too, so the closing was permanent. Beginning in September of 1923, the children from Hoadley were bused to the Bethel Elementary school further down Davis Ford Road.

In the fall of 1927, Mrs. Davis who lived in Hoadley, asked the School Board about buying the Bacon Race School. The clerk notified her that the property was not for sale at that time. However in May of 1928 the Board decided to advertize the school and the land on which it stood for sale.