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We've learned a lesson. The South Hall porch and steps had been rebuilt in late 2005 and the North Hall in early 2007. Though we expected them to last more than 10 years, that was not the case. We weren't aware of the substandard materials and construction techniques that allowed trapped water, and the resultant rot, to attack and weaken our outside stairs.

It was not a good time to face more repairs, as we were still recovering from the recent roof replacement on the rear portion of the Hall. The wobbly condition of the railings and stringers, however, left no room for debate nor delay. Our members and patrons needed to be safe!

We called on Martin and Sons, the contractors who had done a great job of rebuilding our front steps in 2012, to do the work. They had a crew on-site quickly for several days in November of 2017, and got right to it (see Before and After Photos!) They were able to salvage the TREX treads, but the posts, railings, stringers, and risers all had to be replaced.

The stairs are now built to last, with pressure treated stringers, PVC cladding & PVC railings...not to mention plenty of drainage. The materials may be modern (and low-maintenance) but the look is classic Mapleton Hall.

The Players couldn't be happier with the results. Our "Step Up" fundraising campaign is underway to help defray the cost of the new, solid, and safe stairways... and YOU can be a huge help to the Players by donating whatever you can.

Please contact [thesuffieldplayers@gmail.com](mailto:thesuffieldplayers@gmail.com) for more information, or send your tax-deductible check to: The Suffield Players PO Box 101 Suffield, CT 06078. The new stairs are waiting.... come see a show and check 'em out!