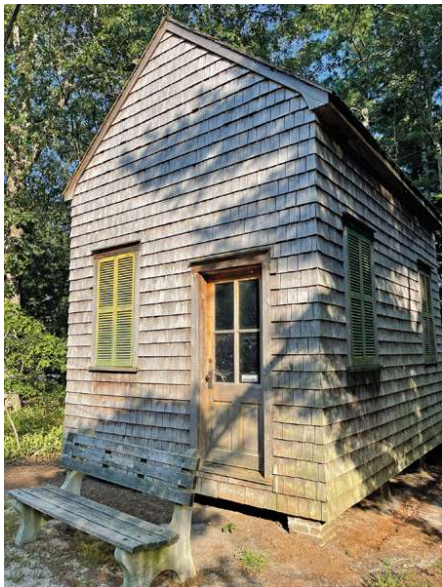


in Barnegat City, the only remnants from that building is a photograph of it on fire after the Barnegat Light School House was built. Like other era schoolhouses, it was heated by a stove that burned either wood or coal. An interesting component of the schoolhouse is a “compass rose” created by nails in the wood floor to teach students directions of a compass. The school also had a sink and water fountain for both student use and to teach about sanitation. The Barnegat Light School House was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. Today, it is the Barnegat Light Museum. The museum has original desks, chalkboards, and the stove from the school on display along with a wealth of other artifacts, including the First Order Flashing Lens from the Barnegat Lighthouse, relics and photographs from hotels in town, and displays depicting the rich fishing industry that is a part of the area economy. The Museum is open June through October on weekends from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and in July and August daily from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Museum Gardens are open all year.



**Double Trouble School in Bayville.**

### DOUBLE TROUBLE SCHOOL, BAYVILLE

581 Pinewald Keswick Road, Bayville  
[www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/doubletroublestatepark.html](http://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/doubletroublestatepark.html)

The sawmill and cranberry bogs attracted many families to Double

Trouble during the late 1800s. The school operated from 1893 to 1915 to serve the children of both the lumbering and cranberry workers. Today, the building still stands as part of Double Trouble State Park’s Historic Village and is the oldest remaining structure. The park is open 8:00 AM to dusk. Visitors cannot enter the school building, which is the small building near the parking lot.



**Prospertown Schoolhouse in Jackson.**

### PROSPERTOWN SCHOOLHOUSE, JACKSON TOWNSHIP

95 West Veterans Highway, Jackson

Records show that a school in the Prospertown section of Jackson Township existed as early as 1835, but the Jackson Township school district didn’t acquire the building until 1858. The school was originally located on Route 537 near the intersection of Cassville-Prospertown and Hawkin Roads, between the lake and the sawmill. The building served as a Sunday School and a community hall after the school closed in 1923. It was donated to the Jackson Heritage Preservation Society and moved in the 1980s to its present location behind the Jackson Township Municipal Building and next to a replica of the original Jackson Township Town Hall. Today, the building stands as a museum and is open by appointment only. Call (732) 928-1200.

### FORKED RIVER SCHOOL, LACEY TOWNSHIP

126 South Main Street, Forked River  
[www.laceyhistorical.org/about#](http://www.laceyhistorical.org/about#SchoolhouseHistory)

SchoolhouseHistory

The Forked River School was built in 1868 as a one-room schoolhouse.



**Forked River School in Lacey.**

A second room was added in 1884. The school was used for many years but sat abandoned after it closed well before the 1960s. After the Lacey Historical Society was formed in 1962, the Lacey Township Committee approved their petition to turn the schoolhouse into a museum. Today, the building is the Old Schoolhouse Museum and headquarters of the Lacey Historical Society. It is open mid-June through Labor Day on Wednesdays 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM and on Saturdays 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

### FULTON STREET SCHOOL, LAKEWOOD

201 Dr. Martin Luther King Drive,  
Lakewood

Fulton Street School was built in 1907 to serve the African American residents of its neighborhood. It operated as a one-room school until 1922, when a second room and a second teacher were added. The school closed sometime during the 1930s when students were transferred to Clifton Avenue Grade School. The building still stands today as the Greater Bethel Church of God in Christ and is not open to the public except for church services and events.

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**Fulton Street School in Lakewood is now the Greater Bethel Church of God in Christ.**

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