

Darlington Schoolhouse

The schools that are used in Mahwah today were not always the town's schools. There were different schools in different areas of town. They were different from schools today. All students would learn in one room. One of these schools was the Darlington Schoolhouse. It was built in 1891. Two wealthy men who owned farms in Mahwah decided there should be another school. They were Theodore A. Havemeyer and Alfred B. Darling. Havemeyer owned Mountain Side Farm. It was a large farm, so he hired many workers. Many of these workers had children and Havemeyer decided these children needed a new schoolhouse.

The local schoolhouse at the time was located in the same area where the new one would be. It had been there since the 1700s. The new schoolhouse was designed by architect Dudley Newton. It had one school room on the first floor and a meeting room upstairs. The meeting room was used for religious and community events. It was fancier than most schools at the time. Darling helped Havemeyer pay \$15,000 for the building, which today is worth \$332,000.

The school was used until 1943. Then, it had many different owners. It was even home to the Mahwah School of Dance for some time. In 2007, it was purchased by the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference. They added more rooms in 2015. Today, it is the Trail Conference's headquarters and is co-owned by Mahwah. If you visit, you can learn about the hiking trails of New York and New Jersey. You can also see the original door handles, benches, oak banisters, wood floors, chalk boards, and school bell. You can ring the school bell and write on the same chalkboards that were used in the 1800s!

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 chalkboard
 community
 Darlington
 Havemeyer
 hiking
 Newton
 Dance
 school
 student

Observations

