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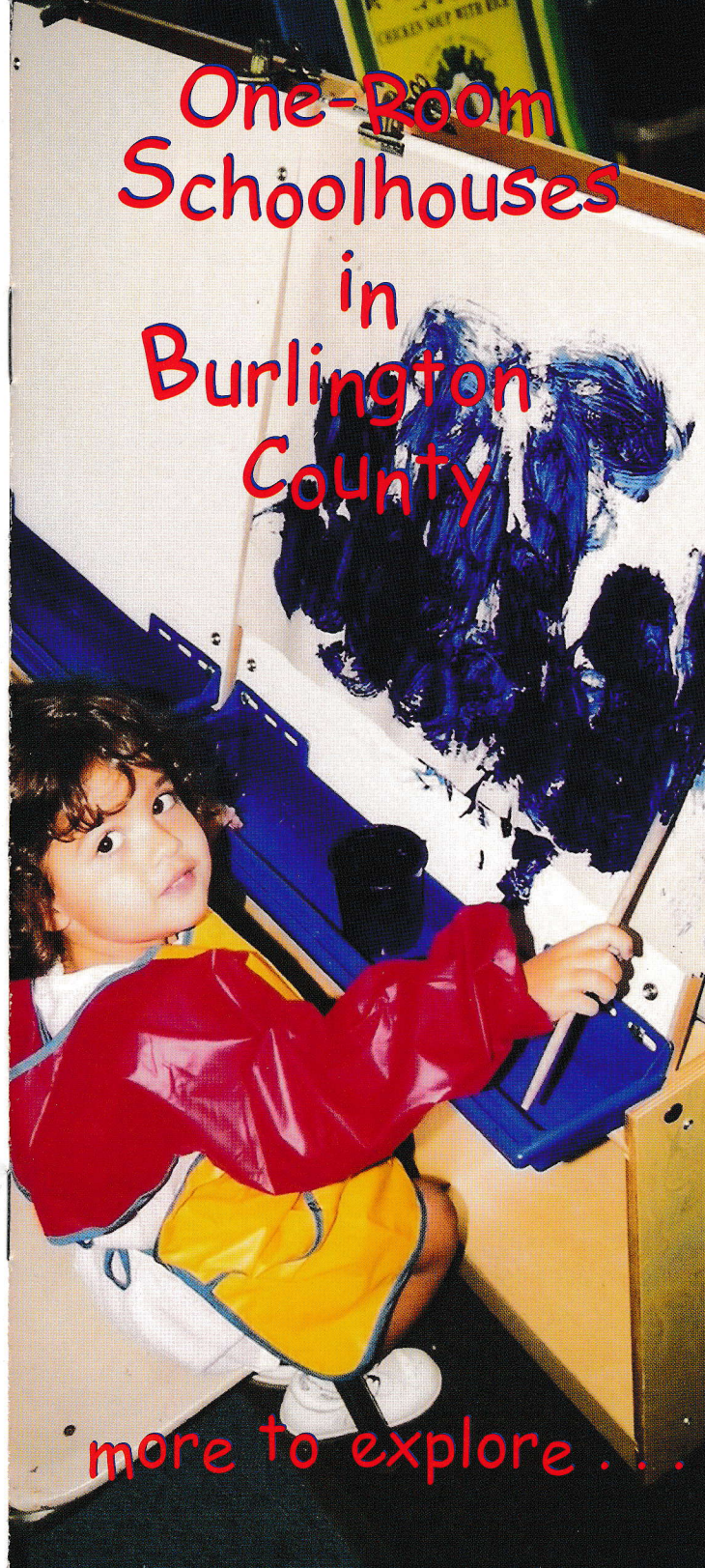
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# One-Room Schoolhouses in Burlington County



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Young boy slides on the  
sliding board at Rancocas Friends  
School's playground.

## One-Room Schoolhouses Past, Present and Future

From the 18th century, our forefathers understood the importance and value of education. One-room schoolhouses have existed in Burlington County, New Jersey, since the mid-1700s.

This brochure was designed to take you on a journey and provide a glimpse at the life and times that created the roots of our educational system.

Identified in this publication are 17 buildings that currently operate as one-room schoolhouses, historical sites, businesses or private homes.

Experience the Brainerd School in Mount Holly. Built in 1759, it is the oldest school still standing on its original site.

Keeping with traditional values, the Rancocas and Westfield Friends Schools (Pre-kindergartner) currently operate as one-room schoolhouses. Rancocas Friends offers educational opportunities for pre-school children, while Westfield Friends offers studies from pre-K through eighth grade.



"I like  
this book,  
a lot."



Westfield Friends teacher  
points to numbers for  
pre-schooler to identify.

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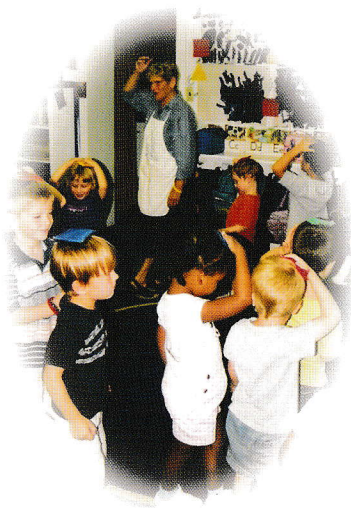
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## Westampton



**Rancocas Friends School**  
201 Main Street  
609-267-1265



Teacher  
leads class in  
a song about  
primary  
colors.

**Established:** 1681  
**Pre-Kindergarten Ages:** 4 & 5  
**Program:** Pre-school children learn to play,  
express themselves, develop relationships and  
be themselves while achieving academic excellence  
and spiritual growth.

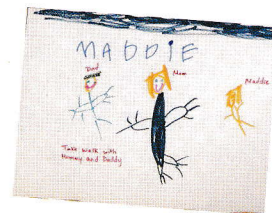
## Cinnaminson



**Westfield Friends School**  
2201 Riverton Road  
856-829-0263

**Built:** 1859  
**Ages:** 4 & 5  
**Program:**

- Educational
- Recreational
- Cultural
- Quaker Studies



Artwork



Teacher demonstrates  
lesson for pre-K class.

Student and  
teacher enjoy  
holiday craft.





## Bordentown City



**Clara Barton School**  
Crosswicks and Burlington Streets

One of the earliest free schools in New Jersey. Established in 1852 by Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross.  
Tours by appointment: \*609-298-9181  
\*private residence phone

Students sat on benches near the back wall during class.



Clara Barton taught over 80 students at this desk from 1852 to 1854.

## Mansfield



**Georgetown School**  
Route 206, north of Columbus

Operated as a one-room schoolhouse in 1849.  
Children attended the school until 1914.

Maintained by:  
Mansfield Township Historical Society  
Tours by appointment: \*609-298-4174  
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## Maple Shade



**Little Red Schoolhouse**  
415 West Main Street

Children attended the Little Red Schoolhouse until 1909. It operated as a one-room schoolhouse for 97 years.

Group tours by appointment: \*856-779-9375  
\*private residence phone



## Mt. Holly



**Brainerd School**  
35 Brainerd Street

This is the oldest school in  
New Jersey standing on its original site.

**Purchased:** June 1759 (operated for 100 years)

**Purchased by:** 21 citizens of Mount Holly

**Maintained by:** The National Society of the Colonial  
Dames in America in the State of N. J.

**Tours by appointment:** 609-267-6996

## Tabernacle

### Friendship School

Intersection of  
Route 648 and  
Carranza Road



Student textbook

**Built:** 1890

The school was attended by children whose families worked in the cranberry bogs. Ann Templeton

Haines was one of the first teachers in the school; she taught there from 1892 to 1895.

**Maintained by:** Tabernacle Historical Society

**Tours by appointment:** \*609-268-0664

\*private residence phone

## Burlington City



### Friends Schoolhouse

York Street

(between Penn and Union Streets)

**One-room Quaker schoolhouse built in 1792.**

**John Griscom was the first schoolmaster.**

**Interior tours are unavailable at this  
time due to restoration.**

**Future tours call:** 609-386-3993 or 609-386-4070

## Medford



### Cross Keys School

Mill Street

(Between South Main Street and Himmelein Road)

**The one-room schoolhouse was built in 1857 by  
Lester Gager for \$900. Former students called  
the school the "Knowledge Box."**

**Group tours by appointment:** \*609-953-0269

\*private residence phone



## New Hanover



**The Cookstown Schoolhouse**

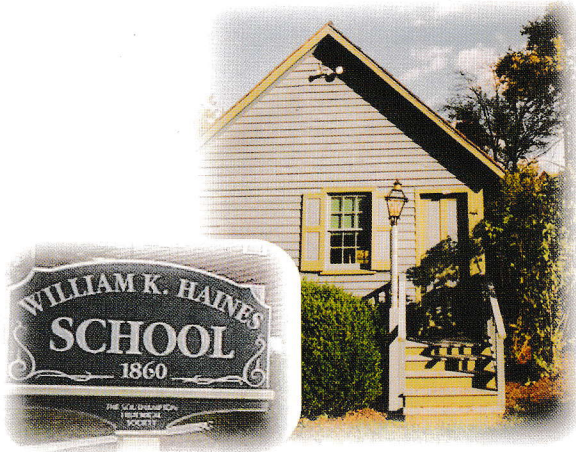
9 Browns Mills Road • Cookstown

Built: Mid 19th Century

The schoolhouse is more than 150 years old.

Tours by appointment: 609-758-7149

## Vincetown



**William K. Haines Schoolhouse**

Main Street and Race Street

William K. Haines was the schoolmaster at this 19th Century schoolhouse. The schoolhouse was dedicated to the children of Southampton

Township on May 19, 1984.

Maintained by: Southampton Historical Society

Tours by appointment: 609-859-9237

## Willingboro



**The Little Red Schoolhouse**

One Salem Road

Stehlinger taught school here in 1921. Her lessons for the 53 students were in phonics, arithmetic and spelling.



Marion Stehlinger

The Little Red Schoolhouse was built in 1866-67 replacing the old townhouse-schoolhouse.

Grades: All

Teacher's salary:

\$30 per month

Teacher employed:

Three months

Second teacher employed: 1878, winter months  
Salaries were reduced to \$24 per month once a second teacher was employed.

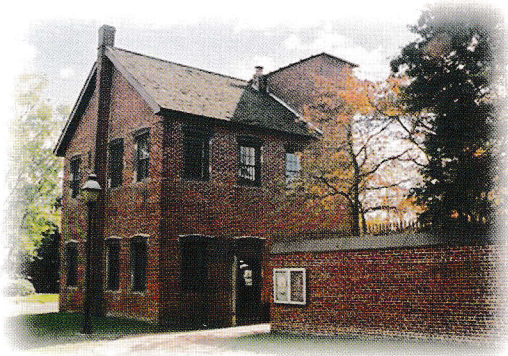
Interior tours are unavailable at this time due to restoration.

Future tours by appointment: \*609-877-8556

\*private residence phone



## Eastampton



### Smithville School

(Now History Exhibit and Gift Shop)  
Smithville Road and Meade Lane

Built: 1865 (was a one-story, one-room structure)

Average school attendance: 41 students

Teacher's salary: \$45 per month

Maintained by: Friends of the Mansion of Smithville

Tours: 609-265-5068 May-October, Wed.-Sun.

Daily tours during the month of December for the Victorian Christmas celebration.

## Southampton



### Old Juliustown Schoolhouse

(Now operates as a store)  
111 Newbolds Corner Road

The seed and feed store was once a schoolhouse.

## Bass River



### Mathistown School

5788 Route 9 • New Gretna

Operated as a one-room schoolhouse  
in the late 19th century.

## Edgewater Park



### Perkins Lane School

1103 Perkins Lane

Pictured on the right  
are students  
believed to have  
attended the  
one-room school.



Built: Late 1800s

Students living in the Delanco district of Beverly  
City attended this school.

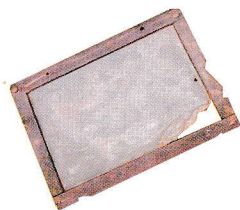


## Florence



Roebling Row House School  
159 Third Avenue

This schoolhouse was used to educate the village children in grades 1-3.



Slate students used to write on.

Desk, slate, and book are replicas of supplies and furniture used during this time period.



"Educators today are emphasizing the development of the whole child and are seeking ways to promote richer and fuller living."

Robert H. Strahan  
"A Story of the Public Schools of Burlington County New Jersey"



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Rancocas Friends School teacher reads to student while she does her morning craft.

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# Tour Map of Burlington County

