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**Ocean Gate School.**

**OCEAN GATE SCHOOL,  
OCEAN GATE**

126 West Arverne Avenue, Ocean Gate  
[www.oceangateschool.net](http://www.oceangateschool.net)

The Ocean Gate School was built in 1914 as a one-room school and was originally known as "School Number 4" in Berkeley Township. When Ocean Gate became a separate borough in 1918, the school continued to serve the community until it closed as a one-room school in 1941. Today, the building houses the kindergarten classes of the Ocean Gate School District, making it the only original one-room schoolhouse in Ocean and Monmouth counties that is still used as a part of a public school system. The building is not open to the public.

**GIFFORDTOWN SCHOOL,  
TUCKERTON**

35 Leitz Boulevard and Wisteria Lane,  
West Tuckerton, Little Egg Harbor  
[www.tuckertonhistoricalsociety.org/  
our-museum.html](http://www.tuckertonhistoricalsociety.org/our-museum.html)

The Giffordtown School was deeded by Eli Gifford in 1884 as a one-room building, and a second room was added a few years later. All students from West Tuckerton and Little Egg Harbor Township attended through eighth grade, with four grades learning in each room. A hand pump in the cloak room provided water and pot-bellied stoves fueled by wood and coal provided heat. The school closed in 1951, and the building sat vacant for years. In June 1977, the building, along with the tract of land it currently sits upon, was donated to the Tuckerton Historical Society by the Lietz family. In August 1977, it was relocated and renamed the "Giffordtown School House Museum" and is the home of the Tuckerton Historical Society. The museum boasts a large collection of historic town artifacts as well as Clamtown and Quaker memorabilia and the last surviving section of the Tuckerton Wireless Tower. Also on display are original desks, books, chalkboards, and photos of students who attended. It is open year-round on Wednesdays 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM and also on Saturdays, June - September, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

**THE LITTLE RED SCHOOL  
HOUSE MUSEUM, WARETOWN**

182 Wells Mills Road, Waretown  
[www.waretownhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.waretownhistoricalsociety.org)

Waretown's original Little Red School House was located where the Waretown First Aid Building stands today at the corner of Route 9 and Bryant Road. It served the Waretown community from 1875 to 1958 and had a large bell tower. Grades one through eight learned together in one room. Waretown Elementary School opened in 1958, forcing The



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**The Little Red School House in Waretown.**

Little Red School House's doors to close. The original building was used for a time by the Waretown First Aid Society, but as needs increased, it was demolished in 1969. In the late 1990s, the Waretown Historical Society voted to make their new home and museum a replica of the school that was cherished by so many. Built with entirely donated funds, The Little Red School House Museum officially opened its doors in 2004 and has the original desks, chalkboard, and bell as a part of its collection. The museum is open for meetings and events; check their website for a current schedule.

**DIVISION STREET SCHOOL,  
WEST CREEK**

146 Division Street, West Creek  
[www.eagleswoodtpnj.usr](http://www.eagleswoodtpnj.usr)

In 1888, a two-room school building was built on Division Street to replace a one-room school building that had become too small for the area's increasing student population. Technically a two-room schoolhouse,



courtesy of Ocean County Historical Society

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